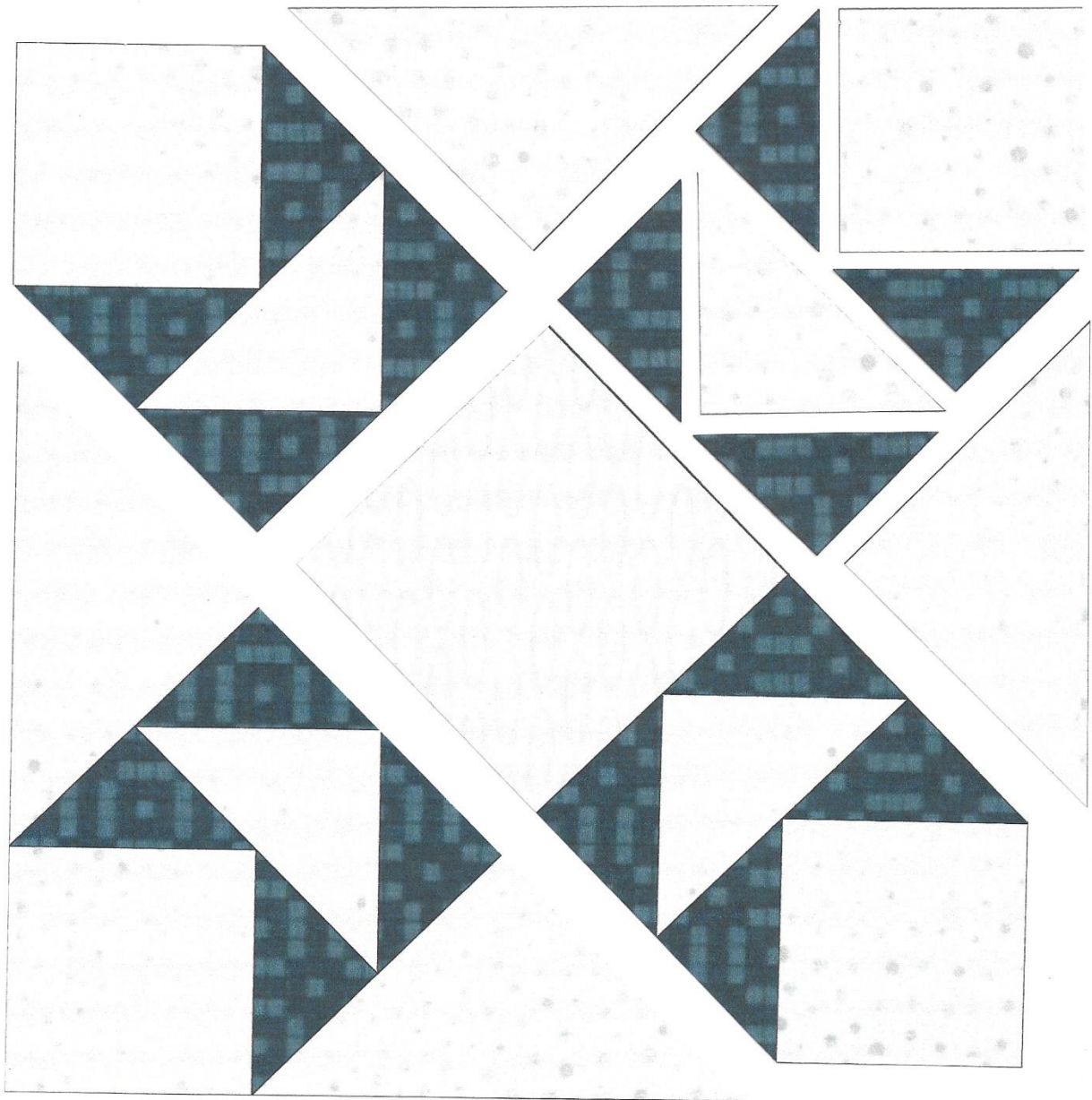


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December – Block #9

NORTHUMBERLAND STAR – 12 ½" (Unfinished)



