MARCH -- YELLOW & PURPLE SCRAP STAR
or Chained Star

6 x 6 Finished Block 12”
(with seam allowances 12-1/2”)

★ FABRICS AND COLORS: Cold, clear nights sparkle with stars. But returning in time for the first day of spring is a warm sun star and GOLDEN YELLOW (A,B) daffodils, field mustard and Acacia. Scattered everywhere are WHITE (C,D,F) and PURPLE (E) iris, flowering plum and glorious Tulip Magnolia trees. Yet the grass and twigs remain LIGHT TAN (G,H).

★ STEP 1A: Draw diagonal lines on wrong side of all B squares. Place B square on a C rectangle, right sides together, and sew on the line. Trim off the corner leaving 1/4” seam. Press open. Sew second B square on C. Repeat for three more BC units. Total four 2-1/2” x 4-1/2” flying geese.

★ STEP 1B: Using layout above for placement, sew three rows into an 8-pointed star.

★ CUTTING FABRICS (Pre-wash first!):

- A - Cut ONE 4-1/2” square. (GOLDEN YELLOW)
- B - Cut EIGHT 2-1/2” squares. (GOLDEN YELLOW)
- C - Cut FOUR 2-1/2” x 4-1/2” rectangles. (WHITE)
- D - Cut FOUR 2-1/2” squares. (WHITE)
- E - Cut EIGHT 2-1/2” squares. (DEEP PURPLE)
- F - Cut TWO 2-1/2” x 4-1/2” rectangles. (WHITE)
- G - Cut TWO 2-1/2” squares. (LIGHT TAN)
- H - Cut TWO 2-1/2” x 6-1/2” rectangles. (LIGHT TAN)

★ METHOD: There are many ways to construct this block -- we choose to sew the 8-pointed star first and wrap the L frame sashing as strips. Combining multiple blocks creates a diagonal pattern reminiscent of Single Irish Chain - chained stars!

★ STEP 2-6: Using layout above for placement, sew strips with 1/4” seam. Press toward dark E. Sew strips on star in order, keeping star points clear of seam.

2: Sew D,E,F into strip 2-1/2” x 8-1/2”; sew on bottom.
3: Sew F,E,D,E into strip 2-1/2” x 10-1/2”; sew on star left.
4: Sew H,E,G into strip 2-1/2” x 10-1/2”; sew on star left.
5: Sew G,E,H,E into strip 2-1/2” x 12-1/2”; sew on bottom.
6: Press and trim block to 12-1/2” square.

Please note: Corrections to 3/6 pattern are included above for CUTTING piece F and strip sizes in STEPS 2-5. -kh
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