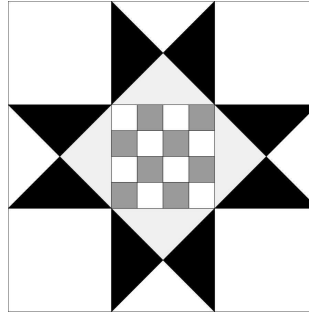


Checkerboard Star

Block 9 - August



- Light Fabric:** Cut 2 strips, 10" x 1 1/2"
 Cut 4 squares, 4 1/2"
 Cut 1 Square, 5 1/2"
- Medium Fabric:** Cut 1 Square, 5 1/2"
- Medium Dark:** Cut 2 strips, 10" x 1 1/2"
- Dark Fabric:** Cut 2 Squares, 5 1/2"

Center Square: Sew the four 10" x 1 1/2" strips long sides together. Crosscut into 1 1/2" sections. Assemble sections into the checkerboard square.



Corner Squares: Use the four 4 1/2" squares.

Side Squares: Layer one Dark Fabric 5 1/2" square right sides together with a Light 5 1/2" Fabric square and the other with a Medium 5 1/2" Fabric square. Follow the directions for quick quarter square triangles*. Pair each Light/Dark Unit with a Light/Medium Unit and sew together in squares, matching long sides of the triangles.



Square up all units to 4 1/2" and assemble the block according to the shaded diagram.

***To make quarter square triangles:** On the back of the lighter of the fabrics, draw a line diagonally from corner to corner. Then another line diagonally from corner to corner making an X. These will be cutting lines. Then 1/4" on either side of one of the lines, draw 2 stitching lines.



With two squares, right sides together, sew on the two outside stitching lines. Then cut into 2 halves on the line between the two stitching lines. Then divide those two parts on the other line. Press out and you will have 4, 1/4 square triangles.

****To make half square triangle blocks:** On the back of the lighter of the fabrics, draw a line diagonally from corner to corner. Then 1/4" on either side of this cutting line, draw 2 stitching lines. With two squares, right sides together, sew on the two outside stitching lines. Then cut into 2 halves on the line between the two stitching lines. Press out and you will have 2, half square triangle blocks.

