

Mystery Quilt Part One: Saw Tooth Star in a Saw tooth Star (16" finished block size)

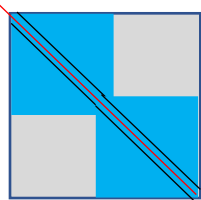
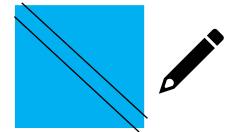
This block will be right in the center of your quilt...so make it awesome!



Background fabric:	Main Fabric
Cut one 9 3/4" x 9 3/4" square	Cut four 5 1/4" x 5 1/4" squares
Cut one 5 3/4" x 5 3/4" square	Cut four 3 1/4" x 3 1/4" squares
Cut five 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares	
Cut four 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares	

Make four large and four small flying geese:

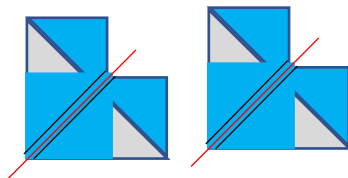
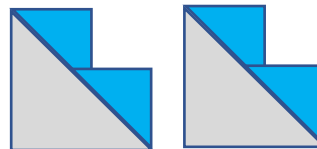
Mark diagonal lines on each of the main fabric squares 1/4" from the center diagonal as shown in the illustration (some people prefer to mark the center diagonal then sew 1/4" away from the line...that will work, too).



Place two 3 1/4" marked squares on top of a 5 3/4" background square right sides together as shown. The small squares will overlap in the center. Make sure they line up with the background fabric square in the upper left and bottom right corners.

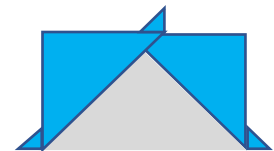
Sew on your marked lines, then cut on the center diagonal between your sewn lines (red line in illustration).

Press the seams toward the smaller triangles. You will have two units that look like this:



Place another marked 3 1/4" square, right sides together, over the corner with background fabric as show in the illustration. Sew on your marked lines, then cut on the center diagonal between your sewn lines (red line in illustration). Press seam toward the smaller triangles.

You should have four flying geese units You need to trim each to be 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" (finished size 2" x 4" size D on the Ultimate Flying Geese Ruler by Creative Grids).



Repeat with the 9 3/4" square of background and 5 1/4" squares of main fabric to make 4 flying geese units that are 4 1/2" x 8 1/2" (finished size 4" x 8" size H on the Ultimate Flying Geese Ruler).



Step 1:

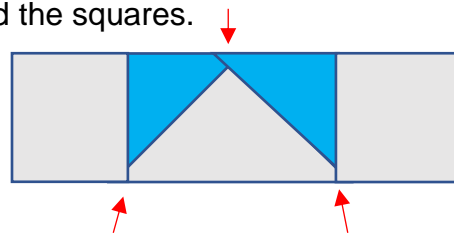
*Sew a 4 1/2" square of background fabric to each short side of two of the large flying geese as shown in illustration. Press seam toward the squares.

Each should measure 4 1/2" x 16 1/2."

*Sew a 2 1/2" square of background fabric to each short side of two of the small flying geese as shown in illustration. Press seam toward the squares.

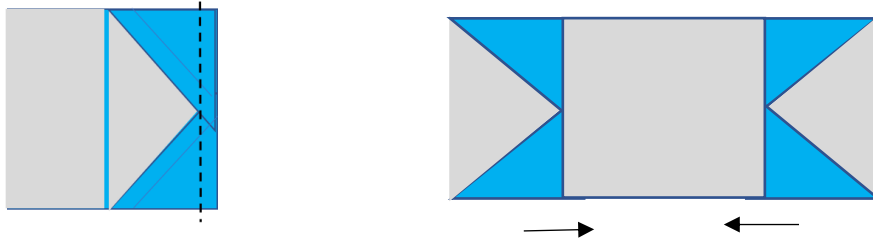
Each should measure 2 1/2" x 8 1/2"

Note—you should have 1/4" for seam allowance at the three points indicated by the red arrows.



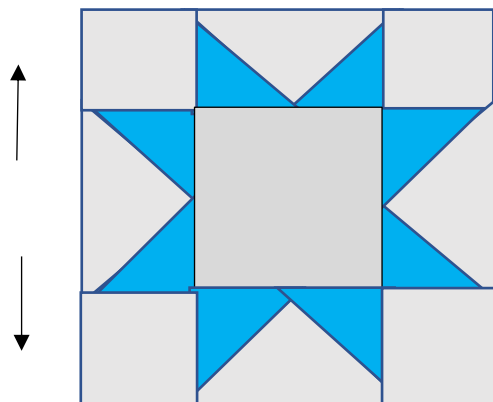
Step 2:

Sew the two small flying geese to opposite sides of the 4 1/2" square. To avoid cutting off your points when sewing the flying geese to the squares, put the flying geese unit on top of the square (right sides together) and sew your seam so it crosses through the little X formed by the seams of the triangles. Press seams toward the square as indicated by black arrows in diagrams.



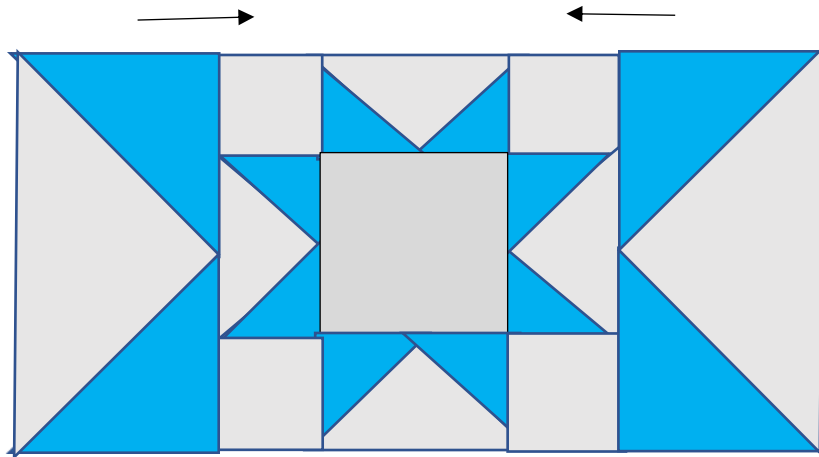
Step 3:

Sew a 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" unit from step one to the top and bottom of step 2. Just like in step 2, sew with the flying geese unit on top to watch your seam point. Press seams toward the units from step one. This star block should measure 8 1/2" x 8 1/2"



Step 4:

Sew large flying geese to opposite sides of the star block. Use care to pin and watch points as you sew this. Press seams toward center star.



Then, sew remaining units from step one to top and bottom of block. Press seams away from center star. This block should measure 16 1/2" x 16 1/2"

