

## July 2013 Stars and Stripes Forever



12 inch finished block

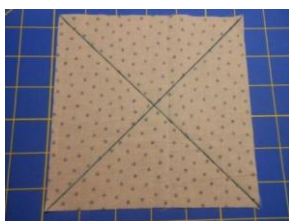
We Supply:	You Supply Basket and Flower fabrics:
<b>Star background:</b> 1 strip 2 ½" x WOF 1 6" X 6" square	<b>Red Fabric</b> One 2 ½" strip x width of fabric (WOF) <b>Blue Fabric:</b> One 6" X 6" square Two 2 ½" X 2 ½" square

### Fabric Prep

1. From the 2 ½ inch strip of star fabric, cut eight (8) 2 ½" X 2 ½" squares. Set aside remaining strip to use with the Strip Unit.



2. Using the 6 inch square, draw diagonal line along both diagonals.

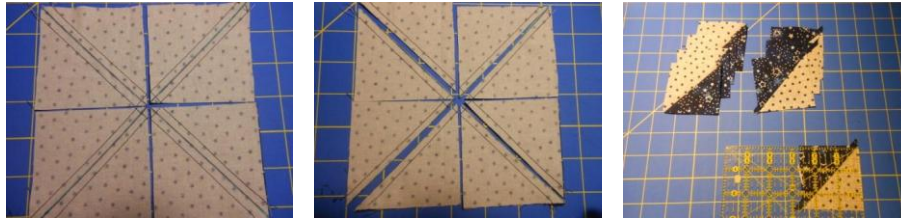


### Friendship Star Unit

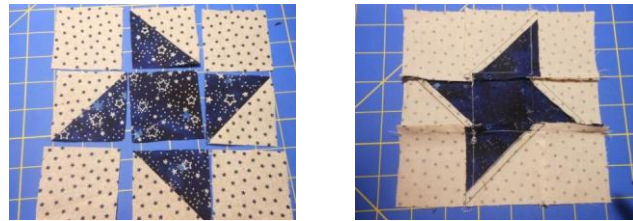
3. Place the Star 6" square and the Blue 6" square with right sides together. Sew a scant 1/4" inch on either side of both diagonals.



- Cut down the middle of the square both lengthwise and widthwise. This cut should be at the 3" mark on your ruler. Then cut on the drawn lines. You will have 8 HST (half square triangles). Press open the HST and trim to 2 ½ inches square.



- Lay out four HST, four Star 2 ½" squares, and one Blue 2 ½" square as shown below (watch HST placement!). Sew unit together, pressing the rows toward the middle. This will help you line up your seams when you complete your block. This unit will measure 6 ½ inches square. Repeat with remaining HSTs and squares to make 2 units.



### Strip Unit

- Cut the Red 2 ½" WOF strip into two 2 ½" X 22" strips. Sew to either side of remaining Star 2 ½" strip. Press seams toward the Red fabric to make block construction easier.



- Trim one edge of this strip set so it is straight, then beginning at this cut edge, cut 2 units, 6 ½ inches. The two units should be 6 ½ inches square. Add the leftover 8 inch strip to your stash.



### Block construction

- Assemble the block using your Star units and Strip units as shown below. The seams should "nestle" together, making matching seams easier. The completed block should measure 12 ½" X 12 ½".

