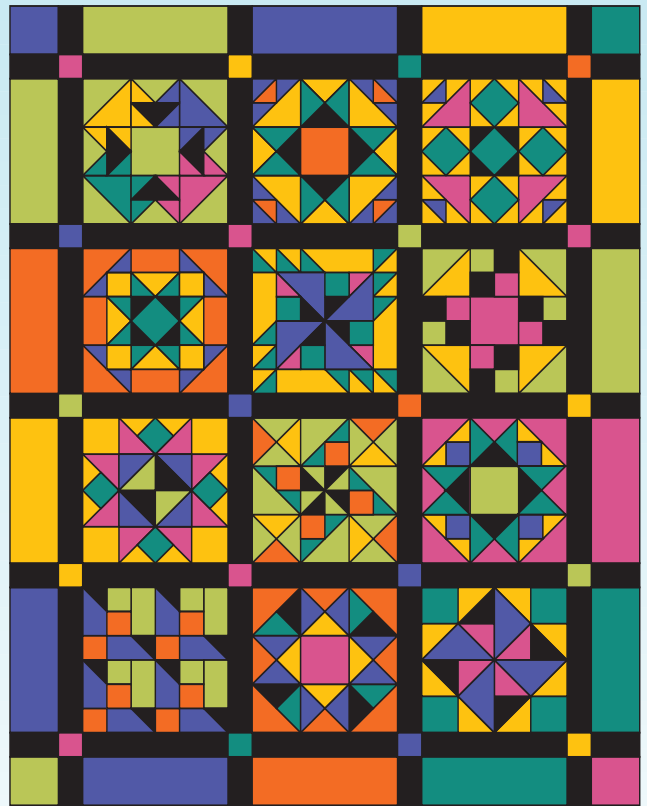


# Block Of The Month Sampler

We are on the home stretch with our Block of the Month Sampler. Directions for the first six blocks are in the Winter 2007 and Spring 2008 *Quilting Quarterly*. Back issues can be ordered from the NQA headquarters. The block patterns are for NQA members, individual, chapter and affiliates. You may copy them as needed to make the quilt. The Fall 2008 issue will include finishing directions.



## Materials for sampler quilt

- 3/4 yd green
- 3/4 yd violet
- 3/4 yd yellow
- 3/4 yd teal
- 1/2 yd pink
- 1/2 yd orange
- 1-1/2 yd black (includes binding)

## Cutting sashings and borders

- (31) 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" – black sashing strips
- (18) 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" – black border strips
- (1) 4-1/2" square each – violet, teal, pink and green
- (2) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" border strips – teal, orange
- (1) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" pink border strip
- (3) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" border strips – violet, lime, yellow
- (20) 2-1/2" squares in assorted colors (no black)

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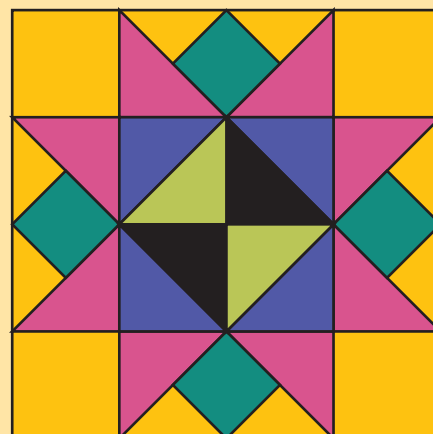


# July

## Paradox Star Block

This block has quite a few pieces with two different units to make the block. You will have lots of practice cutting and sewing triangles before you put it all together.

