

January 1, 2021

Greetings fellow Quilters:

Please find attached the 1<sup>st</sup> block of the B.O.M. 2021. As I have heard from very few Quilters I will be sending this to everyone, and if you decide to participate, I hope you enjoy this years block choices.

This years block of the month has no donation component. Just make the blocks and decide what you will do with them. I hope that by the time we are finished, we will be back to our regular meetings.

We have a theme for our blocks this year, The Stars in the Sky. Each block will be a different star block.

Please lets keep in touch and don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I look forward to seeing everyone, hopefully in the not to distant future. Happy Quilting and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Debbie Jennings  
B.O.M. Club Co-ordinator

## Block 1 - Block of the Month Club 2021

### THE OHIO STAR BLOCK

#### Materials:

1 light fabric  
1 medium or dark fabric  
Thread  
Ruler  
Cutter, etc

Enlarge the pattern if you chose, or you can do paper piecing if you like. I chose to enlarge the pattern and use it as a guide. I laid my completed block over the pattern to ensure it was the correct size. Or just cut your pieces and sew together. Use the same fabrics through out the blocks or use scraps. We will be adding coordinating fabrics to future blocks.

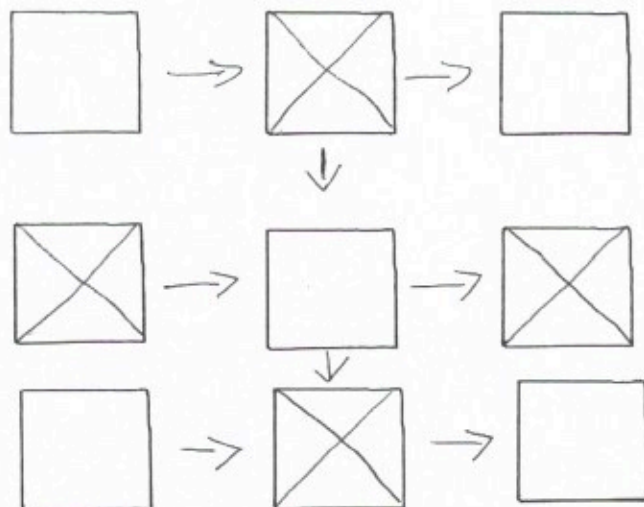
Blocks should be 12.5 x 12.5 and 12 x 12 finished.

As per diagrams of pattern:

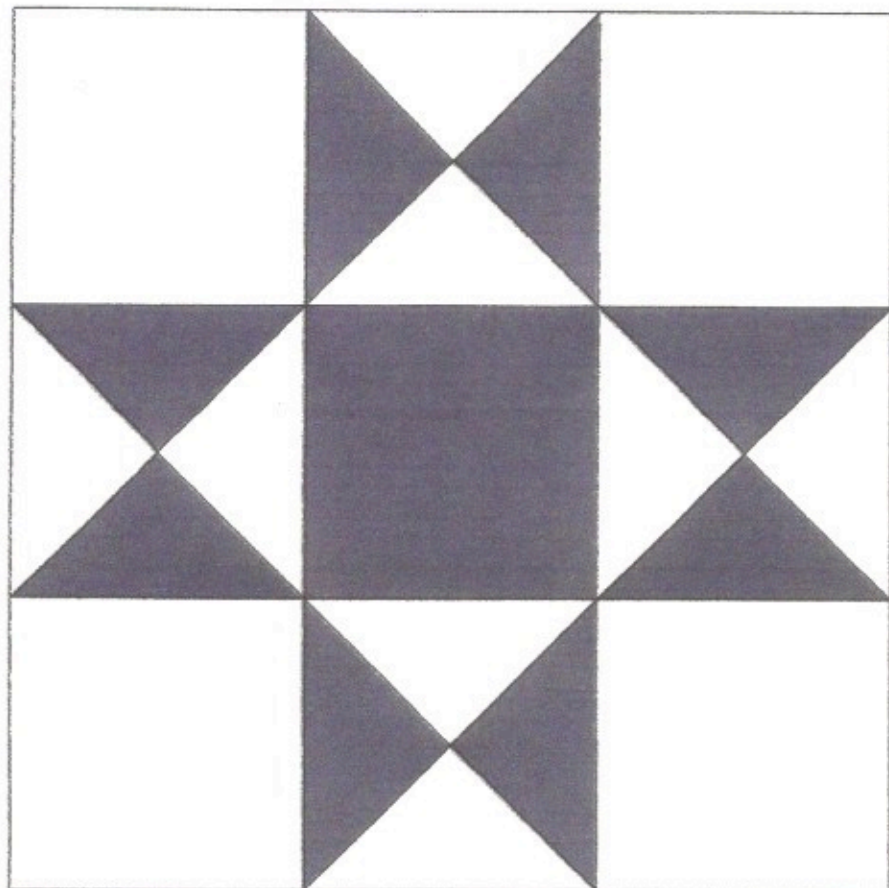
- cut 4 light blocks 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 in. square for the corner pieces
- cut 1 medium or dark 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 in. Square for the center of the block
- cut 1 pieces of light fabric 5 1/4 square and 1 of the dark fabric ( see attached sheet on how to make the quick hourglass units)

