

BRANDYWINE VALLEY QUILTERS



July 2019 Block of the Month



Friendship Star

The Fourth of July is the most popular holiday for cooking on the barbecue grill.

Anne Marie Kiesling 610- 876-6552 12 ½ inches unfinished 12 inches finished

This month you have a choice of sewing one quilt block with a blue star and red triangles at the corners or a red star with blue triangles at the corners. You may sew one and not the other or both blocks. Sew as many as you want.

Suggestion: If two blocks are made, it would be very nice if one is for the raffle and the other is donated to the **Quilts of Valor**.

Note: Use 100% common fabrics, wash the fabrics, do not use fabrics that run or bleed, use ¼ inch scant seam allowances unless otherwise noted, use 8 or 9 stitches per inch unless otherwise noted

Fabrics:

Use one red patriotic fabric with a lot of red →
 Use one blue patriotic fabric with a lot of blue →
 Use one solid white or white on white →

Note:
 Do not use
 florals

Cutting:

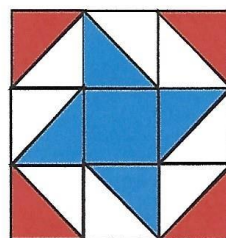
- 1 7 inch x 7 inch square of blue fabric for letter A; block #1
- 1 4 ½ inch x 4 ½ inch square of blue fabric for letter B; block #1
- 1 7 inch x 7 inch square of red fabric for letter C; block #1
- 2 7 inch x 7 inch square of white fabric for letter D; block #1

Or

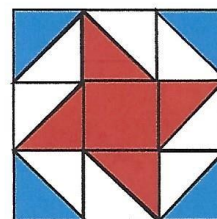
- 1 7 inch x 7 inch square of red fabric for letter A; block #2
- 1 4 ½ inch x 4 ½ inch square of red fabric for letter B, block #2
- 1 7 inch x 7 inch square of blue fabric for letter C, Block #2
- 2 7 inch x 7 inch square of white fabric for letter D; block #2

Sewing:

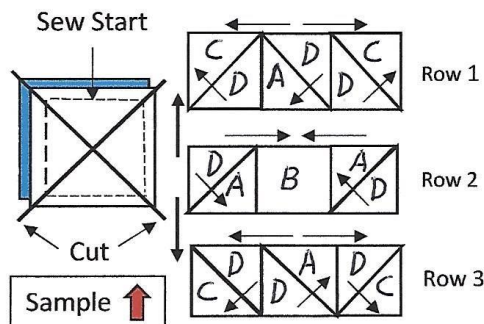
First, sew 4 half-square triangles at the same time. Lay one blue patriotic fabric and one white fabric right sides together. Starting between two corners, stitch ¼ inch around the perimeter of the block using 14 – 15 stitches per inch. Without moving the block, rotary cut the block twice at opposite corners. See sample. Press seams toward the blue for block #1. Do the same with the red fabric and white fabric. Press seams toward the red fabric for block #1. Lay all the blocks according to the rows, and stitch each row using 8 or 9 stitches per inch. Press according to the arrows. Sew the rows together and press according to the arrows. Do the same for Block #2 but switch the blue for red and red for blue.



Block #1



Block #2



Anne Marie's Scrap Tip Safety pin a small piece of white fabric to the corner of the fabric before washing it. If the color from the fabric does not bleed onto the white fabric, then the fabric is colorfast.