

## January Quilt Blocks – to be in the February drawing

*Remember, the more blocks you bring, the more times your name goes in the drawing.*

Bonnie Hunter gave permission to use her free blocks for our BOMs. Please see her website for more ideas. <http://Quiltville.blogspot.com/2005/06/boxy-stars.html>

### Boxy Stars!



**Fabric Colors: Scrappy 2.5" strips.**

**These finished blocks measure 12.5". You'll be making four block quarters for each block.**

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**For each block quarter you will need:**

- (3) 2.5" squares of background fabric.  
*(all 4 block quarters for each star can be a different background, but I find it best to keep the background the same within each quarter.)*

**Accent pieces:**

- (1) 2.5" square and (1) 2.5" X 4.5" rectangle.

**Star points:**

- (1) 2.5" X 4.5" rectangle and (1) 2.5" X 6.5" rectangle.



**Assembly:**



Beginning with the 2.5" accent square, stitch the block pieces around the light center square in log cabin fashion. Press all seams away from the center square as you go. I like to chain piece, so usually try to do 4 block quarters at the same time to keep the stitching going.

The second pic shows what you will have when you have sewn all pieces around the center square.

### Time to add the points!

With right sides together, place the two remaining background squares in each corner on top of the star point logs. Pin if desired.



You can choose to draw a diagonal line on your square before you start sewing, or you can aim and shoot as I did above (Yeah, it's crooked! I should have drawn a line!) Stitch from corner to corner across the light corner square.

If you are a tosser-outer, this is where you would trim the excess and dump the waste triangles into the trash, but if you are like me....1/2 the work is done for making extra bonus 1/2 square triangle squares, so why not carry it one step farther? I move my needle position over one notch to the right, and then stitch once more with the edge of my presser foot up against the previous seam. Then I simply trim between the seam lines....and after pressing each block quarter and the two bonus triangles, I end up with this:



I square up the bonus 1/2 square triangle squares to 2". I save these for other scrap projects. Currently I have this Ocean Waves ALMOST to completion and most of the 1/2 square triangle squares are bonuses from other projects like this one!

I also have dreams of doing a quilt with all the bonus scrap triangle squares with this block that I call Scrap Crystals. It is a variation of the Snow Crystals block, with all the set in seams removed and using my favorite hodge podge of scraps. It will not be for the faint of heart though, there are 96 pieces in this 12" block!

But I digress! Back to the Boxy Stars block!



**Arrange 4 block quarters to complete one block!**

When some people first view this block, they see the 3D boxes instead of the stars right off, but once they see the stars, they see ALL the stars at once. It is a very fun optical pattern!

I set this quilt with 2.5" X 12.5" sashings, and used scrappy 2.5" squares as the cornerstones. I finished it off with a 5" wide border. If you want to make the quilt bigger, simply make more blocks, cut more sashings and sew boxy stars to your hearts content!

*Bonnie*