

Checkerboard Star

Fabric Selections:

You will be making multiples of this block (4 for twin, 4 for twin B, 6 for queen, and 6 for long queen). The numbers shown are the total number of pieces needed. Be sure you have some contrast between each of the star fabrics.

Cutting Instructions:

	Twin	Twin B	Queen	Queen Long
PIECES to cut:				
Main Background				
• 2 1/4" square*	8	8	12	12
OR 2 1/4" WOF strip	1	1	1	1
• 4 3/4" square	4	4	6	6
• 3 1/2" square	16	16	24	24
Fabric #1:				
• 2 1/4" square*	8	8	12	12
OR 2 1/4" WOF strip	1	1	1	1
• 4 3/4" square	4	4	6	6
Fabric #2:				
• 4 1/4" square	4	4	6	6

Pattern Fabrics:



Main Background



Fabric #1

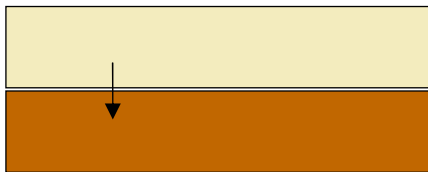


Fabric #2

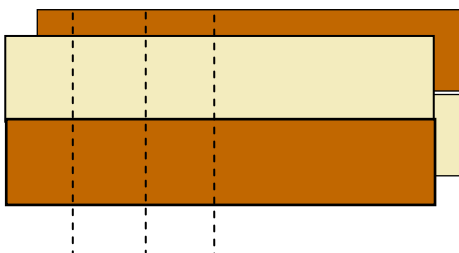
Your Fabrics:

Sewing Instructions:

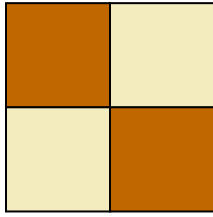
- * If you are using the WOF strips sew the 2 1/4" main background strip and the 2 1/4" fabric #1 strip together lengthwise into a strip set. Press to the darker fabric.



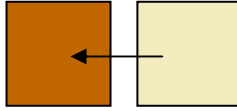
- Cut the strip set in half and stack two halves, right sides together and colors opposite. (The ends should be even. The offset is only for illustration) Nestle seam allowances together. Sub-cut the strip sets into 2 1/4" segments using stitching line to align your ruler. Do not separate the layered 2-patch units.



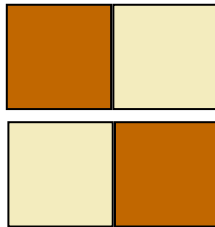
3. Chain stitch sub-cut sections into 4-patch units. Press 4-patch units open.



4. If you are cutting individual $2\frac{1}{4}$ " squares, sew each background square to a fabric #1 square. Press to the darker fabric.



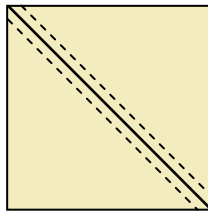
5. Sew the 2-patch units together into a 4-patch unit.



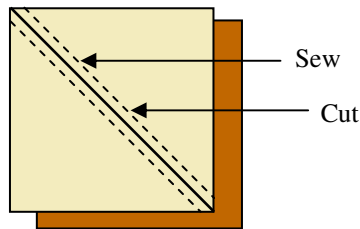
6. Whichever way you made them, trim the 4-patch units to $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". The center point should be at $1\frac{3}{4}$ " mark

7. Draw one diagonal line on the back of the $4\text{-}\frac{3}{4}$ " background squares.

8. Then draw a line $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the diagonal line.

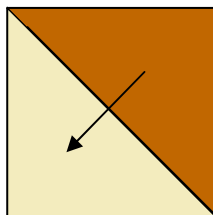


9. Pair one $4\text{-}\frac{3}{4}$ " background square with one $4\text{-}\frac{3}{4}$ " fabric #1 square, putting right sides together.

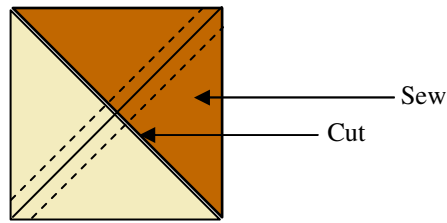


10. Stitch on the second lines. (Shown as dotted lines).

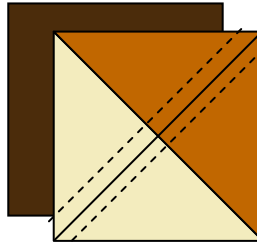
11. Cut between the stitching lines. Carefully press the half-square triangle unit (HST) open. Press the seam allowances to the background fabric.



12. Draw a diagonal (cutting) line on the back of the HST unit perpendicular to the seam line and stitching lines $\frac{1}{4}$ " away on each side as in the above steps 8 and 9.

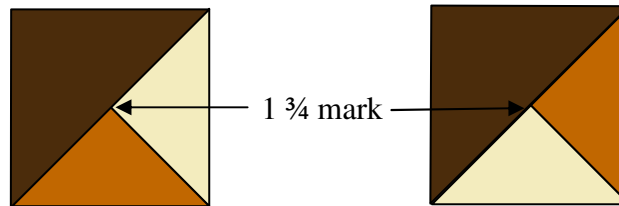


13. Pair each of the HST with a $4\text{-}\frac{1}{4}$ " fabric #2 square, right sides together.



14. Sew on the outside drawn lines.

15. Cut on solid line and press open. You will get two *Three-quarter-square* triangle units



16. Square-up the unit to $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". When squaring, be certain the diagonal seams go into the point on all four corners and that the intersection is at the $1\frac{3}{4}$ " point.

17. The units will be mirror images of each other so for each block you will need 4 matching units.

18. Layout blocks and sew units together into rows. Press seams toward the pieced units as shown. Watch the orientation of the three-quarter square units.

