

April Soft Edged Star

Finished size: 9" block

Materials needed:

Assorted red and blue prints (or colors of your choice) in the following dimensions:

(A) = 9" x 8" for large red star

(B) = 7" x 6" for medium blue star

(C) = 5" x 4" for small red star

9-1/2" white/off white background fabric

Freezer paper, pencil, paper scissors, small fabric scissors, iron

(**Note:** the instructions for using freezer paper are so you don't have to pin the template to your fabric. If you'd rather not use freezer paper, you could make 3 copies of the template, cut each one out & pin the fabric.)

Trace each star onto freezer paper with a pencil.

With paper scissors, cut out each traced star approximately 1/4" away from the traced line.

Place the freezer paper, shiny side down onto the wrong side of the star fabric. Using an iron, lightly press (just until the paper sticks to the fabric)

Using paper scissors, cut out fabric star on traced lines.

Remove freezer paper from fabric.

Fold the 9-1/2" background fabric in half (left to right), right sides together and lightly press the fold to mark the center of the fabric.

Fold background fabric in half (top to bottom), right sides together and lightly press this fold to create a second crease.

Fold stars in half and lightly press creases in the same manner as above (this will help to center the stars during assembly).

Assembly:

Place (A) large star on background fabric, matching folds and centering the star on the background fabric.

Pin in place. Stitch 1/4" around inside edge of star.

Turn block over and carefully cut away background fabric about 1/4" inside the stitching line.

Place (B) medium star on star (A), matching folds and center the star on top of the large star.

Pin in place. Stitch 1/4" around inside edge of star.

Turn block over and carefully cut away center of (A) large star fabric about 1/4" inside the stitching line.

Place (C) small star on star (B), matching folds and center the star on top of the medium star.

Pin in place. Stitch 1/4" around inside edge of star.

Turn block over and carefully cut away center of (B) medium star fabric about 1/4" inside the stitching line.



