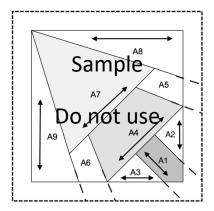
## Sunset Country Quilters' Guild Miniature Block of the Month 2022

## **Block 2 Pine Tree Star**

**General Paper Piecing Preparation** documentation can be found on the introduction page of the 2022 Mini BOM tab at sunsetcountryquilters.org.

The Pine Tree Star block is made up of 4 identical sections with treetops radiating out from the center. This is the only block in the twelve with a 4<sup>th</sup> fabric option. The top of the tree can be made from two mediums but could be done with the same fabric in both. Examine the wrong side of your fabrics for an alternate medium. If you are using two Light fabrics, the background in this block is Light #1.



Cut an A section (see sample left) out of a copy of the foundation paper pattern. Cut away the seam allowance then separate the pieces by cutting along all seam lines. Work in reverse order of the piece numbers; cut off A9, then A8, etc.

Place the **fabrics right side DOWN and the pattern pieces right side UP** aligning straight grain arrows on the pattern with the grain of the fabric. Rough cut around the template adding 3/8" - 1/2" seam allowance.

These may be cut two or four at a time with all layers of fabric right side down.

A1 - Dark: cut 4 pieces 1" x 11/2"

A4 – Medium Dark: cut 4 A7 – Medium: cut 4

Light fabric pieces are opposite pairs; A2 is mirror of A3, A5 of A6, A8 of A9. These are to be cut from fabric folded right sides together. Use only the numbers indicated.

A2 - cut 2% x 2% squares diagonally twice from the folded fabric to give you four of A2 and four of A3 with straight of grain along the long sides of the triangles

A5 - cut 4 from the folded fabric to give you four of A5 and four of A6

A8 - cut 4 from the folded fabric to give you four of A8 and four of A9

Stack your precut fabric pieces in a way that seems most logical to you.

Paper piece the sections. Press well, square up and remove the paper.

Sew A to D and B to C. Press the seams open. Sew the top and bottom sections together and press the seam open.

Square up the block to 4½" and celebrate your achievement!!