No Name Star

I saw this block in a quilt at a quilt show, but couldn't find a name for it. I've decided to call it the No Name Star.

Your finished block should be 12 1/2 inches square. You will need to check each sub-unit as you make it to be sure they each measure 4 1/2 inches.

For the No Name Star you will need –

(a) From a dark color cut two 4 7/8 inch squares, and then cut each one in half diagonally to make a total of four dark triangles. Also cut one 4 1/2 inch square.

(b) From a light color cut one 5 1/4 inch square, then cut it in half diagonally in both directions to make a total of four light triangles. Also cut four 2 1/2 inch squares.

(c) From your background cut one 5 1/4 inch square, then cut it in half diagonally in both directions to make 4 white triangles. Also cut four 4 1/2 inch square.

First we'll make the middle sections. All four are alike, so you will follow these steps four times. Take a 2 1/2 inch light color square, and draw a line diagonally from corner to corner. Place this square on the dark triangle, and sew on that line. Cut the excess off 1/4 inch from the sewing line.

Take a background triangle and a light color triangle, and sew them together. Sew this unit to the dark triangle unit.

You are now ready to assemble your block one row at a time, then following the diagram above.

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The No Name Star comes to you courtesy of Delaware Quilts. It is called the No Name Star because the author of the block saw the block in a quilt at a quilt show, but couldn’t find a name for it. Thus, named it as he saw it; it had no name!

My notes about the block:

- I super enjoyed making this block. My immediate thoughts as I was cutting all the pieces for the block were: gosh, this is a lot of cutting. But after everything was cut, it went together beautifully. I love the results. In fact, I think this is my favorite star I have sewn all year.
- Ensure that the direction and placement of the pieces within the block follow the example.

Fabric selection:

- Use light, medium and dark colored batiks. It’s all about the contrast!

Cutting and Sewing:

- Follow the directions provided with permission by Delaware Quilts.
- Sew scant ¼” seams. Block is 12 ½” unfinished.
- Their directions do not include pressing directions. Press the seams toward the darker fabric. When not possible, press in direction that achieves a flatter finished block.

Have fun sewing one of my favorites!

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