Press seams toward the darker fabric.

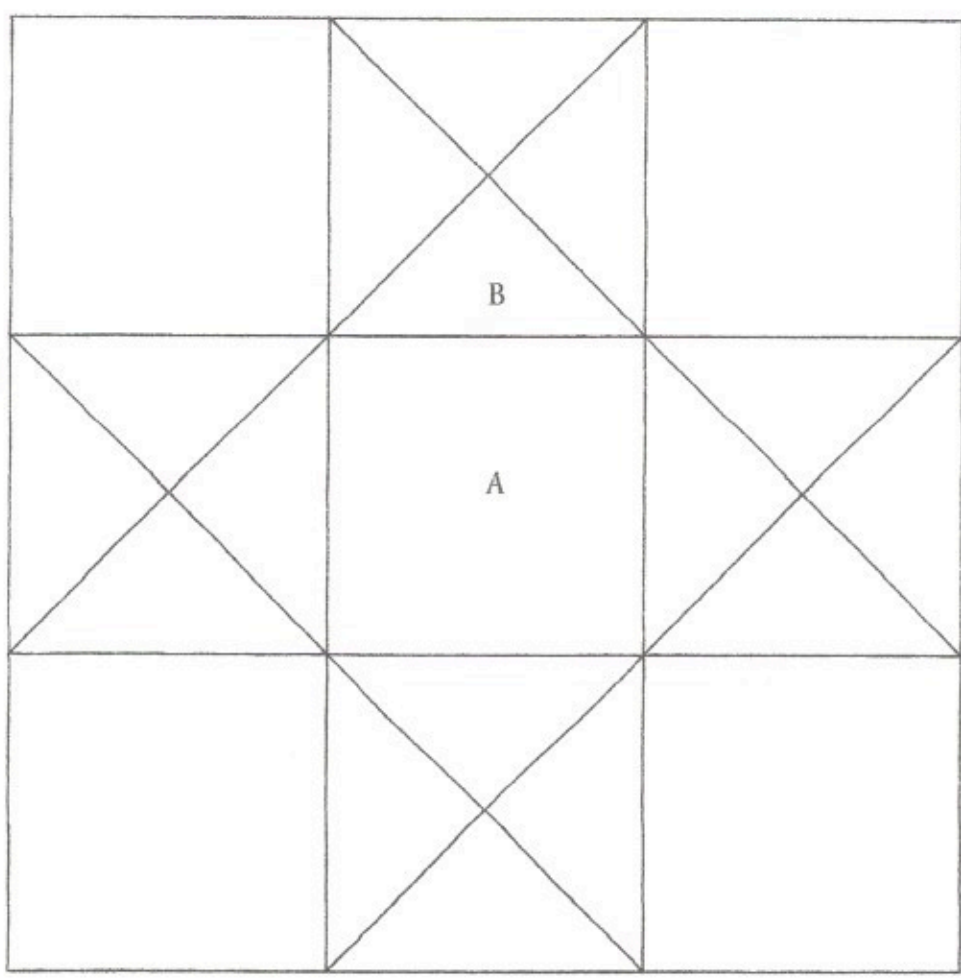
When you have the pieces cut and the hourglass pieces sew together, lay out as follows and sew together in rows, then join the rows together.



