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As I am planning for an upcoming Mystery Retreat, I started by adapting a disappearing pattern by Missouri Star Quilting but struggled with all the bias edges so started over. Even though the disappearing technique would save a few steps I felt the potential distortion would possibly lead to a permanent UFO for some. So even though I promised no half square triangles and limited squaring up I had to go back to more traditional techniques.

As in previous years I looked for a design that could easily be done using 2-3 colors to accommodate the patriotic quilts everyone likes to complete during this event as well as scrappy if working from your stash. So, let's get started.

Pattern can easily be made from two-colors, coordinated fabrics from the same line or a scrappy quilt using your stash. The fabrics should be complimentary. I would avoid stripes or directional prints. Background either tone on tone, solid or small compact print. If doing scrappy from your stash each piece should be at least 10" x 10"

Quilt Size: 56"x 72" with two borders or 48"x 60" no borders

Block Size: 12" finished

12 or 20 Blocks

The directions will only be with or without borders this year.

## **Fabric Requirements:**

### **Background:**

2 yards (includes inner border for 12 block option)

or

2 yds for 20 block option

### **Focus Fabric:**

2 ½ yds (includes outer border and binding for 12 block option)

Or

2 ½ yds for 20 Block option with binding

### **Border and Binding Fabric requirements if not using same as focus:**

Outer Border: 1 Yd

Binding: ½ yd

If using fabric from your stash you will need (1) piece of background at least 10" x 18"

and (1) pieces of focus fabric at least 10" x 18 "for each block.

A fat quarter will yield enough for (2) blocks of focus fabric.

**Supplies:**

Sewing Machine and Manual

Ruler at least 6"x 12"

Thread

Pins/Magic Clips

Seam Ripper

Tape Measure

Post-it Notes

Power Strip and Extension Cord

Calculator

Rotary Cutter, Extra Blades and Mat

Bias Square Ruler at least 4 ½"

Scissors (fabric)

Marking Pen or Pencil

Extra bobbins already full of the thread you plan to use

Masking Tape

1 yard of flannel (design wall)

Extra sewing machine needles

**Optional Supplies:**

Extra Sewing Machine

12 ½" Ruler for squaring up

Iron and ironing surface

Cushion for chair

Light

Spray Sizing

## CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

**Background:** (Second number in parenthesis is for the NO border option)

2 (3)-10" WOF fabric strips

Subcut strips into 6 (10)- 10" squares (each strip should yield 4 squares assuming 40" WOF)

1 (2)- 6" WOF fabric strips

Subcut strips into 6 (10)-6" squares (each strip should yield 6 squares assuming 40" WOF)

6 (10)-2.5" WOF strips

7 (0)- 2.5" WOF strips

**Focus:** (Second number in parenthesis is for the NO border option)

2 (3)-10" WOF fabric strips

Subcut strips into 6 (10)-10" squares (each strip should yield 4 squares assuming 40" WOF)

1 (2)- 6" WOF fabric strips

Subcut strips into 6 (10)-6" squares (each strip should yield 6 squares assuming 40" WOF)

6 (10)- 2.5" WOF strips

## Outer Border and Binding:

7- 4.5" WOF fabric strips

7- 2.5" WOF fabric strips

## Scrappy cutting instructions for each block

**Background:** each block will require

- 2- 3" square
- 2- 5" squares
- 1- 2.5" x 18" strip

**Focus:** each block will require:

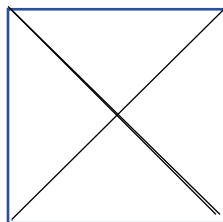
- 2- 3" square
- 2- 5" squares
- 1- 2.5" x 18" strip

## Block Unit 1

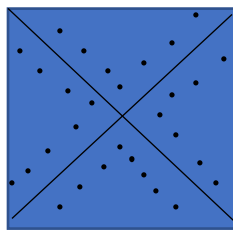
Half Square Triangles (HST):

Use your 10" squares 6 (10) Focus and 6 (10) Background

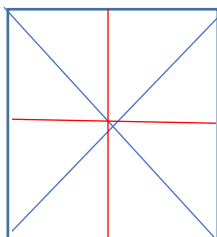
1. On the wrong side of light fabric draw two diagonal lines from corner to corner



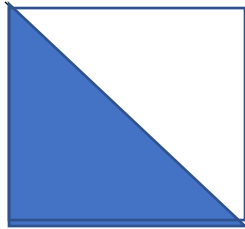
2. Lay one background and one focus 10" square with right sides together sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on each side of the drawn lines:



3. Following the diagrams below cut squares apart. Cut on red lines first and then the diagonal line: each square will yield 8-HST.



