

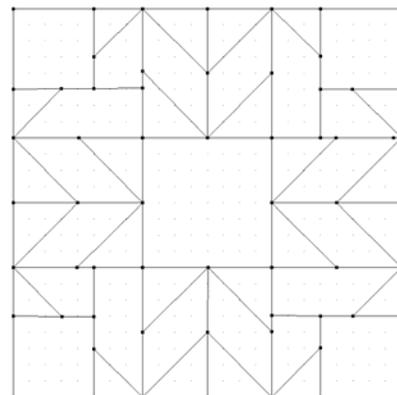
Christmas Star

12 inches finished



This looks to me like a star wrapped in Christmas ribbon. Choose a sophisticated Christmas print and two shades of an elegant holiday colour for the ribbon.

This looks tricky, but it's all made with connector corners for easy piecing.



Background:

- Corners: 4 - 3 inch squares
- Connector corners 8 - 2 inch squares
- 8 - 2 ½ inch squares



Focus fabric:

- Centre: 1 - 4 ½ inch square
- Star points 8 - 2 ½ inch squares



Ribbon Fabric 1:

- Ribbons 4 - 2 by 3 inch rectangles
- 4 - 2 ½ by 4 ½ inch rectangles



Ribbon fabric 2:

- Ribbons: 4 - 2 by 4 ½ inch rectangles
- 4 - 2 ½ by 4 ½ inch rectangles

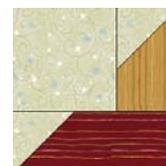


This Christmas Star is just a nine-patch in disguise!

Let's do the corners first. Lay out the two narrow ribbons, and add the 2 inch background connectors - make sure you have them on the right corners



Sew these to the background squares like a log cabin:



Now, take the remaining two ribbons, and attach 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch background connectors, again noting that they need to go in opposite corners

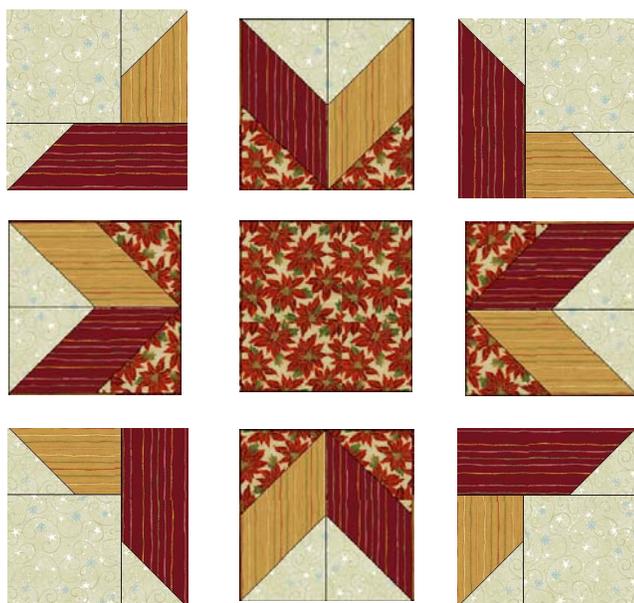


Next attach the focus connectors to the other ends of the rectangles to form the inner star

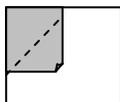


Sew these together to make the last of the nine patches.

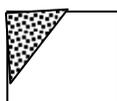
Finally, assemble the final block as shown below. It should measure 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches from edge to edge.



Connector Corners:



Draw a diagonal line across the back of your 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the seam. Square up your piece.