

Row of the Month
Row #1 Friendship Stars

Introduction

This year we will be making a wonderful Scrappy Row Quilt. This is a wonderful opportunity to use all your lovely scraps and “cut-into” fat quarters! Each month make your row with the opportunity to use different techniques (piecing, paper piecing, and applique). You will take your own row home to use in your own quilt! You make & keep!

There will be 8 main rows plus some optional “spacer” or “filler” rows. The main rows will consist of blocks that are based on the number 3. So, the blocks may finish at 3”, or 6”, or 12”, or something that divides into the number 42. I’m going to leave this as a mystery for now. The finishing instructions include the optional “spacer” or “filler” rows.

This is a scrappy quilt, and so I encourage you to use many fabrics. You may want to pick a theme (30’s prints, Civil War prints, Modern prints, Children’s prints, Solids, or even Batiks). I am also encouraging everyone to use many fabrics for your background. This way, if you run out of a given fabric, it won’t be evident, it will be a design feature. The more different fabrics you use, the better!

For those who would like your background in the rows to be the same, 2 to 2.5 m should be sufficient.

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I have chosen the Friendship Star Block for our first Row. This block is a classic and a good block to get us started. It is simple enough for the beginner, and yet it is favoured by the experienced. Including it in our quilt will give us a sense of connection with our fellow quilty friends!

You may use your favourite method for making the Half Square Triangles (2" finished) or follow these instructions. I have shown the block being made with one set of fabrics. But, I encourage you to make your stars scrappy. Even the background fabric (Fabric 1 below) can be scrappy.

You will make 7 Friendship Star Blocks for this row. The Fabrics listed in the table below is what is needed to make one block. So, collect your fabrics to make 7 blocks, and let's have some fun!

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Fabrics to make 1 block		Cutting Instructions
Fabric A		four @ 2.5" x 2.5" squares two @ 3" x 3" squares
Fabric B		two @ 3" x 3" squares
Fabric C		one @ 2.5" x 2.5" square

1. Making Half Square Triangle (HST) Units

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the two Fabric A 3"x3" squares, corner to corner.

Place each Fabric A 3"x3" square on top of a Fabric B 3"x3" square, with right sides together and raw edges aligned.

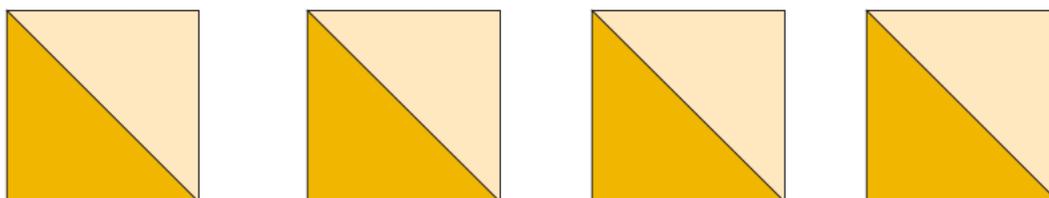
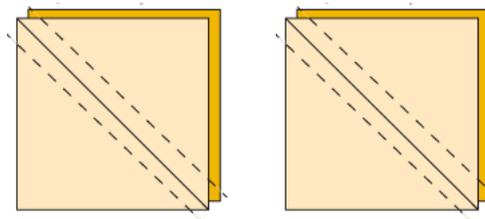
Sew a 1/4" seam on each side of the drawn diagonal line.

Cut apart on the drawn line.

Open the triangles and press seam allowances toward Fabric B.

Trim points, and trim to measure 2.5"x2.5".

Make a total of 4 HST units.



2. Assemble the Block

Layout units to ensure correct placement.

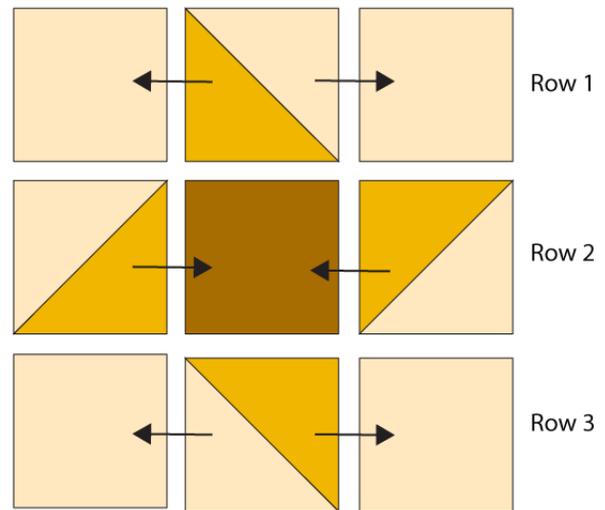
Always sew using a scant 1/4" seam.

Press seams in direction of the arrows.

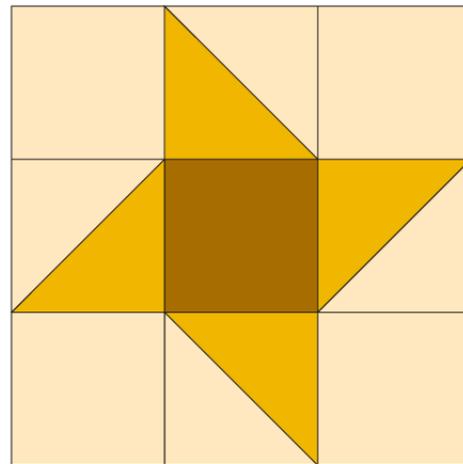
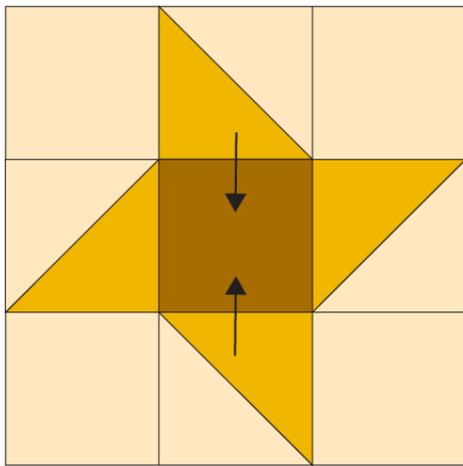
Sew Row 1 together.

Sew Row 2 together.

Sew Row 3 together.



Lining up seams, sew the rows together as shown, using a scant 1/4" seam. Press seams as indicated.



Your block should measure 6.5" x 6.5". Trim if required.

Make a total of 7 blocks.

Lining up seams, sew blocks together to make your row. Hint: Rotate every other block, so that seams will nestle and match up nicely.

Press seams to one side, or press open, it's up to you!

Your row should measure 6.5" x 42.5".

