FABRICS: As the days grow shorter and the dark comes earlier, we yearn for light. A RISING STAR shimmers on the horizon! Our star - within-a-star uses the fabric color of dark blue-black background for A, B, D, E, and G. Our large outer star points C are a shimmering bright purple or violet. And our small brilliant star points are jewell blue or turquoise, F.

STEP 1. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of all C pieces and all F pieces.

STEP 2. Place a C square on B right sides together aligning ends and carefully sew on the line. Trim to 1/4" seam allowance and press open.

Repeat for other side, making four CEC flying geese units that measure 3-1/2" x 6-1/2".

STEP 3. Repeat step 2 using the F and E pieces, making four FEF units that measure 2" X 3-1/2".

STEP 4. On a flat 15" x 15" surface, lay out all fabric units as in the block diagram above.

STEP 5. Following the diagram, assemble small units into small star in rows 1, 2 and 3, sewing with a scant 1/4" seam. Press. Trim to 6-1/2" square.

STEP 5. Following the diagram, assemble the units into a large star in rows 4, 5, 6, sewing with a scant 1/4" seam. Press to 12-1/2" square.

A.K.A. The RISING STAR is a popular name given to our double variable star as well as other forms - HEXAGONAL STAR, FEATHERED STAR, OCTAGONAL, LONE STAR, framed pinwheel, a four pointed star and more. Our form with corner changes is also called DOUBLE STAR, STAR AND SQUARE, EIGHT HANDS AROUND, STAR POWER, PIECED STAR, STAR IN A STAR (3rd in center) and an 1890 Amish design (stars in corners). (Malone, Rehmel, Johnson) -K.H.
RISING STAR