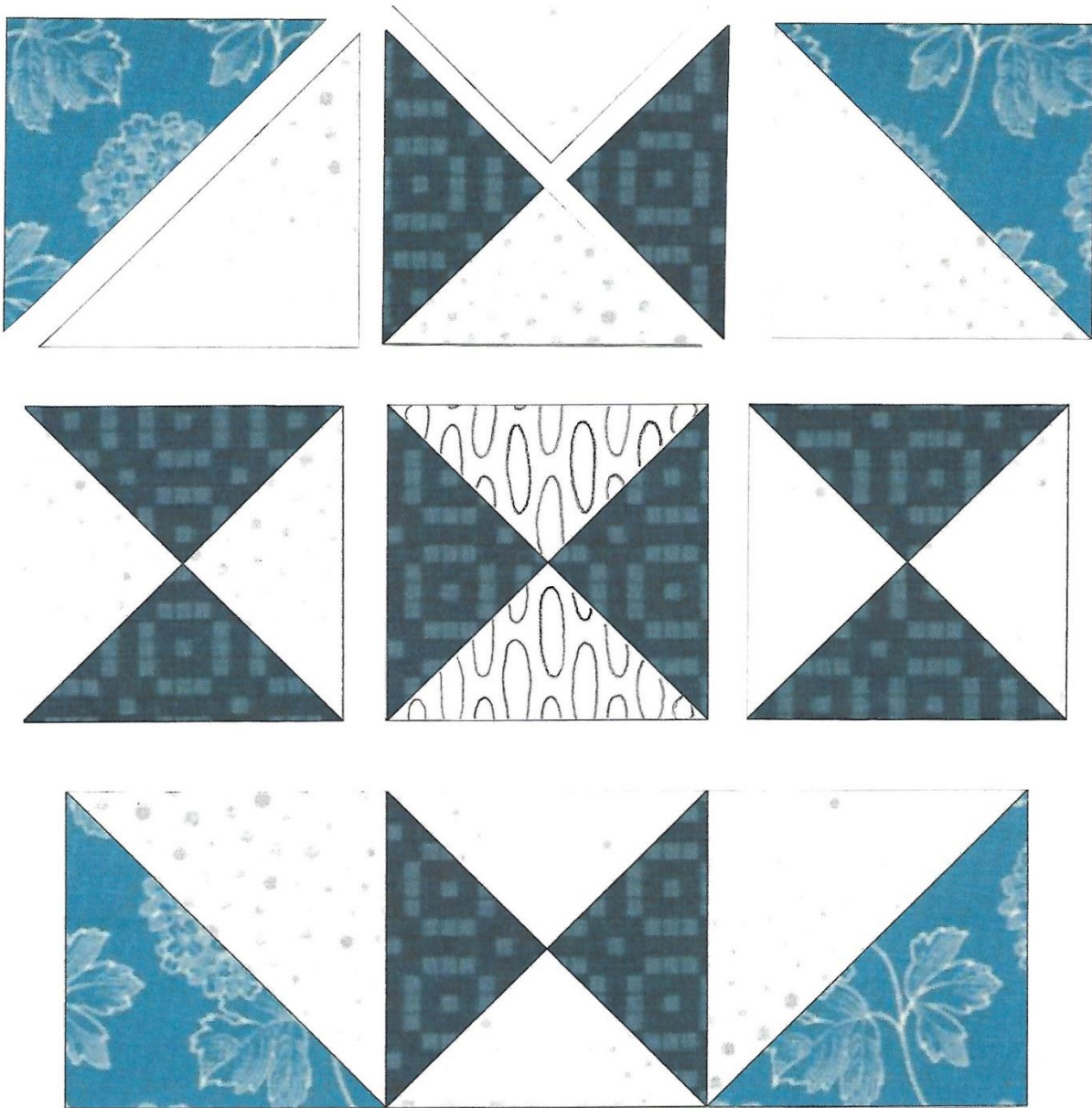


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November – Block #6

The SILENT STAR – 15 ½" (Unfinished)



Dark, 2 mediums and background create a beautiful 9 patch star with simple hourglass and HST units.

Assembly

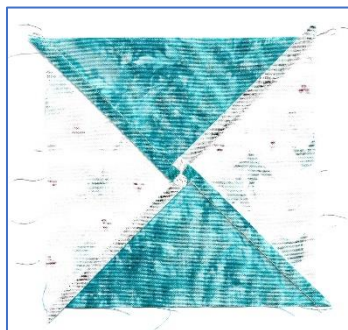
Lay out all of your pieces. This will ensure that your hourglass units are in the correct orientation before you sew the rows together. This is my layout.



Piece 4 corner HST units. Press to the darker fabric. **Trim completed units to 5 1/2" square.** *Typically, throughout this quilt, anytime I need to make HSTs, I cut the original square 1/8" larger before I make the diagonal cut. In this case I would cut the squares 6", then make my diagonal cut. This just gives me more wiggle room for trimming the completed HST.*

The next step will be to construct the hourglass units – 4 using dark and background and 1 using dark and medium which is the centre hourglass. For each hourglass, sew the left and lower triangles together along the short side and the upper and right triangles together on the short side. Press these two units towards the dark fabric and then sew them together to make your hourglass. **Trim completed units to 5 1/2" square.**

This is the way I press the long centre seam on the hourglass unit – open the middle intersection and press each side in opposing directions.



Lay out your block units and sew them together to make 3 rows. I think the best option for pressing is rows 1 and 3 towards the corner HST units and row 2 towards the centre hourglass unit. Sew the 3 rows together to complete your block. I think pressing these seams toward rows 1 and 3 would give you the least bulk.

Trim your block to **15 ½" square**. The Silent Star is done!