Hampshire Star

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Half Square Triangles and star blocks are a patchwork classic that I never tire of designing and making. This star was drawn in Hampshire, England hence its name.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please note: Block is shown using (4) colors including background for "B" triangles. The guide below lists the quantities of HST needed per each color.

(For fabric choices refer to the diagram)

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1. Begin creating HST units by sewing the longest edges of (2) B triangles as shown using a ¼” seam. HST units are created in (4) colorways. Diagrams indicate quantity to make per each colorway. Press seams toward the dark fabric.

![Diagram of HST units and colorways]

2. Trim HST units using the following guide:
   a. 6” Block: 1 ¼” unfinished (3/4” finished)
   b. 8” Block: 1 ½” unfinished (1” finished)
   c. 12” Block: 2” unfinished (1 ½” finished)

3. Lay out HST units and (16) A squares as shown in the diagram, turning various HST units throughout the block.

4. Begin sewing HST units together in horizontal rows, alternating the direction in which you press the seams in each row.

5. Sew all rows together to complete the block. Press thoroughly for a nice finish.

![Diagram of block assembly]

6. Trim block using the guide listed below:
   a. 6 ½” x 6 ½” unfinished (6” x 6” finished)
   b. 8 ½” x 8 ½” unfinished (8” x 8” finished)
   c. 12 ½” x 12 ½” unfinished (12” x 12” finished)

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**DESIGNER INFO**

New Collections: Janet’s current line, Ebb and Flow, premiered at 2019 Quilt Market and arrived in shops this past October. Her new line Geometry is due to ship in April 2020.