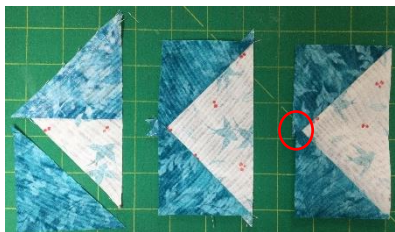
This very pretty but slightly trickier, diagonally pieced block uses mainly Dark and Background fabrics with the centre on point square (doesn't show up well above) using Medium Colour #2 which is the lightest shade of medium fabric.

Assembly

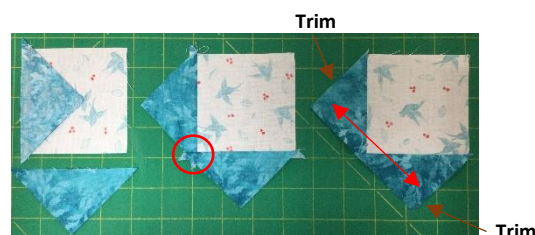
Lay out all of your pieces. The units themselves are not that difficult to piece. Where the tricky part comes in is trimming to get the unit measurements accurate and piecing of the rows diagonally. I must admit I normally do not use many pins but I do when piecing a block such as this on the diagonal and with quite a few stretchy edges. I also press very gently. This is my layout.



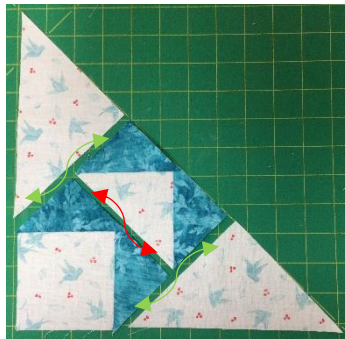
Piece 4 Flying Geese units using instructions from previous months' blocks. Press away from background toward smaller dark triangles. **Trim Flying Geese units to $2\frac{5}{8}'' \times 4\frac{3}{4}''$.** I know, very odd measurements but...it will work out! Make sure when you trim you have $\frac{1}{4}''$ at the tip of your goose so you don't lose your points!



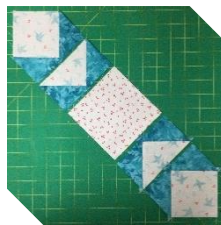
Now we will construct the 4 corner units. Sew a dark triangle to one edge of a corner background square, centering the triangle – the tips of the triangles should overhang each edge by $\frac{1}{4}''$. Press toward the dark. Sew another dark triangle to the adjacent edge of the same square and press to the dark. Now the tricky trimming...Trim the dog ears off the long edge (pic 2 below) of your unit making sure you have $\frac{1}{4}''$ at the point. If you need to, trim a little off each edge of your unit as indicated by the brown arrows so that the measurement along the red arrow (pic 3 below) is $4\frac{3}{4}''$.



Now to assemble the block. Place all your pieced units back into the layout. We will join the units together that make up the top right and bottom left sections of your block. Join the flying goose unit to the corner unit as indicated by the red arrow below. Press toward the flying goose unit. Join a large background triangle to each side of this central unit as indicated by the green arrow below. Press outward to the large background triangle. Make 2 sections – we will call these Rows 1 and 3.



Now to complete the centre diagonal row which we will call row 2. Join each of the remaining 2 flying geese to a corner unit. Press toward the flying geese and then join each of these sections to opposite sides of the large centre square. Press toward the centre square.



Sew Rows 1, 2 and 3 together diagonally. Your rows will nest at the joining point of the large triangles on rows 1 and 3 and the centre square on row 2. Press these seams open or as desired.

Trim your completed Northumberland Star to 12 ½" square.

Yippee...done! From my family to yours – have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you in January with 2 more blocks...