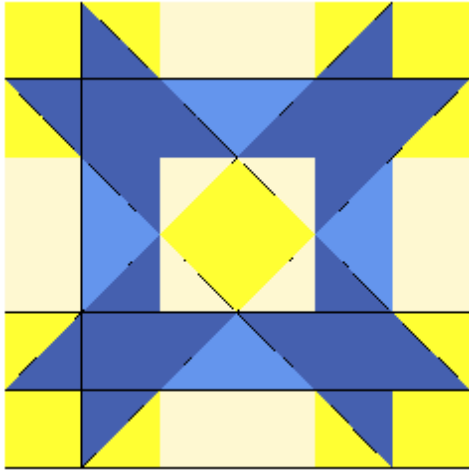


Margaret's Star

12 inches finished (12 ½ inches edge to edge)



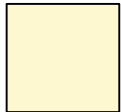
This star is for the Margarets in the Guild - Margaret Hill, Margaret Ann Laxton and Margaret Peters.

The block is shown in Mary Ellen Hopkins book "It's Okay to Sit on my Quilt", but I haven't been able to trace whether it is an old original design, or Mary Ellen's. Either way, it's a beautiful star!

Both Margaret Peters and Margaret Hill like blue and yellow combinations, so let's go with those colours this month. Remember that you don't need much yellow in a quilt - or it will dominate the other colours. A little banana is enough unless you make it the main colour.

Cutting:

Background:



4 - 2 ½ by 4 ½ inch rectangles
4 - 2 ½ inch squares

Your Fabric



Colour 1 (Dark True Blue)

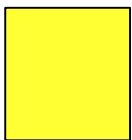


4 - 2 ½ inch squares
4 - 2 7/8 inch squares cut in half diagonally
OR 8 - 2 ½ inch half square triangles cut with Half Square or Easy Angle Ruler

Flying Geese - 8 - 2 ½ inch squares or 8 - 2 ½ inch half square triangles cut with Half Square or Easy Angle Ruler



Colour 2 (Yellow - not too bright)



1 - 4 ½ inch square
4 - 2 ½ inch squares
4 - 2 7/8 inch squares cut in half diagonally
OR 8 - 2 ½ inch half square triangles cut with Half Square or Easy Angle Ruler



Colour 3 (Lighter blue - but same colour as 2)



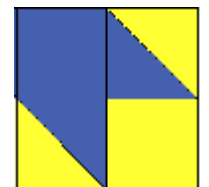
Flying Geese 4 - 2 ½ by 4 ½ inch rectangles
OR 4 - 2 ½ inch quarter square triangles cut with Quarter Square or Companion Angle Ruler.



Assembly:

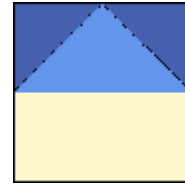
Make 8 half square triangle blocks with the 8 triangles of Colour 1 (Dark Blue) and 8 triangles of Colour 2 (yellow). These will measure 2 ½ inches square when completed.

Sew the corner units using the small squares of Colour 2 (yellow), the squares of Colour 1 (dark blue), and the half square blocks. These measure 4 ½ inches.



Make 4 flying geese (see below for instructions) in the two shades of blue – sky in colour 1, geese in colour 3.

Sew the flying geese to the background rectangle (note that the point of the geese is away from the background rectangle) for a 4 ½ inch section.



Centre of the Block:

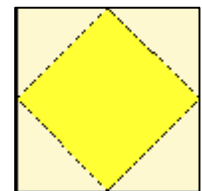
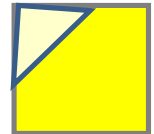
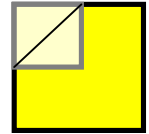
Mark the diagonal on the back of the remaining background squares.

Place a square on one corner of the large Colour 2 (yellow) square right sides together as shown (watch the diagonal!).

Sew on the diagonal line, press the top square toward the corner, and trim the middle layer to ¼ inch.

Do this for all four corners. Note that the connectors (the triangles) should overlap at the centre of the square, exactly ¼ inch in from the

edge, so that your finished square will look like this.

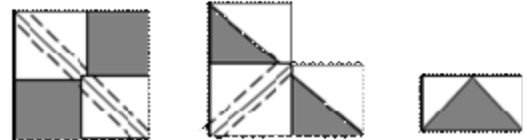


Now, sew the nine sections together as shown in the diagram at the top of the first page.

Flying Geese:

There are several ways of making flying geese – here are just a few

- If you have cut the triangles with the triangle rulers, sew the Colour 1 half square triangles to the Colour 3 goose.
- If you have cut the rectangle (goose) and squares (sky) – sew the Colour 1 connector corners to each end of the colour 3 rectangle as shown below.
- To make 4 flying geese at a time with no waste, cut one colour 3 square for the geese 5 ¼ inches and four small Colour 1 squares 2 7/8 inches for the sky. Mark the diagonal on all sky squares. Place two of the sky squares on two opposite corners of the goose square and sew ¼ inch on either side of the diagonal lines. Cut along this line. Press the seam towards the sky squares. Place the last sky squares on the remaining corners of the goose block (now cut in two triangles), and sew on either side of the diagonal line. Cut along those lines and you now have four flying geese units.



Two of our Margarets are Prairie Girls:

Margaret Hill was born in Calgary, Alberta and is a professional musician – which somewhat supports her quilting habit. She is very proud of her family which includes 2 daughters, 2 stepsons and a grandson. She sewed all her kids clothes until they decided that it was not cool to wear 'homemade'. She enjoyed making quilted clothing, which led to making quilts themselves. Her favourite colour combination at the moment is blue and yellow.

Margaret Peters was born in Hussar, Alberta just a few years before Margaret Hill. Hussar is about 100 km east of Calgary, on the shore of Deadhorse Lake, with a current population of around 200 people. Margaret is also very proud of her 3 children, 2 grandchildren and a very large extended family, which is much larger since she remarried a few years ago. Margaret saved up her pennies for quilting working in the family jewellery business. She started quilting at Wilson Center. Her favourite colour combinations are blue and yellow, black and white, any shades of green – but she doesn't like orange or hearts!