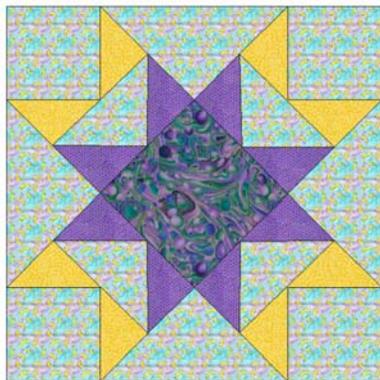
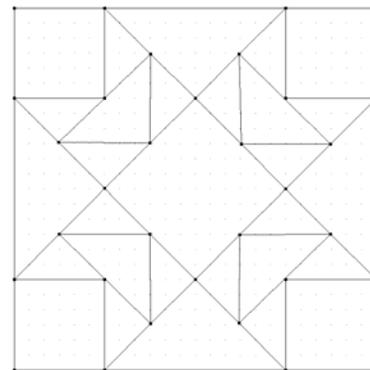


Northumberland Star

12 inches finished



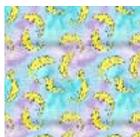
This star could be made with just two fabrics, your feature fabric in the centre square and another fabric for the star points, or the focus for the centre and outer points or do it with two different prints for the star points.



Background: (see cutting diagram on next page)

4 - $2 \frac{5}{8}$ by $4 \frac{3}{4}$ inch for the flying geese

(or 4 triangles from $2 \frac{5}{8}$ in strip using the Quarter Square or Companion angle ruler)



4 - $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inch squares for the corners

1 - $7 \frac{1}{4}$ inches and cut diagonally twice, for the setting triangles

(or 4 triangles from a $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inch strip using the Quarter Square or Companion Angle Ruler)



Focus:



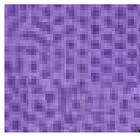
1 - $4 \frac{3}{4}$ inch square for the centre of the block



Inner set of points:

8 - $2 \frac{5}{8}$ inch squares for flying geese

(or 8 triangles from $2 \frac{5}{8}$ inch strip using the Half Square or Easy Angle Ruler)



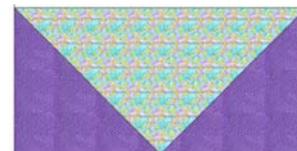
Outer set of points:

4 - 3 inch squares cut diagonally once

(or 8 triangles from a $2 \frac{5}{8}$ inch strip using The Half Square or Easy Angle ruler)

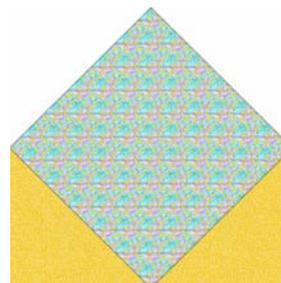


Make four flying geese for the Inner set of points using background for the geese and the point fabric for the sky

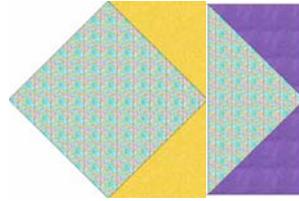


For the Outer set of points:

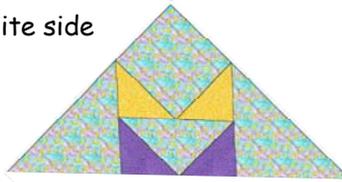
Sew the diagonal of a half square triangle to two adjacent sides of the background square



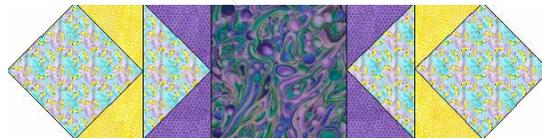
Sew the flying geese to the Outer Points:



Now attach two Setting triangles to opposite side of two of the sections you just made



Sew the remaining two sections to opposite sides of the centre square:

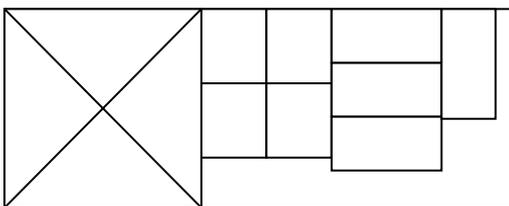


All you have to do now is sew your three 'strips' together and you have a beautiful Northumberland Star!

The Northumberland Star pattern is very old. A quilt by this name survived a wagon trip from Wisconsin to California in 1864. In a Nancy Cabot column it is called Eight Pointed Star.

The Nancy Cabot column was published from 1932-1939, and written by Loretta Leitner Rising. Hundreds of Nancy Cabot quilt block patterns were available by mail order.

Cutting Diagram for background handed out at meeting:



Note: If you have triangle rulers, cut two $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inch strips lengthwise (and use additional $2 \frac{5}{8}$ strip from the meeting). If you don't have the additional strip you won't get the small triangles cut

Flying Geese:

There are several ways of making flying geese - here are just a couple:

If you have triangle rulers, the goose is a quarter square triangle, and the background are half square triangles cut from strips the height of your finished goose plus $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

Cut a rectangle the length and height of your finished goose plus $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Sew connector corners the height of your goose on each end.

For a three dimensional goose, cut your rectangle and fold it in half **WRONG** sides together. Sandwich it inside your two background pieces so that the fold is at the top and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch down from the top edges of your sky sandwich. Now sew down the right side of the squares - press open the seam, and your goose will be made!

Note: geese are always twice as wide as they are tall (1 by 2, 2 by 4 finished plus $\frac{1}{2}$ inch for seams).