August 2024 Block of the Month – Sawtooth Star Block

A classic star block, the Sawtooth Star is made with flying geese and looks great in any style of fabric. You can choose where you want your prints and background, as well as how many prints you want to use. My versions show two different placement options, but the sky's the limit with this block. I like to use the four at a time method for making flying geese, feel free to use the method that gives you the best results. Be sure to check the link for more tips for this block.

Cutting Instructions

For 12" Block
A Cut One 6.5" square Center Square
B Cut Four 3.5" squares Outside Squares
C Cut One 7.25" square Goose
D Cut Four 4" squares Sky, points of your Star

For 6" Block
A Cut One 3.5" square Center Square
B Cut Four 2" squares Outside Squares
C Cut One 4.25" square Goose
D Cut Four 2.5" squares Sky, points of your Star

1. Make the flying geese blocks. Draw a diagonal line, from corner to corner, on the back **D**. With right sides together, place two **D** on top of **C**, in opposite corners, lining up the diagonal line. The **D** squares will overlap corners in the middle. Pin.
2. Sew a scant ¼" seam on both sides of the drawn diagonal line.
3. Cut this unit in half right on the drawn diagonal line. Press the seam allowance toward the smaller triangles.
4. Place another **D** square in the corner of each unit, so that the diagonal line is perpendicular to the other **D** units you just cut. Pin.
5. Sew a scant ¼" seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut on the line and press seams toward the smaller triangles.
6. You will now have four Flying Geese units. These are sewn and cut on diagonal/bias edges, they can be a little wonky. You will need to square up your blocks. Trim to 3.5" x 6.5" for the 12" finished block. Trim to 2" x 3.5" for the 6" finished block.
7. Once your four "Geese" units are finished, lay them out with **A** and **B** squares. Sew the units into three rows. Press seams away from the "goose" unit. This will help seams to nest when you sew the three rows together to finish the block.

More detailed instructions can be found here: https://www.diaryofaquilter.com/fast-flying-geese-sawtooth-star/