4. Press towards the dark. Square up to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " HST. You will need 48(80).

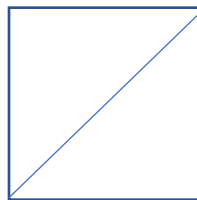


5. Repeat this step 1-4 using the 6" background and focus squares 6(10).  
Square up to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " HST. You will need 48(80)

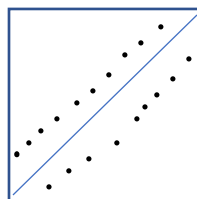
### Scrappy Option:

Use your 5" squares 24 (40) Focus and 24 (40) Background

1. On the wrong side of light fabric draw a diagonal line from corner to corner



2. Lay one background and one focus 5" square with right sides together sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on each side of the drawn line.



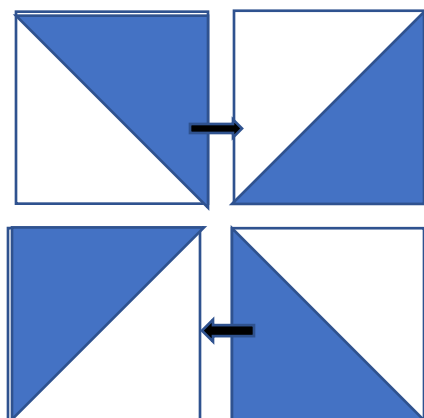
3. Cut squares on drawn line. Each square will yield two HST's
4. Press toward the dark. Square up to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " HST. You will need 48 (80)
5. Repeat steps 1-4 using the 3" background and focus squares 24 (40).  
Square up to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " HST. You will need 48 (80).

Clue #2

Unit 2: Pinwheel

Arrange (4) Unit 1- 2 ½" HST's to create pinwheel. Follow the diagram: print, solid, print, solid.

¼" seam allowance.



Join the top (2) HSTs together; then the bottom (2) HSTs. Press all seams toward the dark triangles. They should nest easily now as you join rows together. You will need 12 (20). Square up to 4 ½" x 4 ½" squares

Unit #3:

Use (6) (10) 2 ½" WOF strips of background and (6) (10) 2 ½" WOF strips of focus.

1. Sew (1) background strip to (1) focus strip right sides together using ¼" seam allowance. You will have (6) (10) strip sets. Press toward the focus. Width of strip set should measure 4 ½".
2. Cut each strip set into (8) 4 ½" segments. You will need 48(80).

4 ½" x4 ½"							

**Scrappy Option: Use the 2 ½" x 18 " Background and Focus strips that you selected. Follow Steps 1-2 for each strip set. Cut each strip set into (4) 4 ½" segments. You will need four for each block 48 (80).**



Block Construction:

Each Block will need:

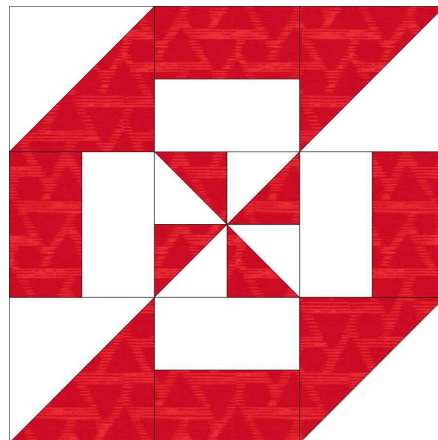
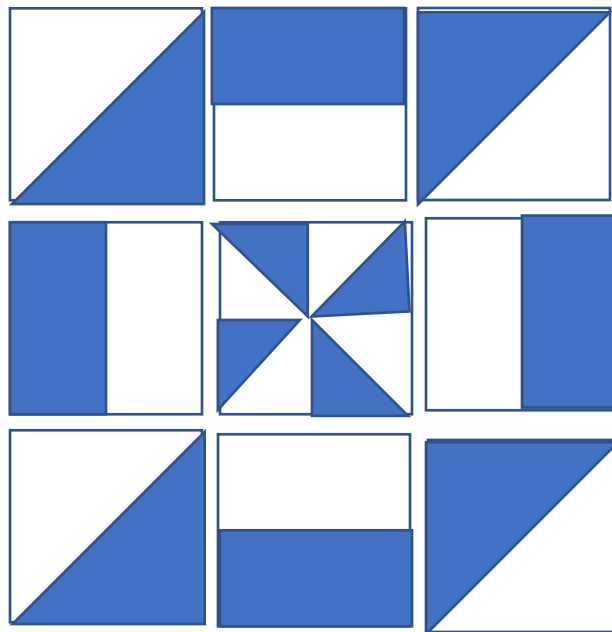
4- Unit 1 4 ½" HST

1-Unit 2 Pinwheel

4- Unit 3

I will demonstrate 3-4 ways you can put this block together with each providing a secondary design.

