




United Block – a block to celebrate our country and freedoms we enjoy.

This block is made from scraps. The most you will need of any one fabric would be a 5 ½ inch by 10 ½ inch strip for the star background pieces....even that could be scrappy if you want.

Star block

From Background fabric:

Cut (8) 2.5" x 2.5" squares 

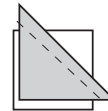
From Star fabric (all one fabric or scraps):

Cut (1) 2.5" x 2.5" square of a contrasting color and/or value

Cut (4) 3" x 3" squares of the same.

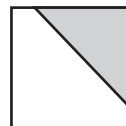
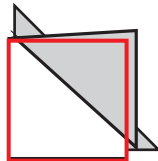
Then cut those 3" squares in half diagonally as shown: 

Taking four of the 3" triangles, lay one on a 2.5" square background piece as shown right sides together and sew across the corner using a ¼" seam.

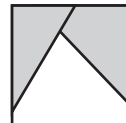


Do this on a total of four of the 2.5" square background pieces. Vary the angle of stitching on each triangle by small amounts.

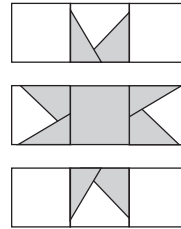
Then press the triangle piece back over the background piece and retrim to a 2.5" square from the back as shown:



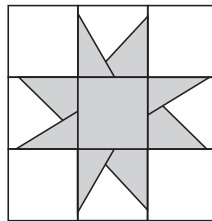
Repeat this on the opposite side of the same background squares resulting in four units that look like this...all with various sizes of triangles....



Sew these units into rows with the Star 2.5" square and the remaining four background squares into rows as shown, pressing towards the single square patches.



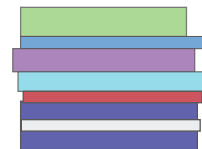
Sew these rows together as shown and there is your star block of the overall block.



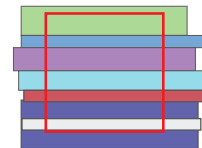
Stripe blocks

Cut an assortment of scraps in whatever colors you decide to do your stripes into 7" strips of varying widths. They really can be anything as this is a "mod" take on the US flag.

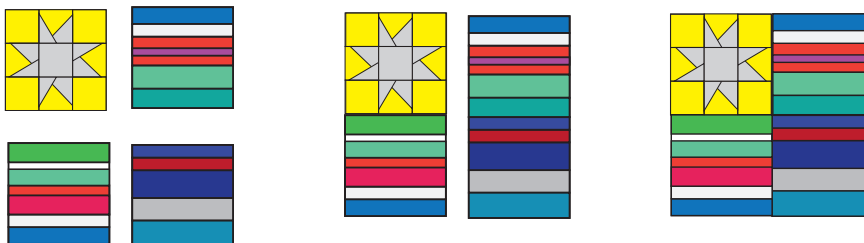
Sew these strips together lengthwise until you get a section about 7" tall.



Press these well and then trim to a 6 1/2" square. Make 3 of these.



Sew the three stripe blocks together with the star block as shown:



Now mix it up! Use traditional US flag colors...use variations of those colors...think orange, green, and cream...use all whites and creams....use all greens (planet Earth)...let your imagination flow.

