**CONSTANCE PREM STARS**

**FABRICS:** August brings a hot sun that turns our land golden and opens flowers in profusion of color! Choose a light ORANGE for the background (A) and (B) of our Constellation Star and a deep RED for the (C) rays and deep BLUE for the (D) rays. For the community quilt block choose any fun fabrics!

**STEP 1:** Keep the four corner A pieces as squares and lay out in the block position as in the diagram. All B, C and D squares should now be cut in half diagonally and lined up for sewing.

**STEP 2:** Make the following sets of half square triangles, sewing with a scant 1/4" seam --
- Four B-C units (lt orange and red)
- Four B-D units (lt orange and blue)
- Four C-D units (red and blue)

**STEP 3:** Lay out all half square triangles in block position with the corner squares using the block diagram as a guide. Sew the squares together in rows. Press, alternating directions for pressing seams. Sew the rows together, being careful to align seam intersections. Press and admire!

**AKA:** CONSENTATION STARS is an easy piecing SAWTOOTH form that reminds us of the STAR of LeMOYNE and its variations - however in the 4x4 piecing the diamonds are sized different. CONSTELLATION will often be shown with it's corners as half-square triangles with one of the ray colors extending. Other names for this block include STAR OF THE MILKY WAY, PINWHEEL (1899), ANNIE's or ANNA'S CHOICE, PIGS IN A BLANKET, and RAZZ-MA-TAZZ. (sources: Judy Rehmel, Maggie Malone, Kansas City Star) -K.H.