

## October Quilt Blocks – to be in the November drawing

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

**Friendship Star variation --- Block Size: 12 1/2" Unfinished**

**Fabric Colors: Christmas prints with light background. Use red, green or gold fabrics for the star, small, multicolor prints for the corners.**



### **Fabric Cuts:**

Red, green or gold print for stars – one 4 1/2" square, two 4 7/8" squares

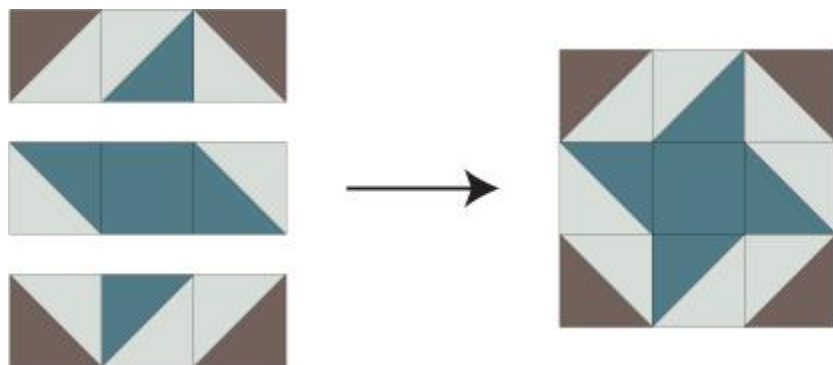
Light background – four 4 7/8" squares

Small scale multi-color print for corners – two 4 7/8" squares

NOTE: I like to cut my squares a bit larger and trim down to size after sewing.

**Sewing Instructions:**

1. On the back of the 4 7/8" squares of light fabric, mark a diagonal line. Match these squares up with the same size of the star and corner print fabric right sides together. Sew a scant 1/4" away from both sides of the diagonal line. To create 2 Half Triangle Squares (HTS) from each original square, cut on the diagonal line. Press open carefully, pressing seam toward the darker fabric. Square up the 8 new units to 4 1/2".
2. Arrange the all eight half square triangle units and the 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" print square into three rows. Units made with the Christmas fabric form the stars, and the multicolor print triangle units are used in block corners. Check to make sure the angles of all patches match the diagram.
3. Sew the units in each row together. Press seam allowances in the top and bottom rows towards the outer units. Press seam allowances in the center row towards the middle square
4. Join units together to create this Friendship Star variation block.



**IMPORTANT:** Please square up your finished block to be sure it is 12.5". If it is larger or smaller, check your seams and redo if necessary. If you do not check your measurements, your block may not join properly with other blocks easily to create a finished quilt.