

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild

February 2017

Block of the Month

Due March 2, 2017

Martha Washington Star



Select 5 different fabrics. The color theme for the Martha Washington Star is white, red and black. When sewing the pieces together, I suggest using a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam to ensure the $6\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished block. As in sewing any star, getting the points accurate is critical to getting the full effect of the star design. It is helpful to read the instructions from start to finish prior to cutting and sewing.

Step 1: Cutting

Cut the fabric pieces according to the following dimensions for the 6" finished block:

4-Grid

FOR	CUT	NEED	4"	6"
A	4	4	1 1/2	2
B	4	8	1 7/8	2 3/8
C	1	4	3 1/4	4 1/4
D	2	4	1 7/8	2 3/8
E	1	4	2 1/4	2 3/4
F	1	4	2 1/4	2 3/4

Piece Cutting:

- Fabric A* - Cut 4 – 2” squares (4)
- Fabric B – Cut 4 – 2 3/8” squares & then cut each piece diagonally in half (8)
- Fabric C* - Cut 1 – 4 1/4” square & then cut again diagonally in both directions (4)
- Fabric D – Cut 2 – 2 3/8” square & then cut each piece diagonally in half (4)
- Fabric E – Cut 1 – 2 3/4” square & then cut again diagonally in both directions (4)
- Fabric F – Cut 1 – 2 3/4” square & then cut again diagonally in both directions (4)

Fabrics A and C are the same print.

It is helpful to label the fabric pieces (A through F) as you cut the pieces. They are relatively small and easy to confuse.

Step 2: Sewing

Prior to sewing, lay the pieces out to create the visual of the block and for ease of sewing.

Sew the pieces in the following order:

- Sew pieces B to piece C
- Sew the top and bottom B/C/B unit to piece A
- Sew piece E to F
- Sew E/F unit to piece D
- Sew E/F/D units (4) together creating center square
- Sew the E/F/D square to B/C/D unit on all sides
- Sew top A/B/C/B unit to center B/C/D/E/F/D unit
- Sew bottom A/B/C/B unit to complete the block.

This block calls for you to make more than one! Once you understand and feel comfortable with sewing the 1st one, the 2nd one will be even easier.

Have fun! Celebrating the wife of President George Washington. After all, she was part of his success!