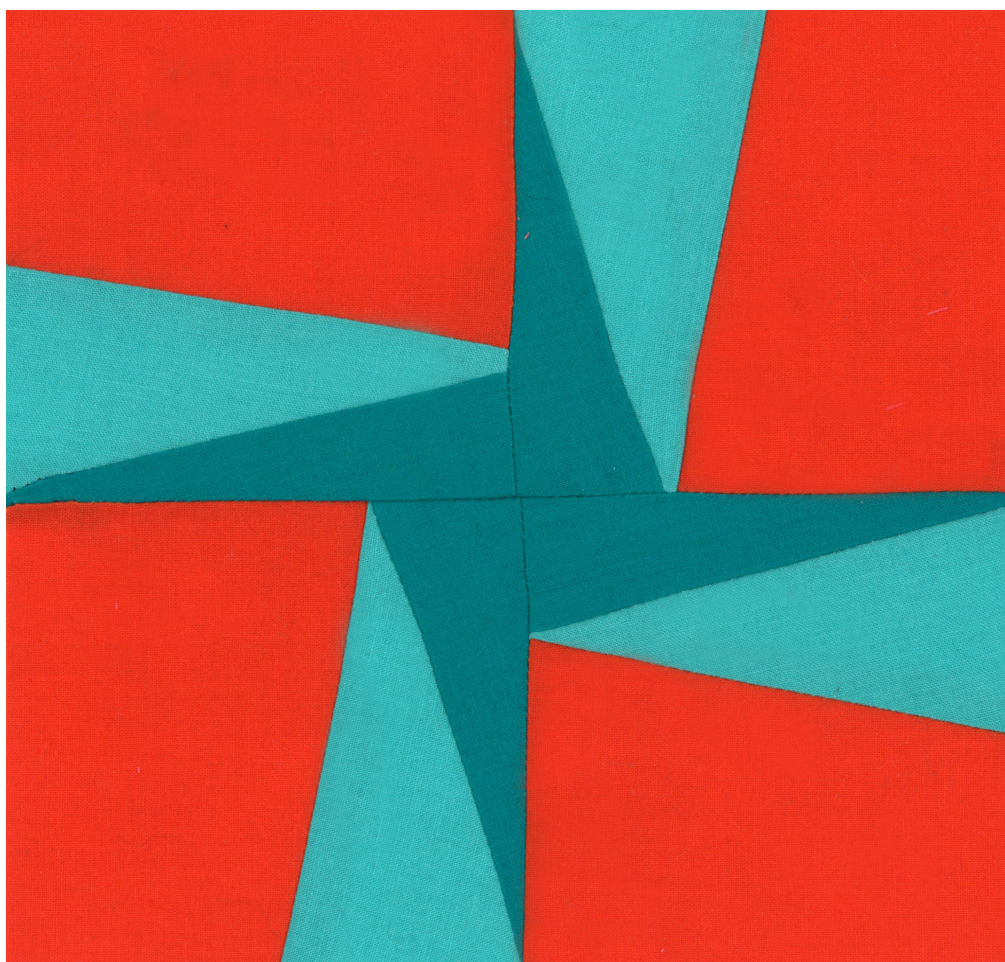


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Spinning Star

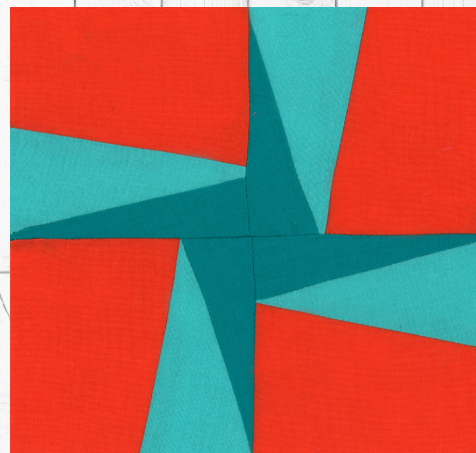


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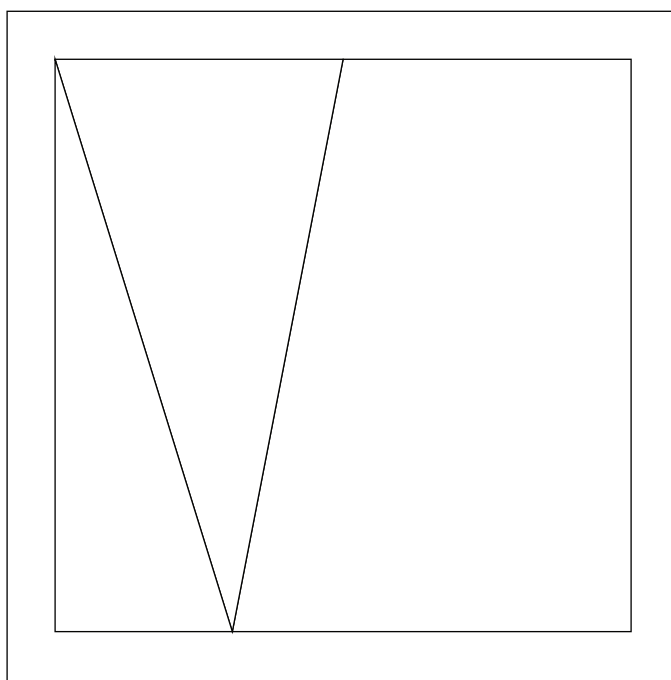


The inspiration for this paper-pieced block comes from the fabulous Perseid meteor shower that Heather watched from the deck of her friend's cabin on Galiano Island, BC one evening last summer. The "light show" made her head spin and she imagined that the stars in the sky felt the same way.

