**FABRICS:** First to rise in the darkening sky is the Evening Star. Six months later the last to leave the dawning sky is the Morning Star. Both are really the planet Venus! This April look to the southwest at dusk for its non-twinkling brilliance. (A) and (B) are the magenta swirls as the sky changes. (C), (D) and (E) are the black-purples of a deep dark sky. (F) is bright, neon yellow for the rays. (G) is the white tone on tone or sparkles of the hot planet center.

**STEP 1:** Sew pieces together to make two AED and two EAD = total four corner units. Press to the dark. This is an easy pattern cut to exact size, so there is no trimming.

![Sewing diagram](image)

**STEP 2.** Mark diagonal lines on the back of all B and F squares. Using the diagram to position, place a B square on rectangle C with right sides together and sew on the diagonal line. Trim the seam to 1/4". Press to the dark. On the other end of C repeat with the F square. Make two. Make two more REVERSED. Sew one of each set together and press seam OPEN.

**STEP 3:** Sew each of the eight sewn units together in rows using G as the center referring to the lettered diagram above. Press seams towards the dark.

**A.K.A. MORNING STAR or EVENING STAR** are popular names for many blocks. Our form was also called Rosebud and Virginia and dates at least from 1934 (Nancy Cabot.) It had been published in Ladies Art Co, and Hearth and Home. For pattern detail see Christmas Star from www. McCallsquilting.com. (Other Sources: Hall, Rehmel, Brackman, Malone) -K.H.