January 2017
Block of the Month

Due February 2, 2017

Eccentric Star


Construction Instructions

## Step 1: Cutting

Choose two fabrics with good contrast, dark (D) and light (L) so that the points don't get lost. Hint: Starching the fabric before cutting makes the cuts more accurate.

## Cut:

A. $1-\mathrm{D}-6 \frac{114 "}{}{ }^{\prime \prime}$
B. $1-\mathrm{L}-6 \frac{114 "}{\prime \prime}$
C. $1-\mathrm{L}-2 \frac{112 "}{}{ }^{\prime \prime}$

## Step 2: Create half square triangles 8 at a time

First mark two diagonal lines from corner to corner on the back of the B $6 \frac{1}{4}$ " square. Next layer A and B squares, right sides together (RST).


Press the sewn unit flat to set the seam.
The Midpoint Measurement is $31 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ for the $6^{\prime \prime}$ finished block.

At your cutting mat, align this midpoint measurement line on your ruler with the edge of the sewn squares. The opposite side of your ruler should cross through the center of the drawn ' X '. (Pretty close is good enough since we started with generously sized patches.)

Cut the squares in half along the ruler.


Now turn the mat and repeat.

## Cut in half again to create four squares.

You now should have four equal size pairs of stitched patches.


Cut each in half along the diagonal pencil line.
Press the HSTs with the SA toward the darker, A fabric. Trim each HST to $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ for a total of 8 HSTs.


## Step 3: Assembling the Eccentric Star quilt block

Arrange the patches as shown below.


Sew the patches in each row together.


## SAs are pressed open.

Return the rows to their proper positions. With RST, stitch them together.

