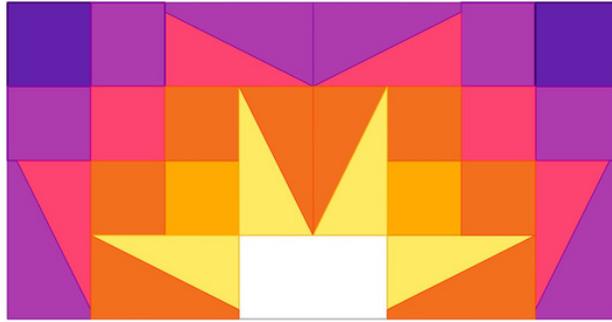


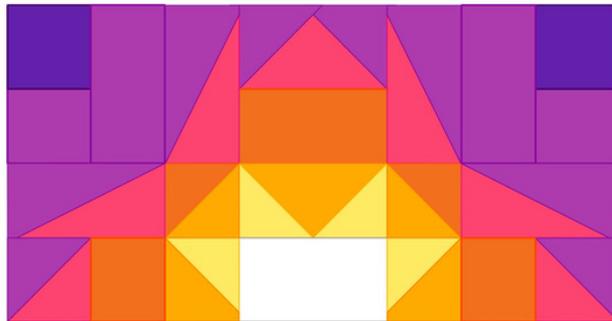
Stars of the City

December Blocks

December brings another two star blocks;
Birds of the Night and Farmer's Star



The Birds of the Night block features a new technique, one which will be used several more times throughout this quilt along, two at a time half rectangle triangles.



The other block, Farmer's Star, also uses two at a time half rectangle triangles, as well as the stitch and flip flying geese and two at a time half square triangles introduced in previous months.

To make either throw sized quilt, make one of each block.

To make an XL twin sized quilt, make one of each block, then select your favourite block and make a second one (three blocks total).

To make a queen sized quilt, make two of each block (four blocks total).

Birds of the Night

Cutting Instructions

To make one block, cut the following:

Fabric B: 2 squares at $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fabric C: 2 rectangles at 3" x 6"
4 squares at $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fabric D: 2 rectangles at 3" x 6"
2 squares at $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fabric E: 2 rectangles at 3" x 6"
4 squares at $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fabric F: 2 squares at $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fabric G: 2 rectangles at 3" x 6"

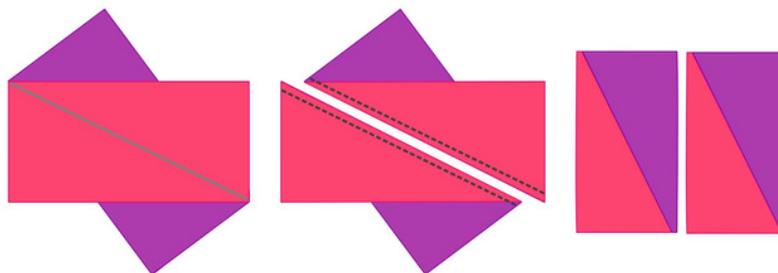
Fabric H: 1 rectangle at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

Piecing Instructions

Select one 3" x 6" rectangle of fabric C and one 3" x 6" rectangle of fabric D. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the lighter fabric as shown.



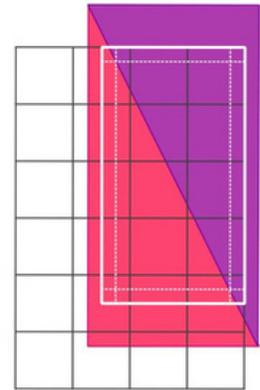
Place the rectangles right sides together so the edges are offset, but the corners with the drawn line align as shown, then sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " to either side of the drawn line. Carefully cut along the drawn line to yield two half rectangle triangle units.



