

BLOCK OF THE MONTH JULY:

CUTTING:

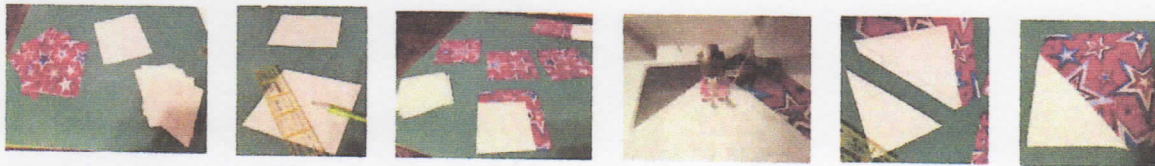
Color 1 - Background 8 - 4 1/2" squares

(red or blue solid or a patriotic print)

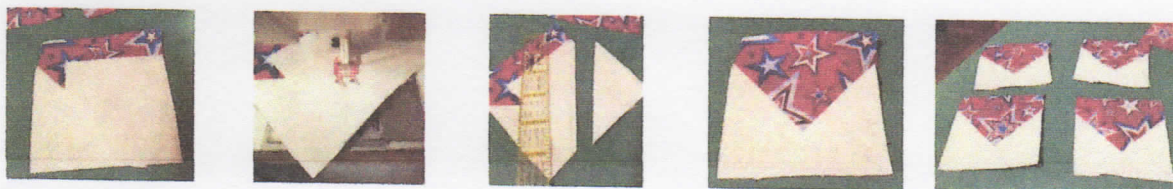
Color 2 - Main Color 1 - 4 1/2" square

(white solid or white-on-white) 8 - 3 1/2" squares

Step 1: Picture 1 below shows your cut pieces. Take your eight 3 1/2" small squares and mark 4 of them corner to corner as shown in picture 2. If you feel confident, you do not have to mark. Place each on the bottom left edge of 4 background squares (picture 3). Sew them (picture 4). Trim them at 1/4" (picture 5). Press back (picture 6).



Step 2: Repeat with the other 4 small squares. See pictures below. You will end with 4 squares with star points.



Step 3: Layout your 9 squares like a 9 patch block. Sew it together your favorite way. The pictures show how I like to do it. Take your center row and lay it right sides together with the left row. Chain piece these 3 together. Do NOT cut apart. Lay open your 2 columns. Lay the the right row on top of the center row and chain piece them together. When you finish, it will look like the 4th picture.



Step 4: Final step is to turn top row down and sew row horizontally. Turn bottom row up second and sew it horizontally. Press it open (see last picture). Your finished block should measure 12 1/2".

