

New Leaf Bee Block Blog Hop - Ohio Star in Star

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Here is how you make this block which will finish as a 12" square (12.5" unfinished).



The Ohio Star is a 9 patch block which uses quarter square triangle units (QSTs). For the large star you will need four 4.5" square background pieces, two 5.25" squares of the star point fabrics - you will see I made the star points from floret lemon and rhapsody lemon, one 5.25" square of the triangle inset fabric - I used floret raspberry, and one 5.25" square of background fabric. If you were not putting a star in the centre, then your centre would be a 4.5" square.



Pair one of the star point 5.25" square fabrics with the 5.25" square triangle inset fabric and the other with the 5.25" square background fabric with right sides together. Draw a line from corner to corner and then stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the line for each pair. Cut along the line and press. I pressed the seams towards the star point (yellow) fabrics.



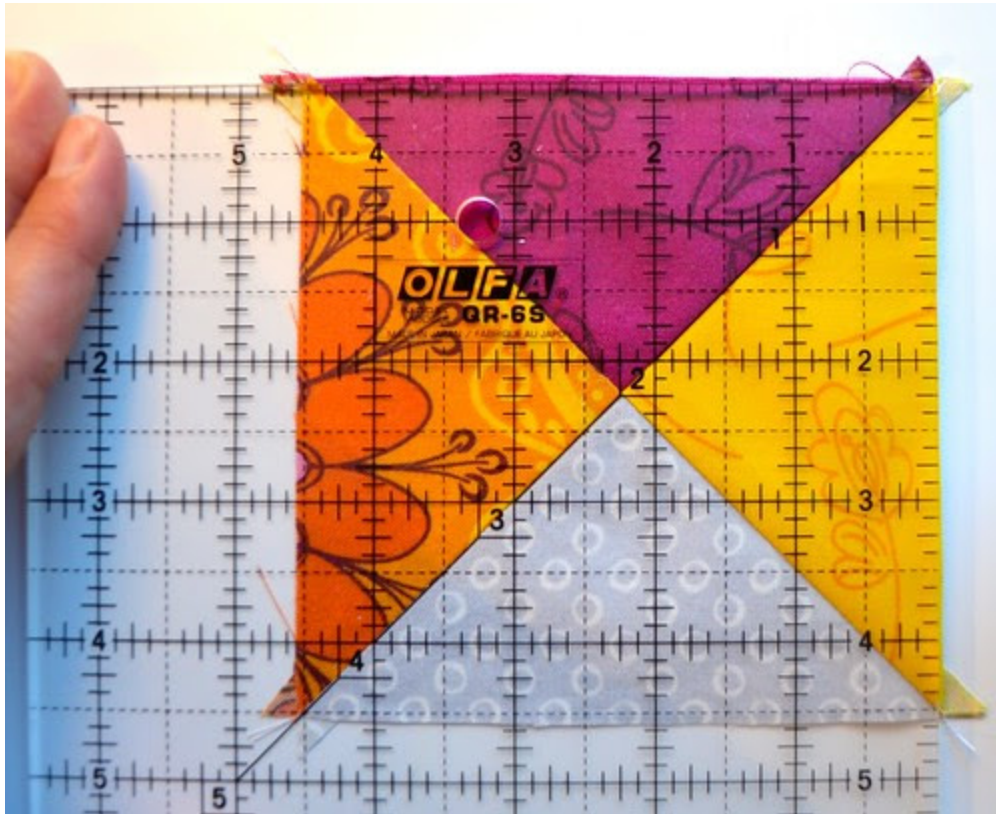
You will have the above set of half square triangles (HSTs).



Pair the HSTs right sides together so that the triangle point fabrics are kitty corner to each other and the seams line up with each other. Nest the seams so that they match nicely.



Draw a line from corner to corner, perpendicular to the seam line. Stitch 1/4" on either side of the line. Cut along the line and press open. I press this seam open.



The resulting four quarter square triangle (QST) units look like this. Take a minute at this point to trim them, if need be, to 4.5" square.



Lay out your Ohio Star as shown. The triangle inset fabrics are placed toward the centre square.



To make another Ohio Star to go in the centre of our large star, you repeat the steps above. Use four 1.5" squares of background fabric - I used fantail lemon, one 1.5" square for the centre square - I used floret lemon, two 2.25" squares of star point fabric - I used fantail raspberry, one 2.25" square of triangle inset fabric - I used foret raspberry, and one 2.25" square of background fabric. Make four QST units using the 2.25" squares in the same way as the large star. Trim those units to 1.5" squares, press and lay out the small Ohio Star.

And by this time you will have noticed the formula to make QSTs - add 1.25" to the finished size of unit you want to have - so for units that finish at 1" we start with 2.25" squares, for units that finished at 4" we started with 5.25" squares.



Sew together the three units of each row. Press. You can see I press the top and the bottom rows so the seams point to the outside edge and the centre row so the seams point toward the centre. Match the rows, nest the seams, and sew them together. Press. I press these seams open.



Here is your small star, at this point it is a 3.5" square.



Frame the centre star with 1" strips - I used more of the floret lemon. Press and then trim this unit down to be a 4.5" square.



Add the centre star to the perviously laid out big star and sew the rows. Press as for the small star and join the rows. Press again.



Admire your beautiful Ohio Star in Star block. I love how full of rich colour the New Leaf fabrics are.

Jan sent us a piece of each of the eight fabrics in the New Leaf line. Since I had only managed to use five of the prints for the Ohio star in star, I made one more block that used them all - an improv but not wonky log cabin with a beautiful fussy cut flower in the centre.



I hope you will have time to check out all the beautiful blocks made in the blog hop. The schedule is:

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Mon, 1/14 - Becky Moyer, [My Fabric Obsession](#)

Tues, 1/15 - Lynn Harris, [The Little Red Hen](#)

Wed, 1/16 - Candy Glendening, [Candied Fabrics](#)

Thurs, 1/17 - Holly DeGroot, [Bijou Lovely](#)

Fri, 1/18 - Melanie Thornton, [Melanie Dramatic](#)

Mon, 1/21 - Emily Cier, [Carolina Patchworks](#)

Tues, 1/22 - Rachael Gander, [Imagine Gnats](#)

Wed, 1/23 - Maureen Cracknell, [Maureen Cracknell Handmade](#)

Thurs, 1/24 - Leanne, [She Can Quilt](#)

Fri, 1/25 - Cindy Wiens, [Live a Colorful Life](#)

Mon 1/28 - Cheryl Arkison, [Dining Room Empire](#)

Tues, 1/29 - Jacquie Gering, [Tallgrass Prairie Studio](#)

Wed, 1/30 - Shanna Bailey, [Fiber of All Sorts](#)

Thurs, 1/31 - Katy Jones, [Monkey Do](#)

And for those of you doing the Fat Quarter scramble - if you have not been, go back to the previous stops on the blog hop, see the blocks and get the letters, and unscramble them so you can enter to win a fat quarter bundle of the New Leaf fabrics - my FQ scramble letter is E.