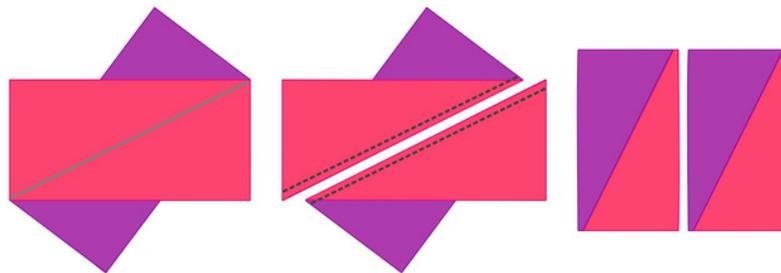
Trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to complete the half rectangle triangles, set aside.

Tip: when trimming a half rectangle triangle units, the diagonal seam should run $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from the trimmed edge of the unit, not directly through the outer corners.

For this pattern, the half rectangle triangle should be trimmed to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ", use the $\frac{1}{4}$ ", $2\frac{1}{4}$ ", and $4\frac{1}{4}$ " ruler lines for an accurately trimmed unit.

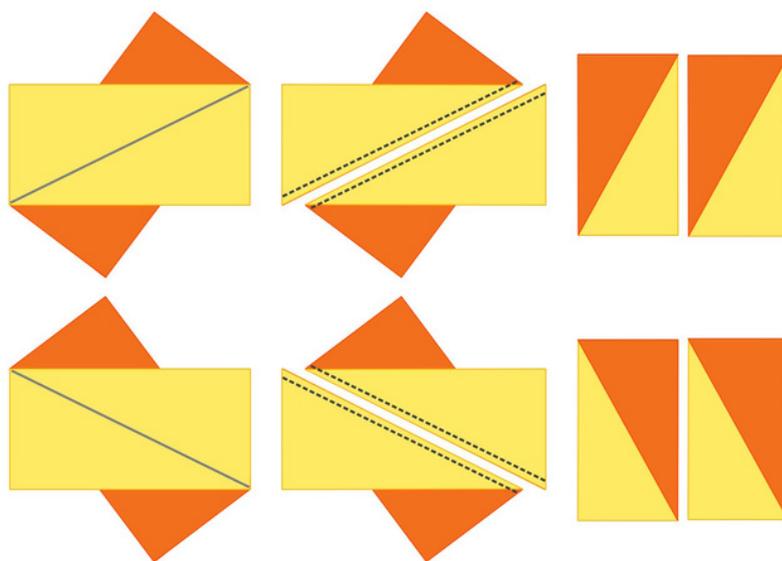


Repeat with another 3" x 6" rectangle of fabric C and 3" x 6" rectangle of fabric D with the diagonal line drawn in the opposite direction as shown below:



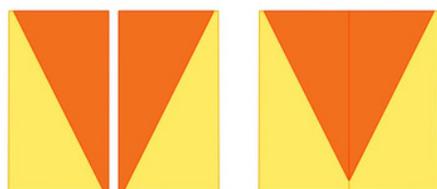
Trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to complete the half rectangle triangles, set aside.

Using two 3" x 6" rectangles of fabric E and two 3" x 6" rectangles of fabric G, repeat the steps above to make two sets of half rectangle triangles of opposite orientation as shown:



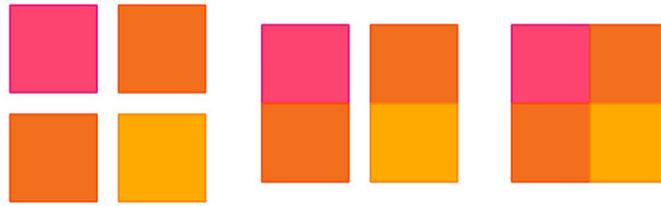
Trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to complete the half rectangle triangles.