*Refer to paper piecing instructions

Materials:

- Four 4 1/2" squares each in Lava, Luna and Lagoon fabrics
- Neutral colored thread
- Spinning Star paper-piecing pattern
- Fabric glue stick

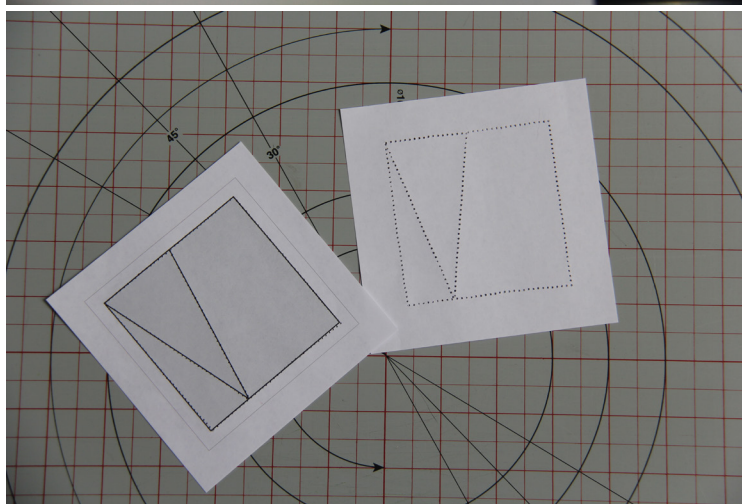
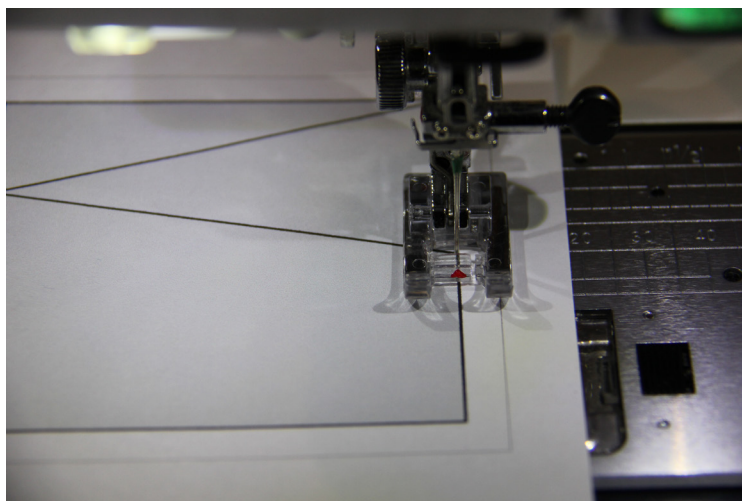


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1. Print 1 copy of the pattern onto computer paper. The pattern should be a 3 1/2" square, including a 1/4" seam allowance. Cut away excess paper, leaving 1/2" on all sides. Cut three more squares the same size from plain paper. Stack paper squares with the pattern on top.
2. Using an old needle in your sewing machine and no thread, stitch along all the dark lines (not the outer, lighter seam allowance lines) of the pattern through all four layers of paper. This will help place and stitch your fabric pieces and make it easier to tear the paper away when you have finished the block.



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3. Dab a small amount of fabric glue on the right side of the paper pattern in the middle of the largest section of the pattern. Take one 4 1/2" Lava square and place it right side up on the paper piecing pattern, ensuring all of the fabric completely covers the previously stitched lines on the paper.
4. Place the 4 1/2" Luna square, right sides together, on top of the Lava fabric, matching edges of fabric on the side that is to be sewn. Then pin in place.
5. Insert a new needle into the sewing machine and thread.
6. Flip the paper pattern over and sew along the line created from previous stitching, sewing the Lava and Luna fabrics together to the paper pattern. Trim the seam allowance to a 1/4" and make sure to not trim the outer seam allowances at this time. Turn the pattern over and press the fabric open. Place a dot of fabric glue on the paper to hold the Luna fabric in place.
7. Repeat for the third piece of the pattern, using the Lagoon fabric.
8. Make four blocks.
9. Trim down the blocks along the outer seam allowance lines to a 3 1/2" square.
10. Arrange the blocks as shown in the sample photo. Sew two blocks together and then sew the two block sets together.
11. Carefully remove the paper from the back of the block and press it.

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