# Sunset Country Quilters' Guild 

Miniature Block of the Month 2022

## Block 3 Spinning Star

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

The Spinning Star block is made up of 4 identical $2 \frac{1}{2} /{ }^{\prime \prime}$ squares made from pairs of mirror image triangle sections.


If you are using alternating Light (background) fabrics, the background in this block is Light \#2.

Cut one pair of triangles from a copy of the foundation paper pattern. Cut away the seam allowance then separate the pieces by cutting along all seam lines.

Template 1: Place 2 pieces approximately $31 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ of your Light \#2 fabric right sides together and place the A1 paper template right side up on the fabric. *Align template straight of grain arrows with the grain of the fabric. Rough cut around the template adding $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ seam allowance. Rotating the template for efficient use of fabric and repeat from * three more times. Separate each pair stacking the top piece right side down in a pile for the $A, B, C \& D$ sections, and the other half right side down for E, F, G \& H sections.

Template 2: Place a $3^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ Dark right side up on your cutting mat. Lay a $3^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ Medium right side down on the Dark so that the fabrics are right sides together. Use E2 template right side up to cut as in A1 instructions above. Separate each pair stacking the bottom piece right side down in a pile for the $A, B, C \& D$ sections, and the other half right side down for $E, F, G \& H$ sections.

Template 3: Place a $3^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ Dark right side up on your cutting mat. Lay a $3^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ Medium right side down on the Dark so that the fabrics are right sides together. Use $\underline{A 3}$ template right side up to cut and stack 4 sets as in template 1 instructions above.

Paper piece the sections. Press well. Using the sewing line (solid line) as your guide, add $1 / 4{ }^{\prime \prime}$ which is basically the raw edge line/dashed line to clean up the edges. Remove the foundation paper in reverse order of construction. Press all seams open.

Lay out all your pieces then sew each pair of triangles to make $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares. Press seams open.
Assemble squares to make the 4-patch Spinning Star choosing to press all seams open or the 'nestled and pinwheel' method.

Square up the block to $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ and celebrate your achievement!!

