

GQG Block of the Month -Block #1



BLOCK REFERENCE AT mccallsquilting.com



BLOCK PATTERN: AMISH STAR

Skill Level BEGINNER **Finished Size** 12" x 12"

All blocks use 1/4" seam. The Amish Star pattern shows a two-color block, but you can use three colors as shown in our examples.

Tim's Tips:

- Avoid directional fabrics because they can pose a challenge. Choose fabrics with good contrast.
- Instead of cutting 2 7/8" squares for the half square triangles (HST), cut 3" squares and trim the finished HST's to 2 1/2". This provides a little wiggle room and ensures all of the HST's are the same size.

Reminder: This BOM has two ways to participate.

1. Make one block, or more, for yourself to keep so you can make a small quilt at the conclusion of the series.

2. Block Party: Colors: Black, Gold, White on White.

Make up to 5 blocks in these colors to turn in at LH Drop Off on January 15, 2021, 11-12pm. Caren will draw the lucky winner of all the blocks during the February General Meeting. If you would like to mail them to Caren, email her at: mrsryan@usa.com.

Send pictures of all your blocks to Tim for Show and Tell at January's General meeting on January 13, 2021.

If you have questions, please contact Tim Spinn: whirlwind_tim@yahoo.com.

Cutting Instructions:

Gold print

- ... 4 squares 2 7/8" x 2 7/8" (or 4 squares 3" x 3")
- ... 8 squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"
- ... 4 rectangles 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"
- ... 1 square 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"

Navy solid

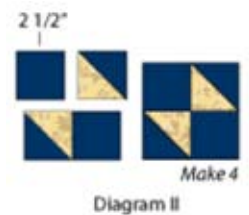
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Assembly Instructions *See Tim's Tips.

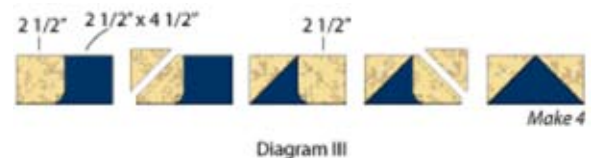
Step 1. On wrong side of gold print fabric, draw diagonal line with the marking tool of your choice. Layer square with navy square, right sides together. Sew 1/4" seam on each side of marked line; cut apart on marked line. Press open to make pieced squares (**Diagram I**). Make 8 pieced 2 1/2" squares.



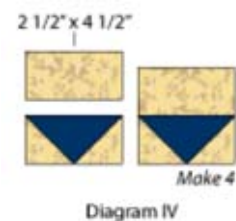
Step 2. Using **Diagram II** as a placement guide, sew 2 pieced squares to 2 navy 2 1/2" squares. Make 4 total.



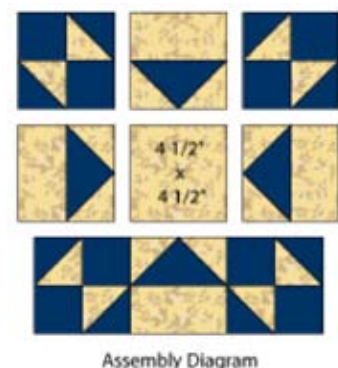
Step 3. Draw diagonal line on wrong side of gold print 2 1/2" square. Referring to **Diagram III**, place marked square on navy rectangle, right sides together, aligning raw edges. Stitch on drawn line; trim away and discard excess fabric. Press open. Repeat on opposite end to make pieced rectangle. Make 4.



Step 4. Using **Diagram IV** as a guide, sew pieced rectangle to gold print rectangle. Make 4.



Step 5. Using **Assembly Diagram** as placement guide, sew units together to make rows. Sew rows together to make Amish Star Block.



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Pictures of Sample Blocks

Example of Three colors



Example of poor contrast



Example of Block Party colors.



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