

North Seas Guiding Star (9")

This block can be made with one 3-7/8" strip (wof) light and one 3-7/8" strip (wof) dark fabric.

From the light strip cut two 3-7/8" squares and five 3-1/2" squares.

From the dark strip cut two 3-7/8" squares and eight 2" squares.

Make four half-square triangle units using the light and dark 3-7/8" squares as follows: (can be chain pieced)

- ✂ Mark a diagonal line (corner to opposite corner) on the back of each light square.
- ✂ Place one light and one dark square right sides together and sew a scant 1/4" from each side of the marked center diagonal line.
- ✂ Cut on the center diagonal line, open the two resulting units and press to the dark side.
- ✂ Repeat with the other two light and dark squares to make a total of four units 3-1/2" square. Set aside.

Make four star point units as follows: (can be chain pieced)

- ✂ Mark a diagonal line on the back of each dark 2" square.
- ✂ Place one dark 2" square on one bottom corner of a light 3-1/2" square, right sides together and with the diagonal line pointing to the center of the bottom edge of the light square. Sew directly on the drawn diagonal line.
- ✂ Trim away the corner 1/4" outside of your seam. Press the remaining dark triangle toward the outside to restore the corner.
- ✂ Place another 2" square on the other bottom corner, slightly overlapping the first dark piece and with the drawn diagonal line pointing toward the center bottom edge. Sew and trim as you did the first dark square. This will form an "arrow" shape.
- ✂ Repeat with three more light 3-1/2" squares and the remaining six dark 2" squares to make a total of four "arrow" (star point) units 3-1/2" square.

Assemble the block as a nine-patch.

- ✂ Lay out top row with one 1/2-square triangle unit on each end, dark sides forming outer corners, and one "arrow" unit in the middle, with the arrow pointing down.
- ✂ Lay out center row with the left arrow unit pointing toward center, the remaining 3-1/2" light square as the center, and the right arrow unit pointing toward center.
- ✂ Lay out the bottom row with the remaining two 1/2-square triangle units on each end, dark sides forming outer corners, and the last "arrow" unit in the middle, pointing up.
- ✂ Sew each row, then sew rows together matching seams.

A star is born!