Block Size: 12"



### Directions

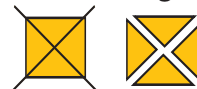
#### Cutting

- (4) gold 3-1/2" squares
- (2) gold 4-1/4" squares cut in half on diagonal twice to make 8 triangles
- (4) pink 3-7/8" squares cut in half on diagonal once to make 8 triangles
- (2) purple 3-7/8" squares cut in half on diagonal once to make 4 triangles
- (1) black 3-7/8" square cut in half on diagonal once to make 2 triangles
- (1) lime 3-7/8" square cut in half on diagonal once to make 2 triangles
- (4) teal 2-5/8" squares

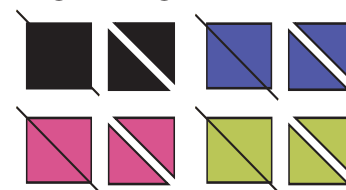
#### Sewing

- Step 1** Center unit - following the diagram, sew two black and two lime green triangles into an hourglass square. Sew a purple triangle to each side of the square lime/black hourglass square. Make 1.
- Step 2** Star Point units - Sew a gold triangle to two adjacent sides of the teal squares as shown in the diagram. Make 4.
- Step 3** Sew a star point unit to opposite sides of the center hourglass square.
- Step 4** Sew a gold square to opposite sides of the two remaining star point units then sew these units to remaining two sides of center to complete the block.

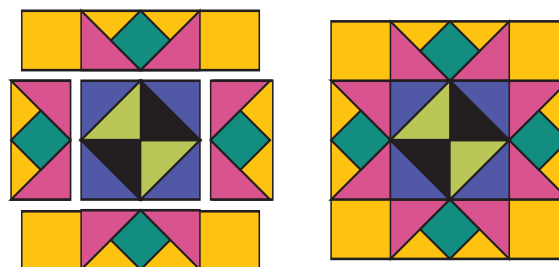
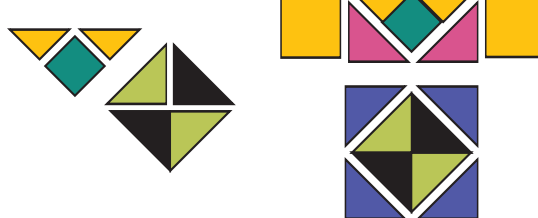
#### Small Triangles



#### Large Triangles



#### Block Units

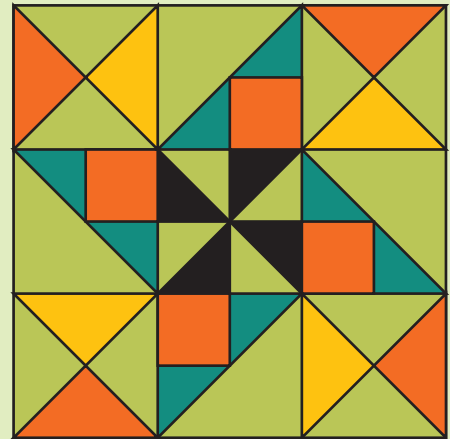


# August

## Spinning Star Block

This block is made of several units, Hourglass, Pinwheel and Star Points from a block named "The Spinner". If you like making the block, go ahead and make at least nine of them, sew them together block to block and see the pinwheel motion that pops out at you.

Block Size: 12"



