ONE SPECIAL STAR BLOCK

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My block is called **One Special Star**, named for the special Star that led the shepherds to Bethlehem on that Special Night of Nights. Are you ready to get started??



You will need Dark Blue, Light Blue, and Cream fabrics. All seam allowances are 1/4", sew with fabrics right sides together. Instructions below will yield one 12" (12 1/2" unfinished) block.

Cutting Instructions:

Dark Blue:

- 4 squares, each 3 1/2"
- 4 rectangles, each 3 1/2 x 6 1/2"

Light Blue

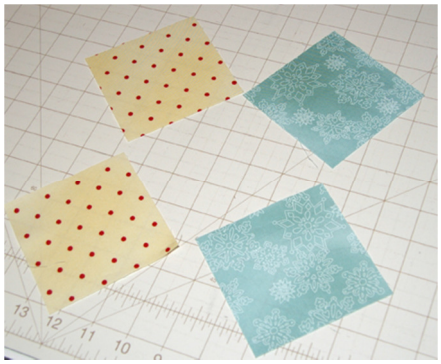
- 2 squares, each 3 7/8"
- 4 squares, each 3 1/2"

Cream

- 2 squares, each 3 7/8"
- 4 squares, each 3 1/2"

To Make the Block:

First grab your large (3 7/8") Light Blue and Cream Squares.



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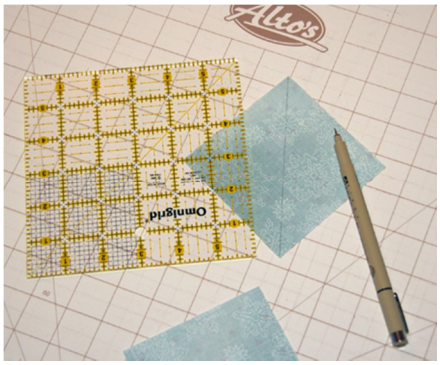
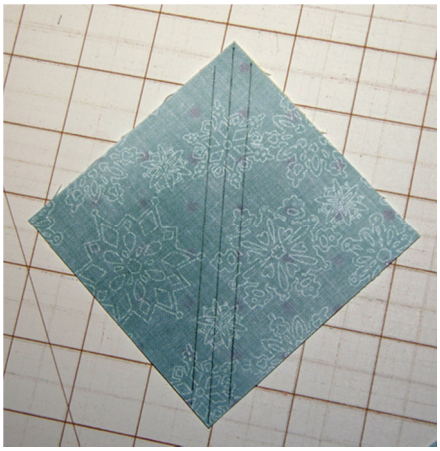
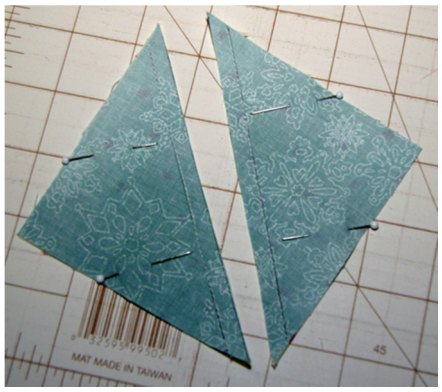
Place a Light Blue Square right sides together with a Cream Square. Draw a line diagonally down the center of the square (on the wrong side of the fabric), then draw a line 1/4" from the center line. I find that a clear ruler makes this super easy to do.



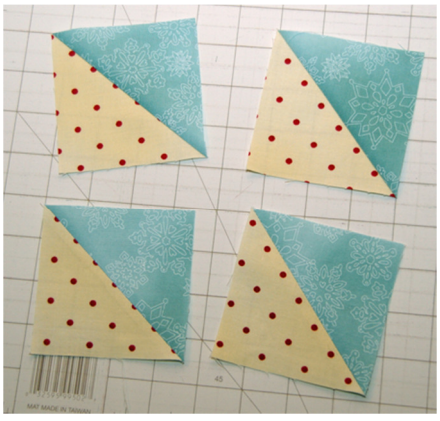
Pin the squares together. Sew on the side lines:



Cut on the center line:



Press the squares open:



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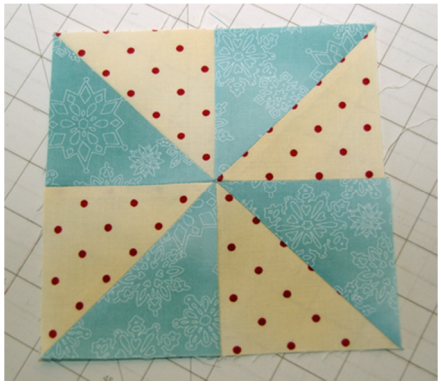
Sew the squares into pairs so they look like this:

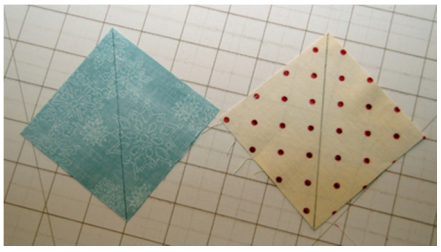


Then sew the pairs together to make the pinwheel center for the block:



Next, you will make the 4 flying geese units. There are ways to make flying geese without wasting any fabric, but they give me a headache! I have found that this method works well for me.

Get your small (3 1/2") Light Blue and Cream squares and draw a line down the center of each diagonally (on the wrong side of the fabric):





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Place a Cream square right sides together on the left side of the Dark Blue rectangle. Pin and stitch on the line:



Fold over the triangle to make sure it's lined up properly:



Then trim off the extra fabric to leave a 1/4" seam allowance:

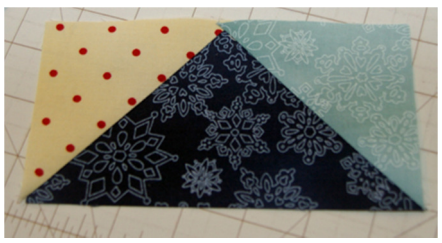


Press:



Sew Light Blue square to right side of rectangle in same way:





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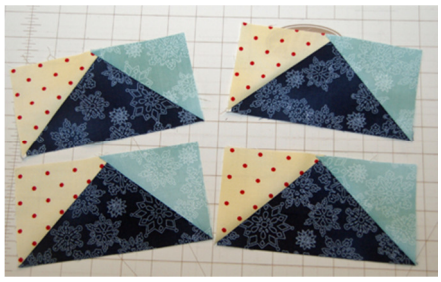
Make 4 flying geese units:



Sew 2 of the flying geese units to opposite sides of the pinwheel square:



Sew a Dark Blue square (3 1/2") to opposite ends of the 2 remaining flying geese units, and then sew onto block:



