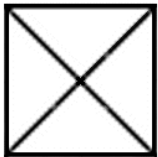
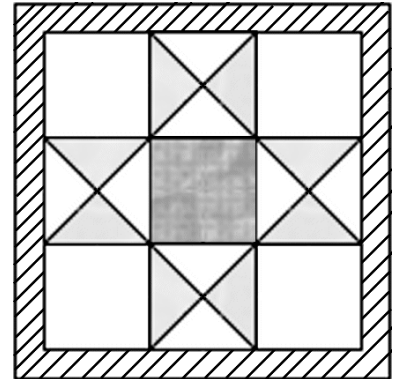


## Ohio Star Pattern to be used in Intro to Machine Quilting Class

12" finished block with  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seams. Note: If you add the small 2" border, the block should measure approximately 15  $\frac{1}{2}$ " when completed. Make sure that your batting and backing fits your finished block.

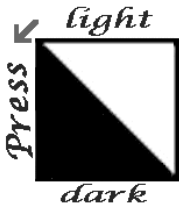
- Cut 1 square 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of focal fabric
- Cut 4 squares 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of plain fabric
- Cut 2 squares 5  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of dark fabric
- Cut 2 squares 5  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of plain fabric
- Cut 4 strips of 2" x 16" accent fabric



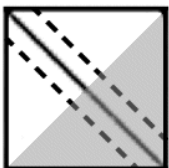
1. Draw an X with pencil on the wrong side of the plain light 5  $\frac{1}{4}$ " squares, from corner to corner.



2. Put plain 5  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and dark 5  $\frac{1}{4}$ " fabric squares with right sides together with the plain square with the X facing up toward you.
3. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on each side of JUST ONE of the diagonal lines of the X that you drew.
4. Cut apart on the one pencil line.



5. Open both pieces and press toward the dark side, being careful not to distort your square.
6. Now take both pieces that have been pressed and lay one on top of the other with the right sides together. The seams should lie in the same direction, and the colors should be opposite; that is, the dark triangle is on top of the light triangle, and the light triangle is on top of the dark triangle. Because you have pressed both seams toward the dark, the seams should butt up against each other tightly along the length of the seams. To check the placement before stitching, lift a corner of the top piece back toward the diagonal. The inside should look like the hourglass shown in step 9.
7. While the light side is already marked, to enhance visibility, mark the center line on the dark portion of the square also. The piece now forms an X; one leg is the pieced light-dark line, and the other is the diagonal mark that you will stitch along.



8. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on each side of the remaining diagonal line.
9. Cut apart on the marked line and press to one side. Your pieces (2) should now look like this:

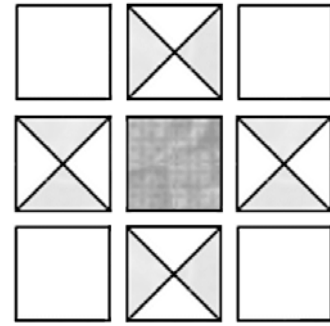


10. Repeat the steps to create 2 more squares.

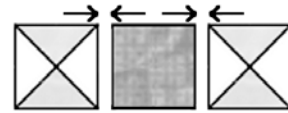
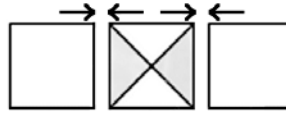
11. Trim all dog ears from squares before assembly.

**TO ASSEMBLE YOUR SQUARE:**

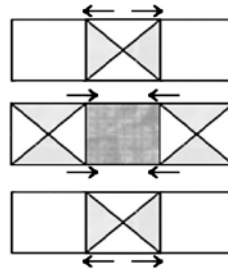
Follow the diagram for the correct layout of your fabric squares as shown:



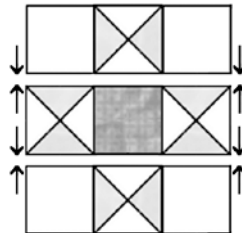
1. Stitch together all three pieces in each row.



2. Press the seams in the direction of the arrows.



3. Now sew all three rows together and press again.



You have now created an Ohio Star block. After the block is sewn, its measurements should be 12 1/2" square so that it will be a finished 12" block.

If you would like to make this block into a small wall hanging or a pillow, add the 2" strips around the outside of the block. Sew 2 sides first, trim off excess at each end, and press seams to the outside. Now, repeat with the remaining two sides. Trim and press seams to the outside border.

I will be giving you some fun little quilting motifs to enhance the beauty of your block. Please be sure and bring a piece of batting and backing large enough for your completed Ohio Star block. Cut approximately 1 inch larger than your block measures. Be sure to allow for the 2" border if you added it to your block.

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