Using two E/G half rectangle triangles, one of each orientation, assemble a triangle in a square unit as shown:



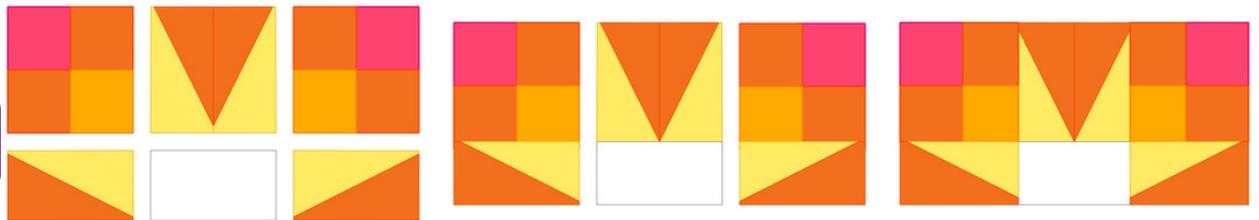
Trim to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square to complete the triangle in a square unit.
Set aside triangle in a square unit and remaining two half rectangle triangle units.

Select one 2½” square of fabric D, two 2½” squares of fabric E, and one 2½” square of fabric F. Assemble them into a four patch unit with the two fabric E squares in opposite corners as shown:

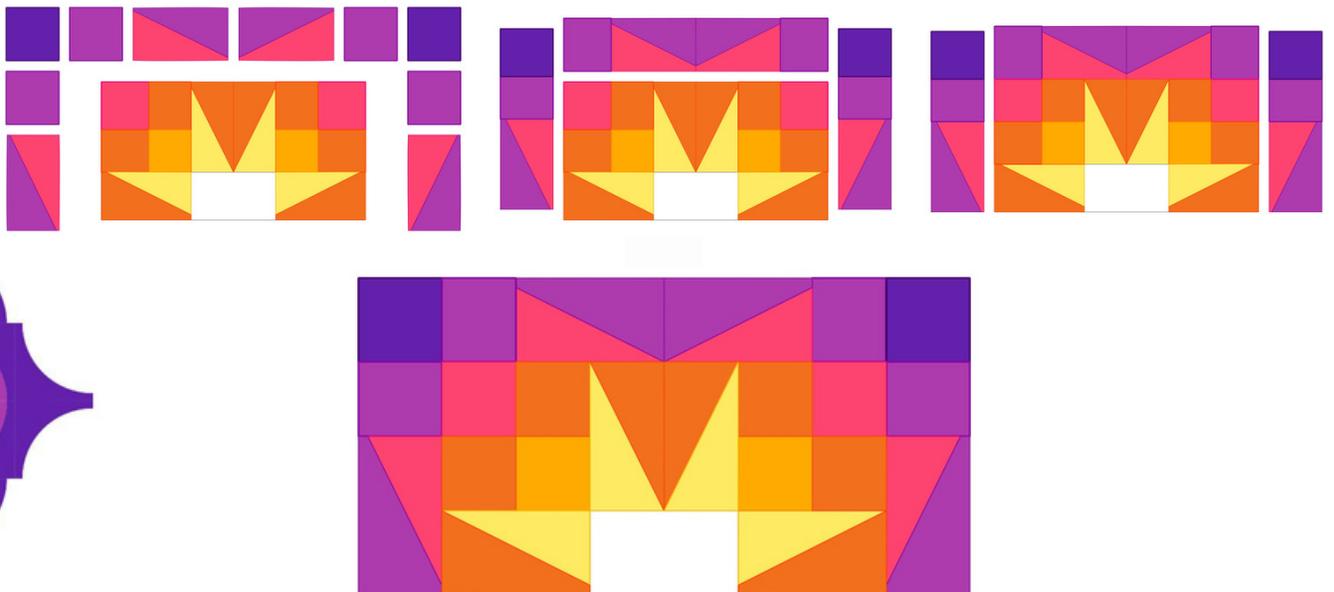


Trim to 4½” square to complete the corner unit.
Make two.

Using the two four patch units, one triangle in a square, two remaining E/G half rectangle triangles, and one 2½” x 4½” rectangle of fabric H, assemble the block centre as shown:



Using the remaining half rectangle triangle units and 2½” squares of fabrics B and C, complete the block as shown:



Trim to 16½” x 8½” to complete the Birds of the Night block.

