

Freedom Star Block #10

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Alaska's Star Block



12" x 12" Finished

This block uses one dark red fabric for the background, two different gold fabrics in the star points and three different blue fabrics in the nine-patch center section. Of course you can choose to make it in your own colors, if so, you may want to make a colored drawing of the block in your colors to use as a guide.

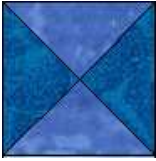
The center of this block is a variation of a nine patch done in three different blues.

Cut 2 - 2 7/8" squares each of dark blue and medium blue fabric

Sew the 2 dark and medium blue squares together as for Half-Square-Triangles (HST)
Match a light and dark square with right sides together (RST) Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the lighter fabric. Then sew 1/4" away from both sides of the drawn line. If you do not know how to make Half-Square Triangle HST units, download the PFD with directions. Cut, press and trim. Finished unit should be 2 1/2" square. Yield 4



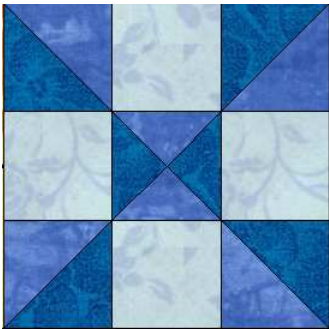
Cut 1 $3\frac{1}{4}$ " square each of dark blue and medium blue – re-cut squares across both diagonals to yield 4 triangles of each color, two will be used in the block and two will be extra. Sew one dark blue triangle to one medium blue triangle, press toward dark. Repeat for other two dark blue and medium blue triangles. Then sew these two halves together to form Quarter Square Triangle (QST) center piece of block. If you do not know how to make QST units, download the PDF with directions. Cut, press and trim. Finished unit should be $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Yield 1



Cut 4 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of light blue fabric.



Following colored diagram below, and being careful of fabric placement, sew HST units, QST unit and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of light blue fabric to get center nine patch.



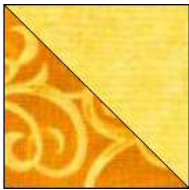
For outer edges of block you will need to make a total of 12 HST units.

Cut 4 - 3 7/8" squares of dark gold fabric

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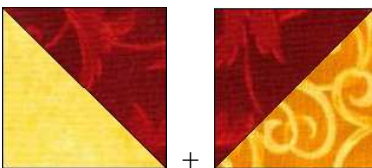
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Sew together one dark red/light gold HST units with one dark red/dark gold HST unit.
Use figure below for fabric placement. Repeat four times. It may be helpful to press the center seam open.



Combine above units with the remaining light gold/dark gold HST units and the center square to make finished Alaska's Star Block.

