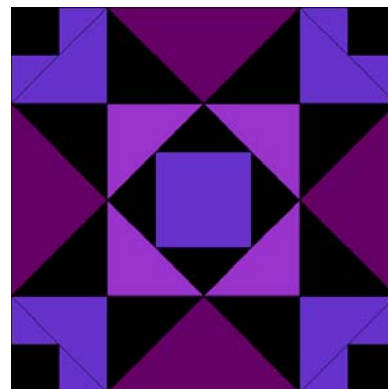


Preliminary notes about fabric selection: To make our Color Wheel stars sparkle, all backgrounds for the 12 blocks are black. Each month's block emphasizes a different color, with a black background. Some blocks also use other colors, in addition to the main color. When choosing your fabrics (including the black for the backgrounds), you may use solids, or prints that read as solids (for example Moda Marbles, or color-on-color prints like a red-on-red or green-on-green). Don't worry about trying to get the exact same shade or tone that others are using - the variety will add interest to the finished quilt. (For example, the June block uses Red-Orange fabric. We will have different ideas about what constitutes the color Red-Orange.)

February 2016 - Blue-Violet - Modern Star
Finished Size: 12" square
Skill Building - Flying Geese (another method)
Review of Square-in-a-Square



Fabric Requirements: 1/4 yd. (or FQ) each of Violet, Blue-Violet, Red-Violet, and Black (Violet is also used in March; Violet and Red-Violet are also used in April. Keep all leftover fabric for final quilt assembly.)

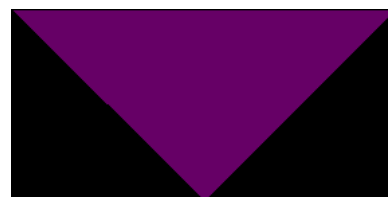
Cutting Instructions:

- Black - (A) One 4-1/4" square, cut twice on the diagonal (in an "X" forming four triangles)
 (B) Four 2" squares
 (C) Four 3-7/8" squares, cut once on the diagonal (forming two triangles)
- Blue-Violet - (D) One 3-1/2" square
 (E) Four 2-3/8" squares, cut once on the diagonal (forming two triangles)
 (F) Two 3-7/8" squares, cut once on the diagonal (forming two triangles)
- Violet - (G) Two 3-7/8" squares, cut once on the diagonal (forming two triangles)
- Red-Violet - (H) One 7-1/4" square, cut twice on the diagonal (in an "X" forming four triangles)
 (Alternatively, you can cut two 5-1/8" squares, cut once on the diagonal. Take extra care with these pieces, as the bias edge will be on the outside.)

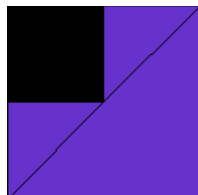
Piecing Instructions:

Flying Geese Units:

Sew one Black (C) triangle to each side of a Red-Violet (H) triangle to create a Flying Geese unit. Repeat three more times. **Tip:** When you lay the Black triangle face down on the Red-Violet triangle, match up the two straight edges, letting the Black triangle point extend past the center of the Red-Violet triangle.



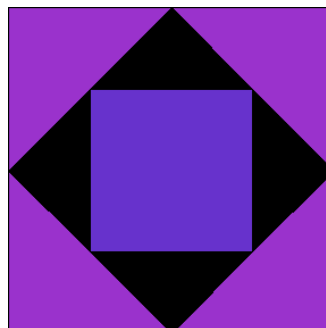
Corner Units:



Sew one of the Blue-Violet (E) triangles to two adjoining sides of a Black (B) 2" square. Then sew the resulting triangle to one of the Blue-Violet (F) triangles.

Square-in-a-Square Center:

Review the directions for making Square-in-a-Square units in the December block instructions. Begin by sewing the four Black (A) triangles to the four sides of the Blue-Violet (D) 3-1/2" square. Using the resulting square, sew the Violet (G) triangles to each of the four sides.



Assembling the Block:

Arrange your block as shown below, stitch together in rows, and then join rows. (Because of all the adjacent points, you may find it easier to press these joining seams open, rather than to one side.)

