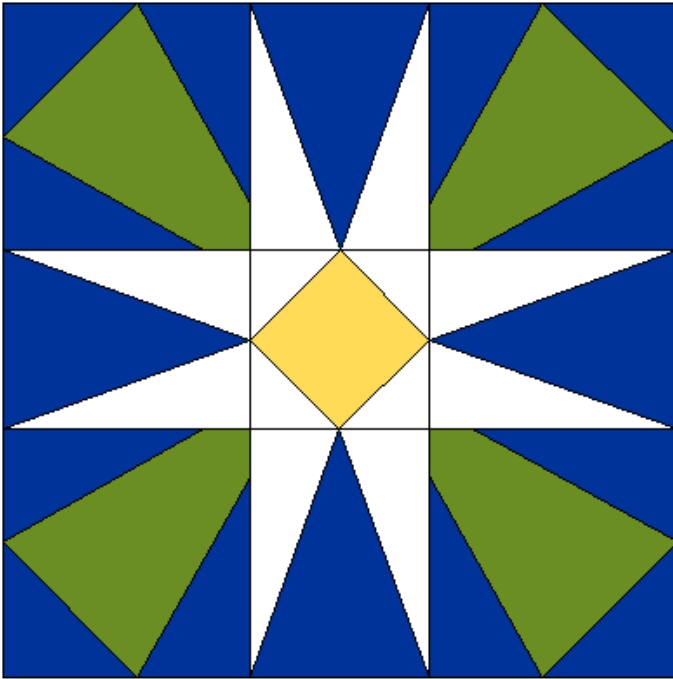


# Starflower

15 inches finished – 15 ½ inches edge to edge



The Northern Starflower is a member of the Primrose family. It grows from slender, creeping rhizomes. The flowers are single or sometimes 2 – 3 on slender stalks from the centre of a leaf cluster. There are 9 petals lance-shaped to egg shaped, long pointed and appearing in early summer.

Our sunflower has only 8 petals, but they have the shape of the flower, and the flower is rising out of the leaf cluster.

Our block is a Jinny Beyer block from 2003, found in the Quilter's Album of Patchwork Patterns.

It can be paper pieced, or you can do it by drawing the dots on the main piece, connecting the dots and using connectors. I suggest doing the centre with connectors.

## Background fabric



Scraps for the paper piecing or connectors. To rough cut using 6 inch strip – you will need 4 – 6 by 4 ½ pieces, then four pieces 3 ½ by 6 cut diagonally (2 on one diagonal, and 2 on the other to get matched pairs), then 2 – 4 inch squares cut diagonally

## Leaves (green)



4 – 6 inch squares

## Centre (yellow)



1 – 4 ½ inch square

## Petals (white)

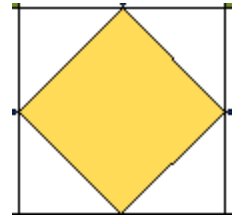


4 – 2 ½ inch squares for connectors  
scraps for paper piecing



This is a pretty easy block to construct.

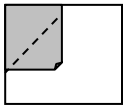
For the centre, add four white connector corners to the centre yellow square. Note that this will be easiest if you do opposite corners first.



For the corner sections and petals, use the paper piecing templates. If you do not like paper piecing, use the diagrams to make templates, or to draw on lines for connector corners on the main pieces. Remember to draw the lines 1/4 inch into the area which will be covered by the connector corner. Then place a piece big enough to cover the corner on the line, and sew your standard 1/4 inch seam. This should place the seam exactly where it is required.