Original Option below:



**Borders for 12 Block Option:**

Inner Border: 5- 2.5" WOF

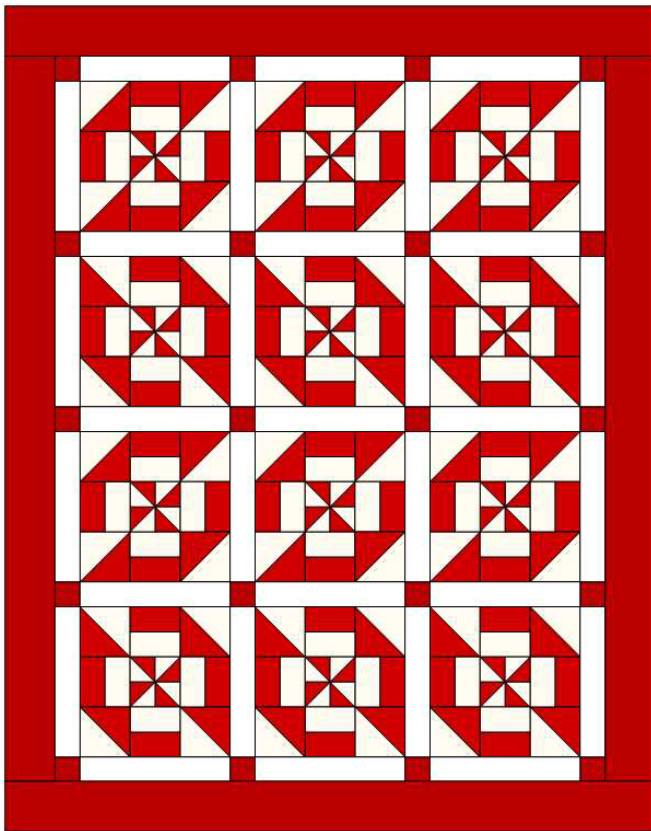
Outer Border: 7- 4.5" WOF

**Quilt with Sashing Option:**

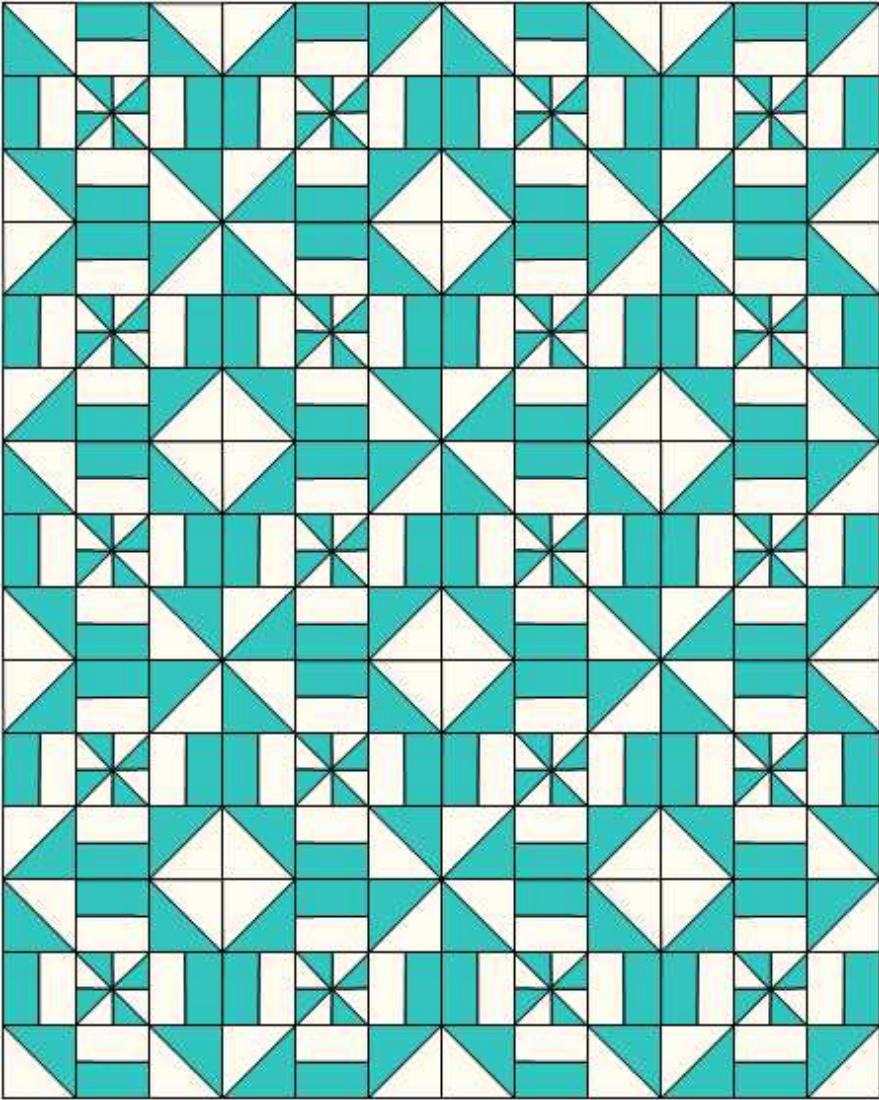
Background Fabric: 11- 2.5" WOF subcut into 31- 2.5" x 12.5"

Focus: Setting Squares- 2- 2.5" WOF subcut into 20- 2.5" squares

Outer Border- 6- 3.5" WOF



20 Block Option No Borders 48" x 60"



Binding: 7- 2.5" WOF