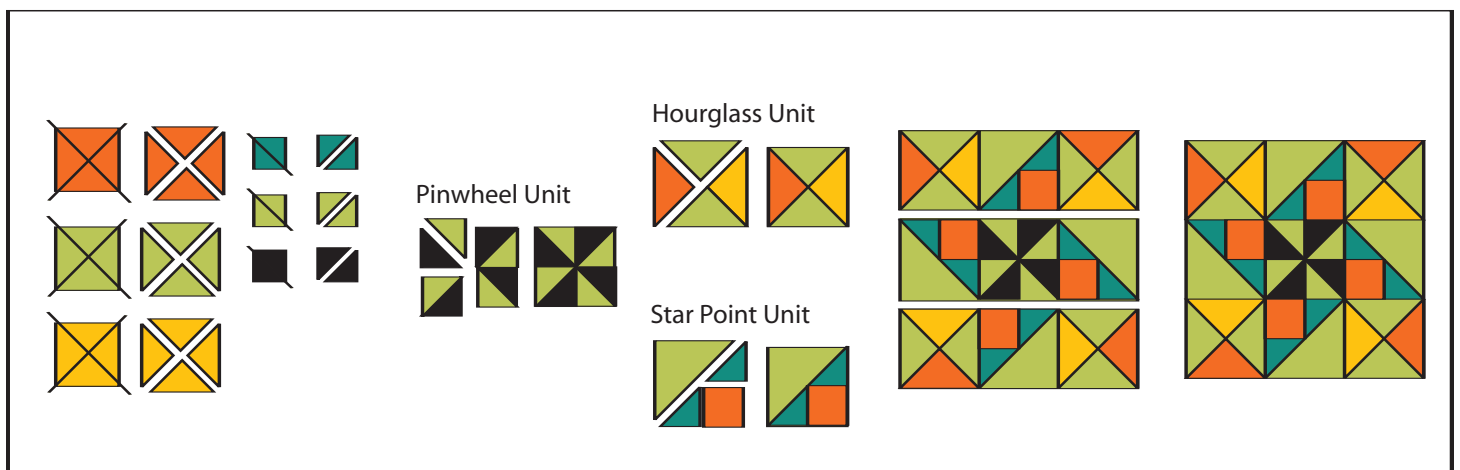
### Directions

#### Cutting

- (2) lime 2-7/8" squares cut in half on diagonal once for 4 triangles
- (2) black 2-7/8" squares cut in half on diagonal once for 4 triangles
- (4) teal 2-7/8" squares cut in half on diagonal once for 8 triangles
- (1) orange 5-1/4" square cut in half on diagonal twice for 4 triangles
- (1) gold 5-1/4" square cut in half on diagonal twice for 4 triangles
- (2) lime 5-1/4" squares cut in half on diagonal twice for 8 triangles
- (4) orange 2-1/2" squares
- (2) lime 4-7/8" squares cut in half on diagonal once for 4 triangles

#### Sewing

- Step 1** Pinwheel unit - following the diagram, sew two black and 2 lime green triangles into a pinwheel unit. Make 1.
- Step 2** Hourglass units – following the diagram, sew two lime green, one orange and one gold triangle into an hourglass unit. Make 4.
- Step 3** Star Point units - Sew a teal triangle to two adjacent sides of an orange square as shown in the diagram. Sew a large lime triangle to this unit to complete the star point units. Make 4.
- Step 4** Sew a star point unit to opposite sides of the center hourglass square.
- Step 5** Sew an hourglass unit to opposite sides of the two remaining star point units then sew these units to remaining two sides of center to complete the block.

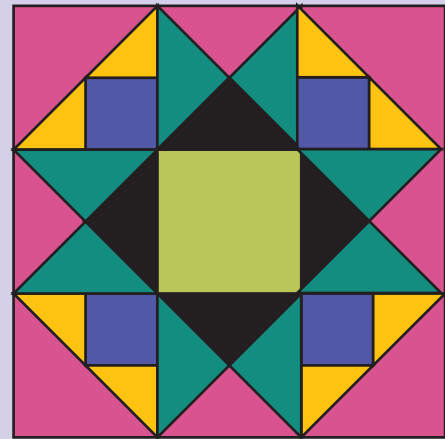


# September

## Morning Star Block

This block is a variation of the very popular Ohio Star block. By dividing up the outside corners of the original block into smaller triangles and squares a new design is achieved.

Block Size: 12"



### Directions

#### Cutting

- (1) lime 4-1/2" square
- (2) pink 4-7/8" squares cut in half on diagonal once for 4 triangles
- (1) pink 5-1/4" square cut in half on diagonal twice for 4 triangles
- (2) teal 5-1/4" squares cut in half on diagonal twice for 8 triangles
- (1) black 5-1/4" square cut in half on diagonal twice for 4 triangles
- (4) gold 2-7/8" squares cut in half on diagonal once for 8 triangles
- (4) purple 2-1/2" squares

#### Sewing

- Step 1** Hourglass units - following the diagram, sew two teal, one black and one pink triangle into an hourglass unit. Make 4.
- Step 2** Star Point corner units - Sew a gold triangle to two adjacent sides of a purple square as shown in the diagram. Sew a large pink triangle to this unit to complete the star point units. Make 4.
- Step 3** Sew an hourglass unit to opposite sides of the center lime square.
- Step 4** Sew a star point corner unit to opposite sides of the two remaining hourglass units then sew these units to remaining two sides of center to complete the block.