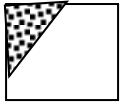
Once all nine patches have been sewn, sew the nine patch to finish the block

#### Connector Corners:

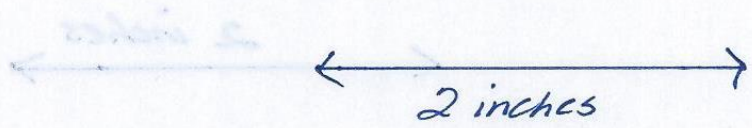
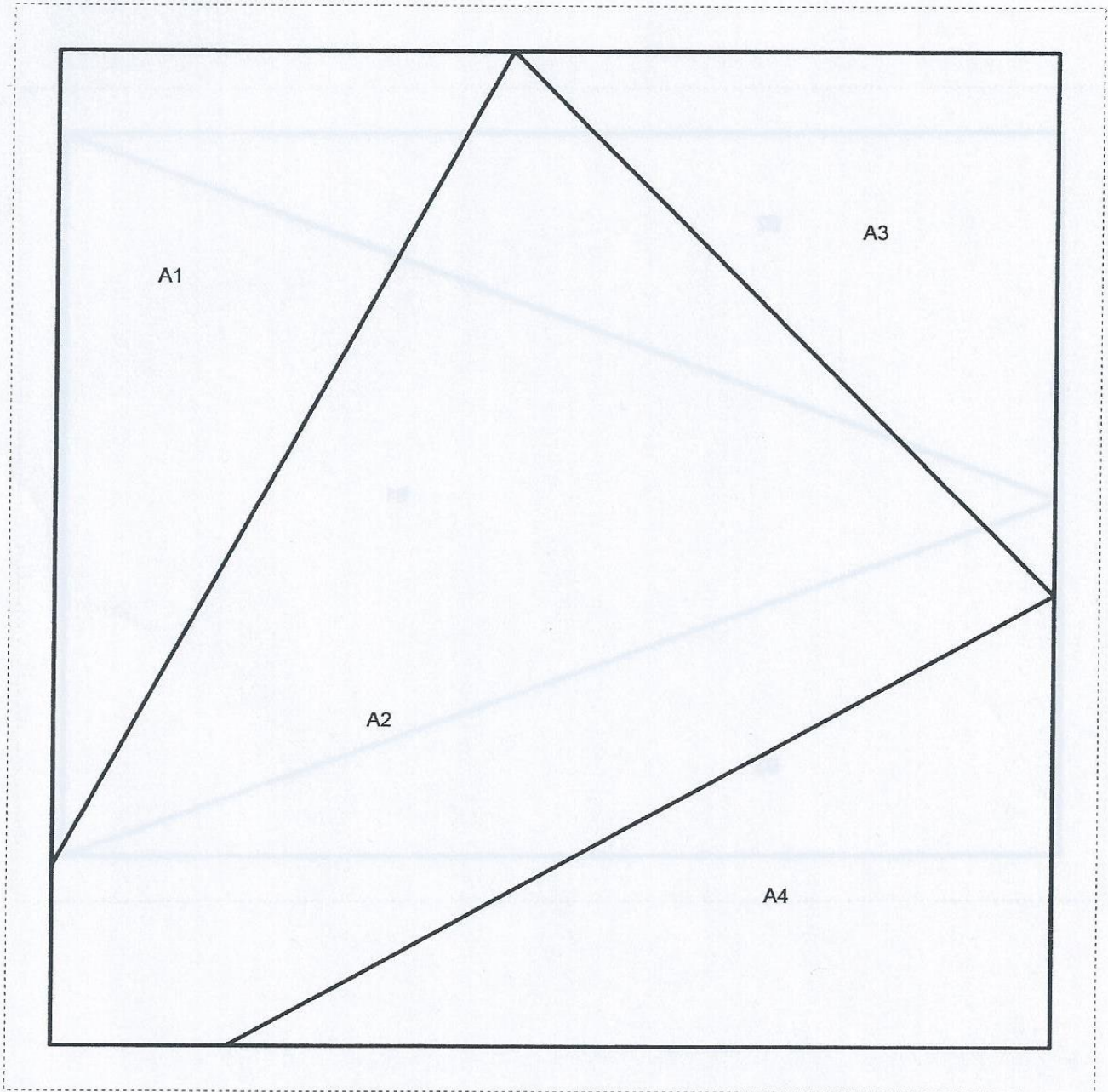


