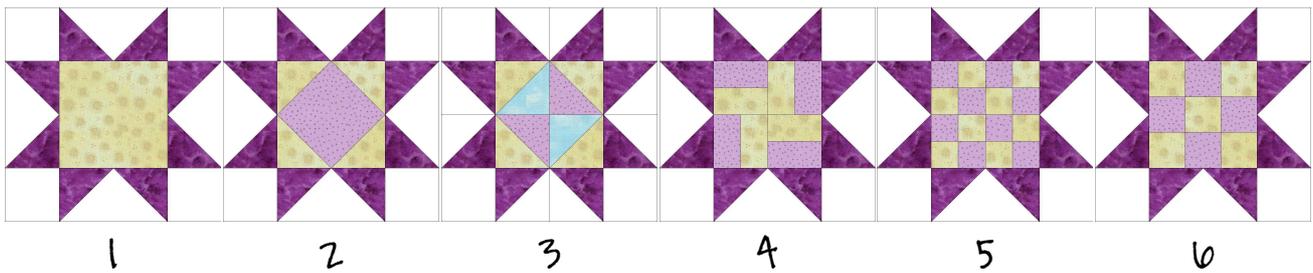


# Sawtooth Star



The Sawtooth Star is a very versatile block. With a 12" finished block, you have a 6" finished centre block which you can make in whatever style you like, from a plain square to square-in-a-square, rail fence, nine or sixteen patch. You're only limited by your imagination. You also have the choice of making the star points with half-square triangles or with flying geese blocks. These instructions cover both methods.

## For the centres

### 1 - Plain

Cut 1 x 6½" square.

### 2 - Square-in-a-Square

Cut 1 x 4" square and 2 x 3⅞" squares. Cut the small squares in half on the diagonal to make 4 triangles. Line up the centre of the long side of each triangle with the centre of each side of the square. Stitch the two triangles opposite each other first, then stitch the other two sides.

### 3 - Half-Square Triangles

Cut two squares 3⅞" from the fabric you want to be in the corners of your centre square. Cut one square of each of the other two centre fabrics, also 3⅞". Pair up one of the corner fabric squares with each of the centre squares. Follow the directions on the following page for making half square triangles. Check they measure 3½" square when finished and trim the ears off. Arrange and sew together to create the centre of your star block.

### 4 - Railfence

Cut 4 x 2"x3½" strips from each of two different fabrics. Sew in pairs, then arrange at 90° to each other and sew together.

### 5 - Sixteen Patch

Choose two fabrics and cut 2 x 2"x10" strips from each fabric. Sew the strips together and cross-cut into 2" wide strips. Rotate every alternate row 180°, then sew together.

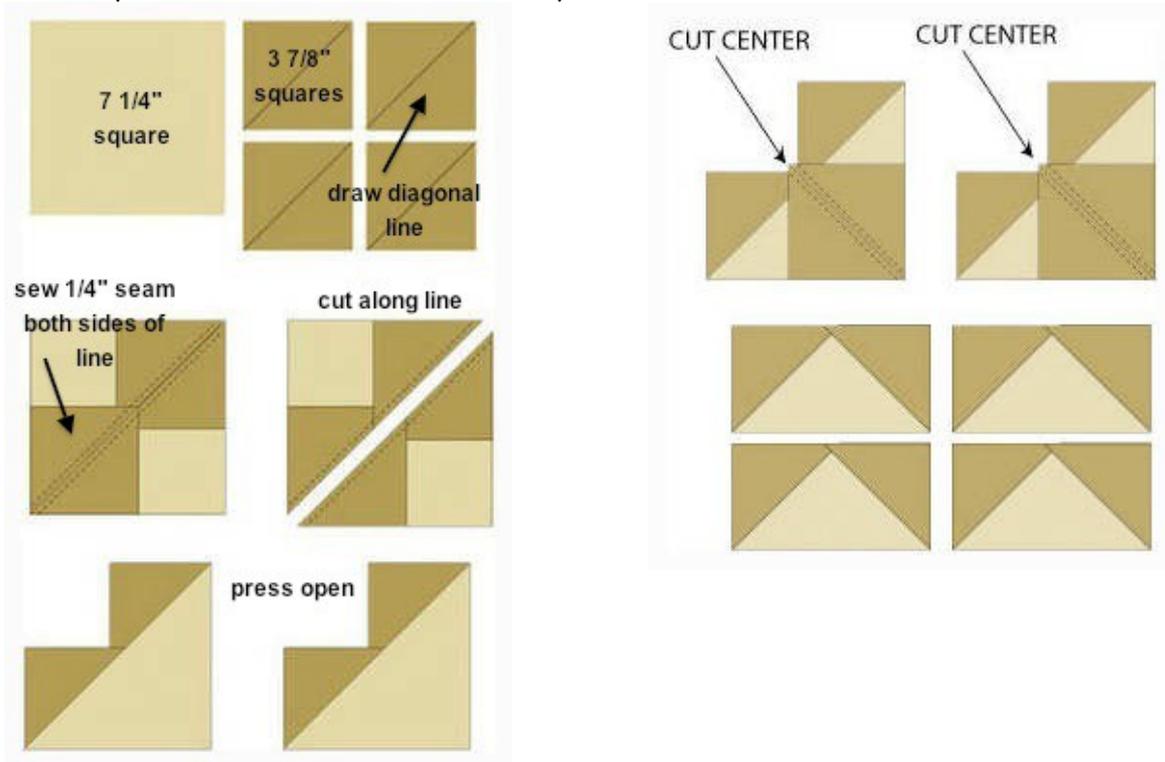
### 6 - Nine Patch

Cut 9 x 2½" squares from fabrics of your choice and arrange. Sew together in rows of 3, then sew the rows together.

To make the star points, either follow the directions for quick flying geese or for half square triangles.

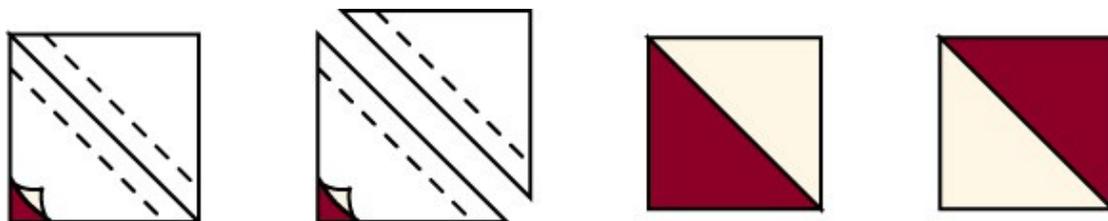
### Quick Flying Geese

Cut one  $7\frac{1}{4}$ " square from your background fabric and four  $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares from your star fabric. Follow the diagrams to draw a diagonal line across the smaller squares, place them on the larger square then sew a seam  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the drawn line. Cut, press and repeat with the other smaller squares.



### Quick half square triangles

Cut  $4 \times 3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares from your background fabric and  $4 \times 3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares from your star fabric. Draw a line diagonally across the centre of the light fabric and sandwich in pairs of one background fabric and one star fabric. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " either side of the drawn line, then cut on the drawn line. Open the two resulting triangles, check they measure  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square and trim off the ears.



### Block Assembly

Cut  $4 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for the corners from your background fabric. Sew these to both ends of two of the flying geese units. Sew the other two flying geese units to the sides of your centre block, checking that they are correctly aligned. Sew the flying geese units with the corner squares to the top and bottom of the centre block, checking again that they are correctly aligned to make the star shape.