**LACED STAR**

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

**FABRICS:** October’s LACED STAR spins through the sky with the energy of fall motion. Use the colors of autumn: a medium GREEN for the BACKGROUND pieces #2 and #3, a bright ORANGE for the UNDER DIADEM STAR points #1, and four different leaf colors YELLOW, GOLD, RED, BROWN for the UPPER STAR RAYS #4.

**MAKE PATTERNS:**

Decide to use traditional or paper-piecing. Both use the same templates. For paper-piecing trace or copy at least four 1234 triangle units onto special Foundation Piecing Paper or Vellum or very light weight copy or art paper. Leave approximately 1/2” seam allowance around triangle section.

For template-piecing cut apart pieces 1, 2, 3 and 4. Place upside down (reversed) on template pattern material -- freezer paper works well with shiny side down. Trace around each piece, then use ruler to mark 1/4 inch seam allowance on the template, then cut out template patterns.

**CUTTING:**

- BACKGROUND
- UNDER STAR
- UPPER STAR
- RAYS #4

**STEP 1.** Label the line drawing and your pattern pieces with your colors -- colored pencils, pasted fabric or write the name.

**STEP 2.** Assemble four triangle sections by stitching 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.

**STEP 4.** If paper-pieced, carefully remove the paper (optional). Label the block with your name. Make one for the drawing, one for the community quilt and one for yourself!

**A.K.A.** The LACED STAR block has been used since at least 1930 when an unnamed quilter from Alabama made a quilt called STARRY PATH, and you will see the block under both names. This double four-pointed star is seen in other arrangements; one is called Shoemaker’s Puzzle. As a single star the upper rays are called WHEEL OF DESTINY, PERPETUAL MOTION, WASTE NOT, STARLIGHT, NEW STAR, STAR OF SPRING, LIBERTY STAR, and SHOOTING STAR. (Sources: Mary Elizabeth Johnson, Judy Rehmel, Barbara Brackman, Nancy Malone) ~K.H.
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