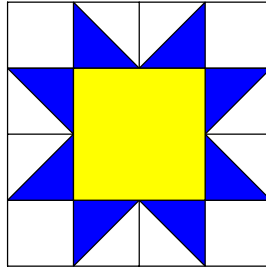


# Block of the Month - September 2003

## Sawtooth Star



### Description:

The 12" Sawtooth Star Block is made from 4 squares, 8 half-square triangle blocks, and a 6 1/2" unfinished square of the focus fabric. You will use your favorite method to piece the half-square triangle blocks. This block will give you practice in joining sections that are not the same size.

### Fabric Requirements for one block:

Yellow: Main Color, one square at least 6 1/2" by 6 1/2" in size

Blue: Coordinate 1, one square, at least 8 1/2" by 8 1/2" in size

White: Background, one square, at least 8 1/2" by 8 1/2" in size, one strip 4" wide by 16" long

### Cutting and Piecing:

1. From your background fabric cut 4 - 3.5" squares.
2. From your focus fabric cut a 6 1/2" square if not done already.
3. Using your background fabric and the square of coordinating fabric make the 8 3" finished half-square triangle blocks needed for the finished block. Trim to size and press open, with the seam towards the darker fabric.
4. Sew the half-square triangle blocks together in pairs so that they look like the center pairs on the sides of the block above. Press the seam to one side of the pair.
5. Sew one of the pairs to either side of the square of focus fabric. Press the seams towards the focus fabric and set aside.
6. Sew a 3 1/2" square of background to either side of the two remaining pairs of half-square triangles. Sew one of the rows to each side of the in process block that you made in the previous step. Press your finished block with the seams pointing towards the center of the block.

**Note:** Be sure to use a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance when sewing the squares together.

### Skills to Learn/Reinforce:

Piecing with a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam

Half-Square Triangles