Farmer's Star

Cutting Instructions

To make one block, cut the following:

Fabric B: 2 squares at $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fabric C: 2 rectangles at 3" x 6"

1 square at 3"

2 rectangles at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

4 squares at $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fabric D: 2 rectangles at 3" x 6"

1 square at 3"

1 rectangle at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fabric E: 1 square at 3"

1 rectangle at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

2 squares at $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fabric F: 2 squares at 3"

1 rectangle at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fabric G: 1 square at 3"

2 squares at $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

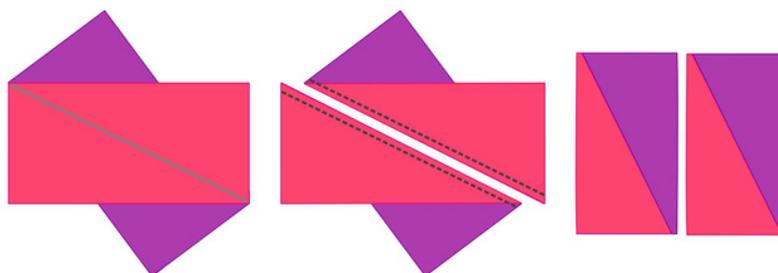
Fabric H: 1 rectangle at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

Piecing Instructions

Select one 3" x 6" rectangle of fabric C and one 3" x 6" rectangle of fabric D. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the lighter fabric as shown.

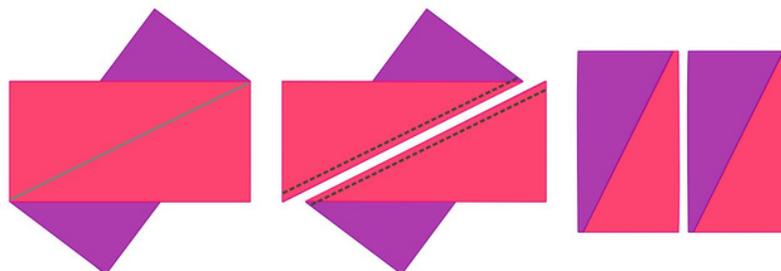


Place the rectangles right sides together so the edges are offset, but the corners with the drawn line align as shown, then sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " to either side of the drawn line. Carefully cut along the drawn line to yield two half rectangle triangle units.



Trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to complete the half rectangle triangles, set aside.

Repeat with another 3" x 6" rectangle of fabric C and 3" x 6" rectangle of fabric D with the diagonal line drawn in the opposite direction as shown below:



Trim to 2½" x 4½" to complete the half rectangle triangles, set aside.

Select one 3" square of fabric C and one 3" square of fabric D.
Draw a diagonal line on the back of the lighter square.

Place the squares right sides together and sew ¼" to either side of the drawn line. Carefully cut along the drawn line to yield two half square triangle units.



Trim to 2½" to complete the half square triangles, set aside.

Repeat with a 3" square of fabric E and a 3" square of fabric F.



Trim to 2½" to complete the half square triangles, set aside.

Repeat once more with a 3" square of fabric F and a 3" square of fabric G.



Trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " to complete the half square triangles, set aside.

Select one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of fabric D and two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of fabric C. Draw a diagonal line on the back of both fabric C squares.

Place one fabric C square on one end of the fabric D rectangle with the drawn line oriented as shown below. Sew directly along the drawn line then trim excess fabric, leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ " for seam allowance.



Repeat in the opposite corner with the other fabric D square.



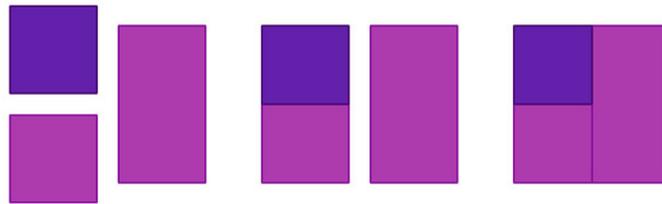
Trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to complete the flying goose unit, set aside.

