

MODERN STARLINGS

A QUILT BLOCK TO CELEBRATE 2012

Unfinished block size: 12.5" (12" finished)



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BLOCK ASSEMBLY:

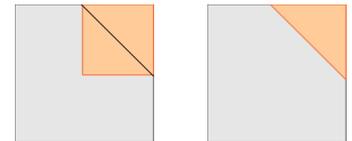
1. Cut 1 – 6.5" square of your focus fabric.



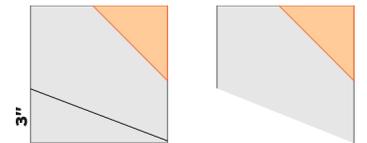
2. Cut 1 – 3.5" square of your background fabric. Lay this square atop the larger square, right sides together, so that the smaller square is flush up against the upper right hand corner.



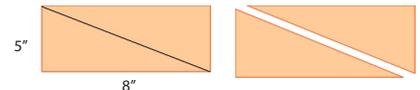
3. Using a ruler, draw a faint pencil line diagonally across the wrong side of the square as shown in the illustration below. Sew the two blocks together along this line, and then trim the corner off of the block leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Press open.



4. Along the left edge, measure 3" up from the bottom left corner and make a light pencil mark. Using a ruler, make a cut from this pencil mark to the bottom right corner of the block.



5. From your background fabric, cut a 5" x 8" rectangle. Cut the rectangle in half diagonally from the top left to the bottom right corner.



6. Sew one of the triangles to your block along the edge you just cut off. The triangle will be slightly larger than it needs to be; however, I prefer to have the pieces be too big and be able to trim them down to size, rather than to have them be too small.



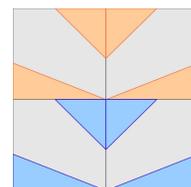
7. Trim your block to 6.5" square. You have just completed a half of a starling!



8. Make the other half by repeating these steps, but making a mirror image of the first block. Your finished block should look like this:



9. Join the two blocks together to make a modern starling. Two modern starlings will comprise a 12" (12.5" unfinished) block. Consider varying your focus and background fabrics for a scrappy starling block.



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