

## Spokes Quilt Block

We first made this block for the July 2014 Block Lotto as a 7 inch block, but it is easily made in whatever size you'd like. For May 2017, we'll make an 8 inch (finished size) block.

As I explained then, I couldn't call this block a snowflake or an asterisk because it has 8 spokes ... so I called it Spokes.

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

## Fabric Guidelines

Because opposites attract, this month we will make blocks from colors on opposite sides of the color wheel, which cool colors for the background and their warm compliment for the spokes. Fabrics can be solids, tone-on-tone (TOT) or multicolor prints that are predominately one color and read as one color from across the room.

Background Color	Spokes Color
Green	Red
Blue	Orange
Purple	Yellow

If you make multiple blocks, you can repeat fabrics, but each block must be a unique fabric combination.

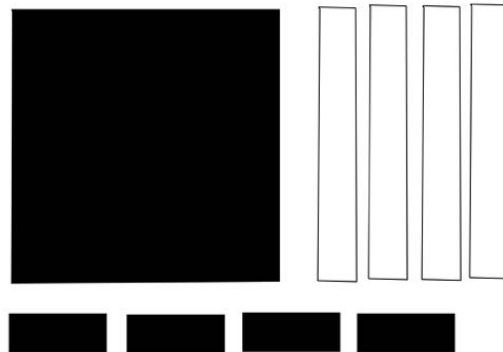
## Cut Fabrics for One Block

From **BACKGROUND** fabric (shown in black):

- One 8 ½-inch square
- Four 1-inch by 3-inch rectangles

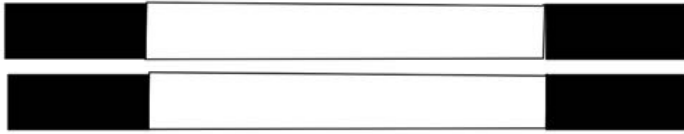
From **SPOKES** fabric (shown in white):

- Four 1-inch by 8 ½-inch rectangles

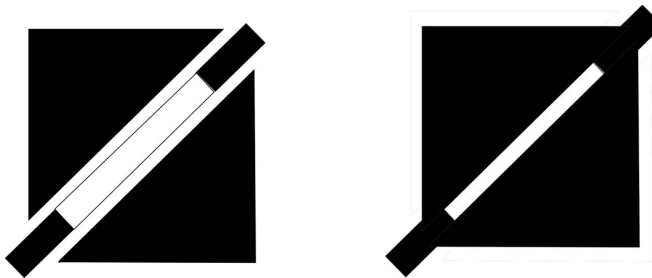


## Sewing the Block

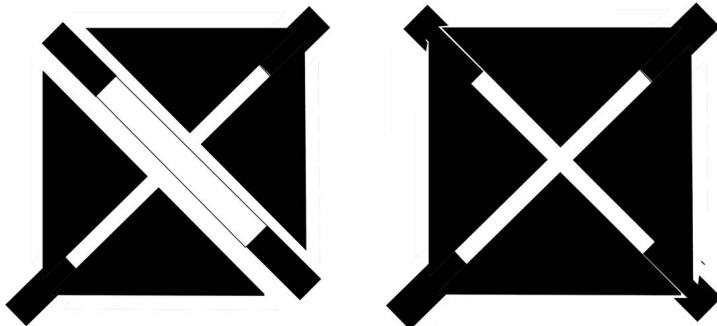
1. Sew the small **BACKGROUND** rectangles to each end of TWO of the Spokes rectangles and press.



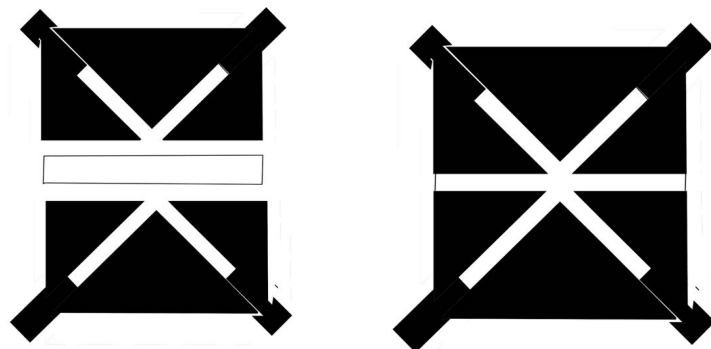
2. Slice the large background square diagonally. Insert one of the elongated strips in the slice, sew and press.



3. Repeat the process, slicing across the other diagonal.

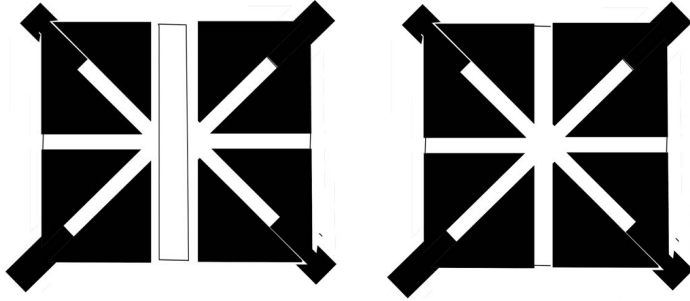


4. Slice the block in half horizontally (4 1/4 inch from the top/bottom), insert one of the SPOKES fabric strips, sew and press.



## Finishing the Block

- Slice the block in half vertically (4 ¼ inch from either side), insert the last of the SPOKES fabric strips, sew and press. Square up the block to 8 ½-inches square.



## Bonus – Making the Block in Other Sizes

If you want to make this block in other sizes, as long as you stick with 1 inch wide spokes, the math is pretty easy—here’s a chart to make it even easier.

All measurements are in inches.

Finished Block Size	Large Background Square (1)	Small Background Rectangles (4)	Spokes Rectangles (4)
4	4 ½	1 x 2	1 x 4 ½
5	5 ½	1 x 2	1 x 5 ½
6	6 ½	1 x 2 ½	1 x 6 ½
7	7 ½	1 x 2 ½	1 x 7 ½
8	8 ½	1 x 3	1 x 8 ½
9	9 ½	1 x 3	1 x 9 ½
10	10 ½	1 x 3	1 x 10 ½
11	11 ½	1 x 3 ½	1 x 11 ½
12	12 ½	1 x 3 ½	1 x 12 ½