Repeat the steps above using one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of fabric F and two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of fabric G.



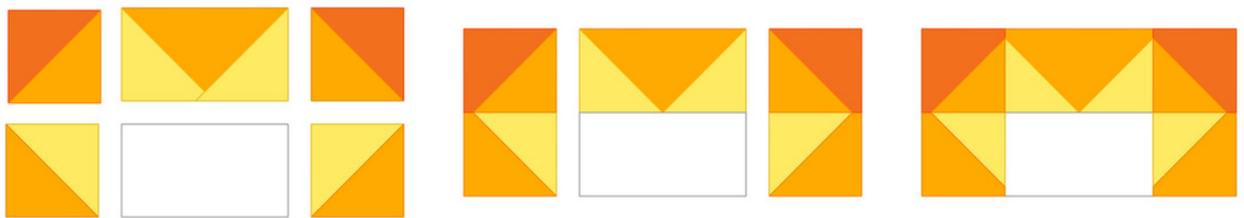
Trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to complete the flying goose unit, set aside.

Select one 2½" square of fabric B, one 2½" square of fabric C, and one 2½" x 4½" rectangle of fabric C. Assemble them into a corner unit as shown:

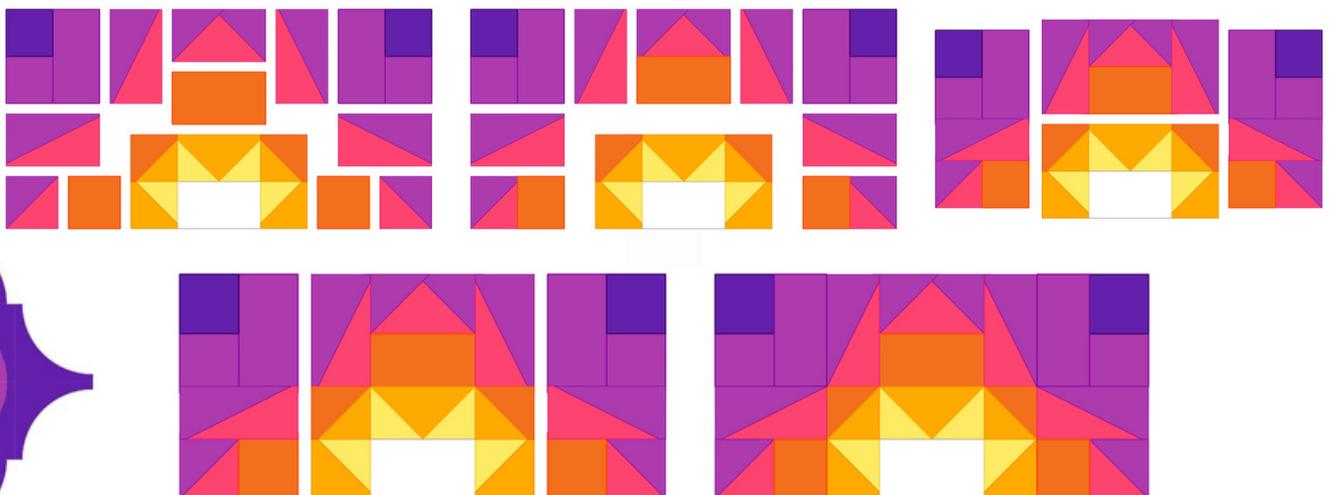


Trim to 4½" square to complete the corner unit.
Make two, set aside.

Using the fabric F flying goose unit, two E/F half square triangles, two F/G half square triangles, and one 2½" x 4½" rectangle of fabric H, assemble the block centre as shown:



Using the remaining units, and squares and rectangles of fabric E, complete the block as shown:



Trim to 16½" x 8½" to complete the Farmer's Star block.