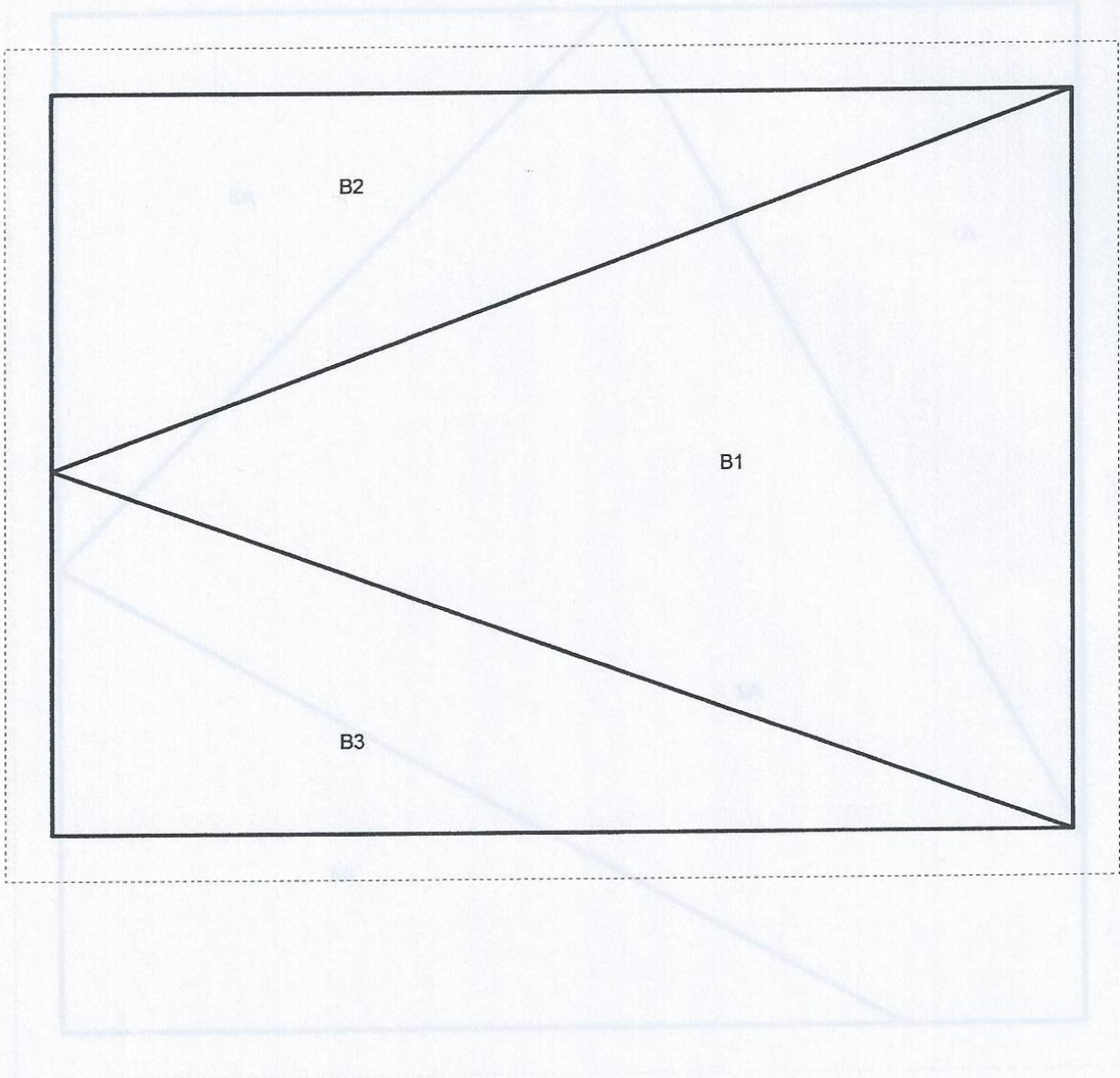
Draw a line kitty corner across the back of your small connector square. Place this on the appropriate corner of your larger piece, right sides together. Make sure that the line that you drew is in the correct position.

Now, sew along that line.



Press the connector into the corner so that the right side of the connector is in the correct position on the base piece, then trim away the centre layer 1/4 inch from the seam. Square up your piece.





← 2 inches →