

Twinkle Star Block

Block directions and guidelines for the October 2015 Block Lotto

This 9 inch (finished size) block can be made using traditional methods or paper foundation piecing.

You can make a **MAXIMUM of NINE BLOCKS** for the drawing in October.

Use the tag **Twinkle** for your posts on Blocklotto.com about this block.

Fabric Guidelines for the Block Lotto

Background fabric is a black solid or black-on-black (BOB) print

Star fabric is a solid, tone-on-tone (TOT) or multicolor print that are in any color of your choice

Accent fabric is the **SAME COLOR** as the **Star** fabric in a lighter or darker shade. It can be a solid, tone-on-tone (TOT) or multicolor print

If you choose to make multiple blocks, you can use the same black background and can repeat other fabrics as long as each block is unique (no twins!)

Cutting Fabric for Traditional Piecing

To make the block you need:

- Four 3 ½-inch squares of black **Background**
- One 3 ½-inch square of **Star**
- Twelve 2-inch squares of **Accent**
- Fabric for four 3 ½-inch triangle-in-a-square units made with large triangle from **Star** fabric and small triangles from black **Background**.

Notes:

You may choose to cut the triangles for the triangle-in-a-square units using a fabric die cutter, Tri-Recs tools or by using the templates included in this pattern.

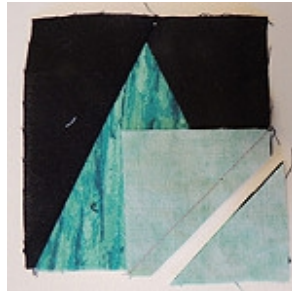
If you are using the Tri-Recs tools, you should start with a strip that is 3 ½ inches wide.

Sewing the Block

1. Sew the four triangle-in-a-square units. For this block, the large triangle should be cut from the **Star** fabric and the two small triangles from the black **Background**. Note that the orientation of the units is the block is such that the large triangle points **AWAY** from the center of the block.

Sewing the Twinkle Star Block (continued)

2. Add the small squares to the triangle-in-a-square units.
 - With the right sides of the fabric together, align a small square with the bottom right edge of the sewn unit.
 - Draw a line diagonally across the small square. Note: you can also use an iron to press a crease diagonally across the square
 - Sewn ON the line.
 - Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from sewn line
 - Press seam



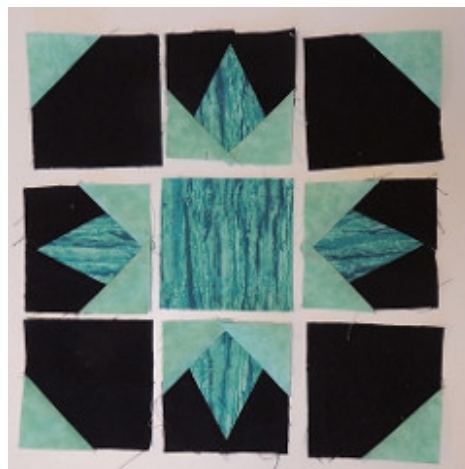
3. Repeat on other side. These units should measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch square.



4. Using the same technique add a single small square to each of the large background squares. These units should also measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inches square.



- Layout the units in a 9-patch to form the block.



- Sew together each row of 3 units, then sew the three rows together to form the block.

Measurement check: each finished Star block should measure 9 ½ inches square to finish at 9 inches when it is sewn into a quilt.