Block 1  
2021



Ohio Star Block



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Finished Block:  
12" x 12"

Enlarge Block:  
240%



A - Cut 4-1/2"

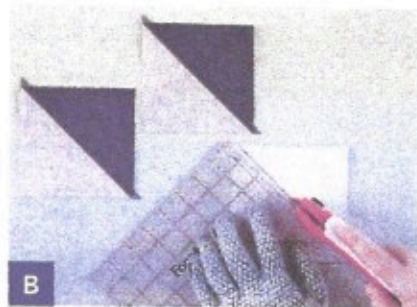
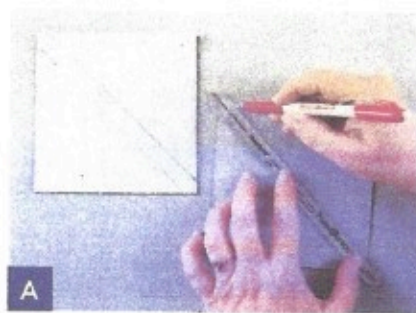


B - Cut 5-1/4"

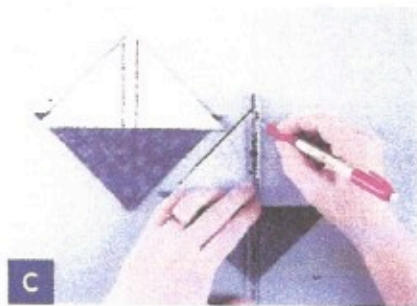
# Quick Hourglass Units

Try our quick and easy method to make hourglass units without cutting triangles. The Fons & Porter Quarter Inch Seam Marker helps you draw stitching lines quickly.

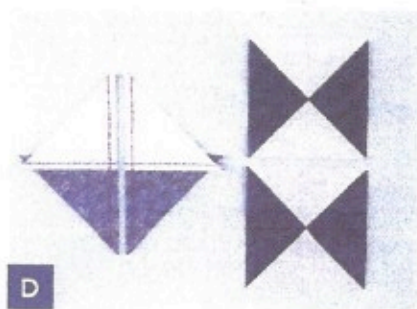
1. From 1 light and 1 dark fabric, cut 1 square  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " larger than the desired finished size of the hourglass unit.
2. On wrong side of light square, place Quarter Inch Seam Marker diagonally across square, with yellow center line positioned exactly at corners. Mark stitching guidelines along both sides of Quarter Inch Seam Marker (*Photo A*).  
**NOTE:** If you are not using the Fons & Porter Quarter Inch Seam Marker, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner across square. Then draw sewing lines on each side of the first line,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away.
3. Place light square on dark square, right sides facing; stitch along marked sewing lines.
4. Cut between rows of stitching to make 2 triangle-squares (*Photo B*). Press seams toward darker fabric.



5. On wrong side of 1 triangle-square, place Quarter Inch Seam Marker diagonally across square, perpendicular to seam, aligning yellow center line with corners of square. Mark stitching guidelines along both sides of Quarter Inch Seam Marker (*Photo C*). See note in #2 if you are not using the Fons & Porter Quarter Inch Seam Marker.



6. Place triangle-square with drawn line on matching triangle-square, right sides and opposite fabrics facing. Stitch along both drawn lines. Cut between rows of stitching to create 2 hourglass units (*Photo D*). Press seam allowances to 1 side.



 Watch this Sew Easy™ Lesson at [FonsandPorter.com/hourglass](http://FonsandPorter.com/hourglass)