



Sneak Peek

March 2017 – 8-inch Broken Dishes Star Block



This block is a variation of the traditional block, Broken Dishes, using a specific placement of light-medium-dark to form a star.

We will be making classic blue and white blocks, using 2 blue fabrics—one lighter and one darker—combined with white.

This block is constructed from 16 Half-Square Triangle (HST) units. You may make them using any method, but the match works out perfectly if you use the 8-at-once method.

FABRIC GUIDELINES

These blocks are made from three fabrics:

White – White solid or white-on-white (WOW) print

Lighter Blue – Blue fabric can be a solid, a tone-on-tone print, or a multicolor print that is predominately blue and “reads as blue” if you look at it from across the room. This should be a Lighter Blue than your other blue fabric

Darker Blue– Same as above, it could be a solid, a tone-on-tone print, or a multicolor print that is predominately blue and “reads as blue” if you look at it from across the room. This should be a **Darker** Blue than your other blue fabric.

In this block, “lighter” and “Darker” are relative to one another. You could, for example use a medium blue fabric as the “lighter” in one block (combined with something darker) and as the “Darker” in another (combined with something lighter).

If you are making multiple blocks, you can repeat fabrics as long as each block unique. No twins!

CUTTING FABRIC

For each block you will need:

- Eight 2-inch (finished size) Half-Square Triangle (HST) units which are **White + Lighter Blue**
- Eight 2-inch (finished size) Half-Square Triangle (HST) units which are **White + Darker Blue**

You may make the HST units using any method you prefer. I have included my tips for making HST units to give you some ideas. If you use the 8-at-a-time method (number 5 on the tip sheet), you’ll cut:

- Two 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch squares of **White**
- One 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch squares of **Lighter Blue**
- One 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch squares of **Darker Blue**

Combine one white square with each of the Blue fabrics to make 8 HST units of each combination

SEWING THE BLOCK

1. However you make your HST units, take a minute for a: measurement check.

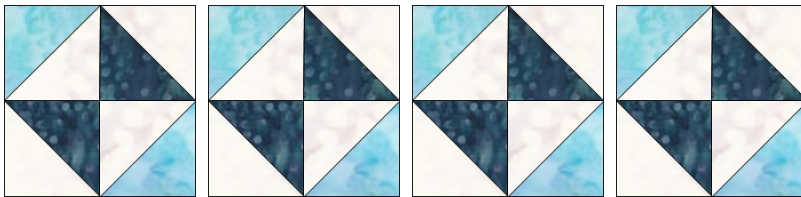
Measurement check:

Each HST unit should measure 2 ½ inches square.

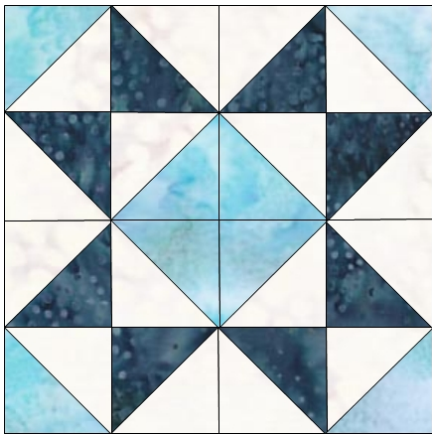
1. Using 2 of each color combination, form a basic Broken Dishes unit. Sew the 4-patch. Repeat 3 more times.
2. Press .

Measurement check:

Each Broken Dishes unit should measure 4 ½ inches square.



2. Arrange the four units as shown so that the Lighter Blue triangles are in the center of the block and the corners. Sew the 4-patch together.

**Measurement check:**

Your block should measure 8 ½ inches (for a finished size of 8 inches when sewn into a quilt by one of the winners).