

Teapots Block Drive 1

Floating Stars

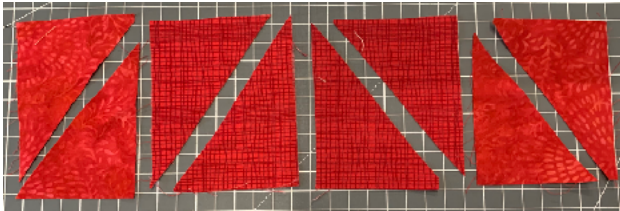


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Start by cutting 4-1/2 inch squares - 8 in the background colours and one in your contrast colour for the centre of your star.

You need a good contrast of colour or tone for the nicest star

Lay them out on your mat by the machine as shown (1)



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From the star colour(s) cut some rectangles about 4 by 3-1/2 inches (or larger). Cut these diagonally, making sure to cut left and right-handed triangles (2)

Take one of the squares from the middle of a side and pin a triangle into place where you plan to sew. Don't go too far up or across, and fold the triangle back to see if it entirely covers the corner (3)

Sew, with a consistent (1/4 inch if possible) straight seam, where you have pinned...

Fold the triangle over to cover the corner and press (4)

Turn the square over (5) and trim off the excess of the star fabric so that the triangle piece exactly matches the edge of the square (6)

Trim out the excess background fabric carefully, with scissors (7)

Do this three more times, laying the pressed pieces back into place each time (8)



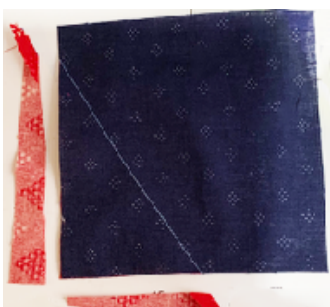
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Pick one of the four squares up and add a second triangle. Pin. press, trim, trim, as before. (9) (10)
Be methodical. Do this to all four of the squares and lay them back on your mat as you go. Don't forget to trim both sides (11)

Check that everything is the right way up and the right way round (12)

Sew the three rows together and press towards the plain squares (that is, towards the outside on the top and bottom rows and towards the middle on the centre row (13)



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Pin the rows together and sew, matching the seams nicely
Press towards the outside of the block

You should have a 12-1/2 inch square block (12 inches finished) If your blocks vary, they can be trimmed to match...
Make another?



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For smaller blocks - start with 3-1/2 inch squares and make as above, you will get a 9-1/2 inch block (9 inch finished)
For tiny blocks, start with 2-1/2 inch squares...

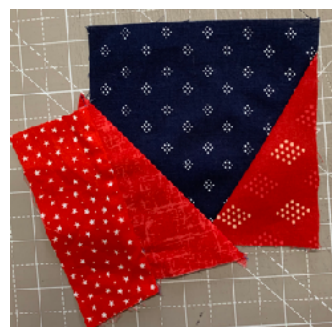
Triangle too small? (14)

Don't unpick, make a virtue of it and add another piece (don't sew through the background...)



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