

# Star of Hope – February Drawing

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING

These instructions are for one 12" finished block (12 ½" unfinished)

**Background:** white or white on white

**Outer Star Points:** medium to dark blue, medium size print

**Inner Star Points:** red, small size print

**Star Center:** red/blue/gold patriotic print (stars, stripes, flags, etc.)

This is the fourth block in a twelve block sampler series. Make blocks in the colors indicated for the block of the month drawing, and make another block in the colors of your choice. At the end of the year you will have 12 blocks for a "Star Studded Sampler" of your own.

**Background** A: cut 1 5 ¼" square cut diagonally twice



**Background** B: cut 4 4 ½" squares

**Inner Star Points** C: cut 1 5 1/4" square cut diagonally twice



**Outer Star Points** D: cut 2 5 ¼" squares cut diagonally twice



**Star Center** E: cut 1 4 ½" square

1. Sew A & D together, press towards D
2. Sew D & C together, press towards D
3. Sew A/D unit to C/D unit, matching center seams
4. Then assemble as shown below

**Squaring Up Blocks:** Some quilt makers find it necessary to trim or square up their blocks. If you trim, be sure to leave ¼" beyond any points or other important block details that fall at the outer edges of the block. This ¼" will be the seam allowance when blocks are sewn together.

Distorted blocks can often be squared up with proper pressing. Cut a piece of plastic-coated freezer paper to the proper size (finished block size plus seam allowance – 12 ½" inches for our 12" finished block) and iron (coated side down) to your ironing board. Align block edges with the edges of the freezer paper and pin. Gently steam press. Allow the block to cool before removing pins.

