

## Stretched Star Block - April 2023

Choose a light/medium blue for the background and a bright yellow for the star.

Cut the following:

Four (4) blue rectangles at  $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

One (1) yellow rectangle at  $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

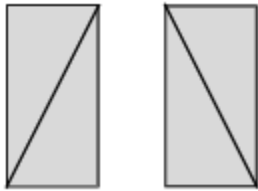
Cut two rectangles of each color at  $4'' \times 5''$ .

Piece half-rectangle units from the  $4'' \times 5''$  pieces as follows:

Cut each rectangle on the diagonal to create uphill and downhill triangles.

You will need two triangles of each color and direction.

Rotate the cut pieces so you have groups of triangles.



Lay a yellow triangle on top of a blue triangle, right sides together, along the diagonal edge. You will have two "peaks" as you sew. Always pair the uphill together, and the downhill together.



Press the seam open and trim to the required size:  $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ . Make 4 HRTs, 2 each uphill/downhill.

\*\* Hint - place the corners of your ruler on the seam line, You will be slightly "off-grain" when trimming

Place the blue rectangles in the corners, and arrange the yellow triangles so they touch the yellow rectangle in the center to form a friendship star. (see diagram above). Piece the block in three rows like a nine patch, and trim the finished block to  $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 9\frac{1}{2}''$ .

