SUN STAR

Finished Block 12" (with seam allowances 12-1/2")

★ FABRICS: Our own sun is a star and it's burning fuel radiates our planet with heat that energizes flowers to grow - and we named a large one the sunflower! It's recommended to use rich colors in your own placement. For lights try yellow-gold-orange or red and for darks try brown, deep green or navy. Use 2 colors or many!

★ STEP 1. Label line drawing with your colors -- colored pencils, pasted fabric or write the name.

★ CUTTING:

Decide to use traditional or paper-piecing. Both use the same templates. For paper-piecing trace or copy at least eight 1234 triangle units onto special Foundation Piecing Paper or Vellum or lightweight copy paper.

It helps to make templates by tracing each of the four pieces onto freezer paper, adding seam allowance. Add 1/4 inch all around for regular piecing, 1/2 inch for paper-piecing. Cut apart.

For regular piecing, press the freezer paper templates down on the right side of the fabric (or trace around if not using freezer paper). Using care, cut out each template four times. To reverse the direction of the template - press on the wrong side and cut out four more.

For paper-piecing, place fabrics in four layers, press freezer paper templates on top and cut in bulk at least 1 inch from finished seam line to be generous. Repeat with fabric again in four layers so shapes will be reversed and cut out.

★ STEP 2. Assemble eight triangle units by stitching on the seam lines in order: Stitch 2 to 1 first, then 3 to 2 and finally 4 to 2.

★ STEP 3. Following the diagram, sew two units into a quarter block, then half block and whole. Press. Trim the finished square to measure 12-1/2" on each side.

You are a Star-Maker!

For 6 inch templates go to Ula Lenza's WWW.LENZULA.COM.

★ A.K.A. The SUN STAR block is a variation with points on the KALEIDOSCOPE STAR or PINWHEEL. It has also been called the STRING QUILT or SPIDER or WEB STAR when triangles are stiped. When four points are shown the variations are STAR FLOWER, WORLD WITHOUT END and CROSSED CANOES. There are many other names in this form and some different patterns carry the SUN name. (Sources: J.Rehmel, B.Brandman, N.Malone) ~K.H.
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