

Freedom Star Block #30

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12" x 12" Finished

This simple block is made up three fabrics and uses traditional piecing as well as paper-piecing techniques.

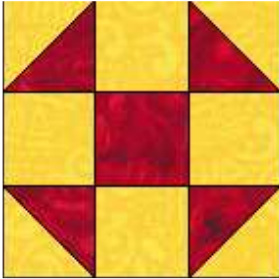
Step 1 :

You will need to download the PDF file with the paper-piecing patterns for the Philadelphia Star Block. Copy and make four of the paper-pieced section A

A2 – red fabric

A1 and A3 – Blue Background fabric

Step 2: Build the Center Unit:



Cut 2 - 2" squares from red fabric and cut 2 - 2" squares from gold fabric
Using directions for Easy Half- Square Triangle units (Download the PDF file)
Make 4 half- square triangles. Trim each to 1 1/2" square.

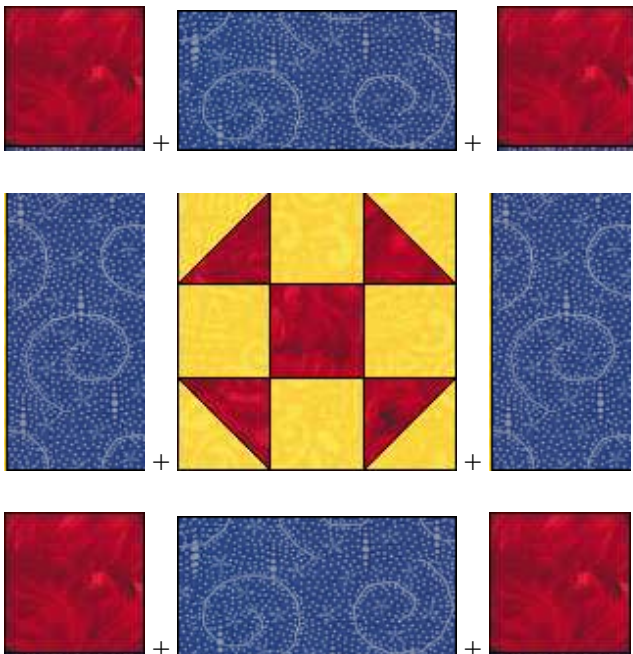
Cut 4 - 1 1/2" squares from gold fabric and cut 1 - 1 1/2" square from red fabric

Combine half-square triangle units and 1 1/2" red and gold squares as shown to make center unit. Finished unit should measure 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

Cut 4 - 3 1/2" x 2" rectangles from blue fabric

Cut 4 - 2" x 2" squares from red fabric.

Combine with unit above for finished center unit that measures 6 1/2" x 6 1/2"



Step 3: finishing the block center

Cut one square 7 1/2" x 7 1/2" from gold fabric
Re-cut across both diagonals to make 4 triangles.

Add these to center square, by first adding two opposite sides, press open, then add two other opposite sides.

Trim new unit to 8 7/8" square Note: I trimmed my center unit to 9" square and made sure to center the paper-pieced star units by matching the center with the points of the center square in the next step.

Step 4: To Finish

Add one of the paper-pieced units (section A) from step 1 to each corner, to finish the Philadelphia Star Block



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