

# MembersOnly Club Block of the Month

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Welcome to the fifth installment of my Block of the Month series for 2011! We are moving on to the highly used quarter-square triangle, which will make you well-versed in almost everything thing you need to know for patchwork!

This month, I submit to you the traditions Ohio Star block with QSTs. Let's get started!

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### FABRIC AND CUTTING

You will need 3 different fabrics for this block; a dark, a medium or bright, two medium-lights and a background. I've chosen teal blue as my anchoring color. Small to medium prints will work with the size of the patches of this block. Cut the following:



**Color A** (my pink):

1 square measuring 4½" x 4½"  
2 squares measuring 5¼" x 5¼"  
Cross-cut to create 4 triangles from each square



**Color B** (my teal):

2 squares measuring 5¼" x 5¼"  
Cross-cut to create 4 triangles from each square



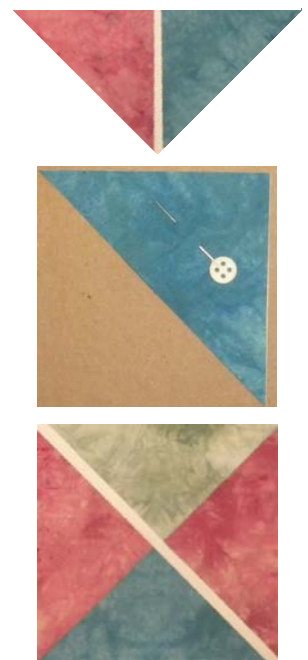
**Color C** (my green):

4 squares measuring 4½" x 4½"  
2 squares measuring 5¼" x 5¼"  
Cross-cut to create 4 triangles from each square

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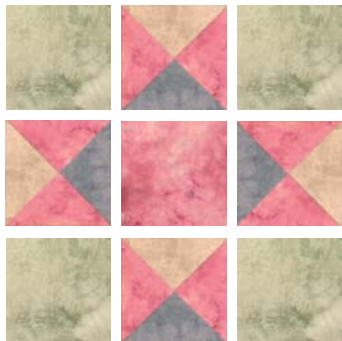
### STARTING TO SEW

1. Lay out your **Color A** and **Color B** triangles as shown to the right.
2. Place a **Color B** triangle over a **Color A** triangle, right sides together and line up all edges. Pin in place; this also reminds you where your stitching needs to go.
3. Using your ¼-inch seam, stitch together along the short edge.
4. Make 4 units like this and press all seams *towards the Color A triangles*.
5. Repeat by making 4 units with your Color A and Color C triangles. Press towards Color A.
6. Place an A/B unit and an A/C unit together as shown to the right. Make sure that right sides are together and that the seams are butted up together and all edges are lined up. Pin in place.
7. Using your ¼-inch seam, stitch together along the long edge.
8. Repeat by making 4 units like this. Press seams open or to one side (your preference ... I press mine *open*).



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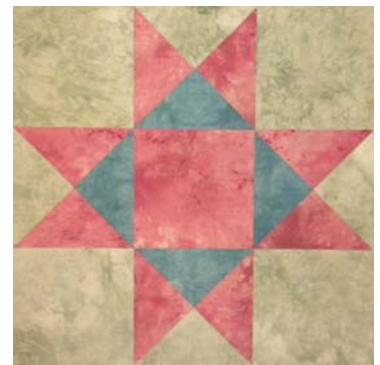
## STARTING TO SEW



1. Using the layout on the left as a guide, stitch a **Color C** corner to each side of one of your QSTs; be sure to pay attention to the placement of the colors!
2. Press towards the **Color C** squares. Make 2 rows like this.
3. Stitch the remaining QSTs to each side of your **Color A** square, once again paying attention to color placement.
4. Press **towards the Color A square**.
5. Still following this layout, stitch the rows together. Press final seams open or to one side (your preference ... I pressed mine **open**).

And, that's it! You've added quarter-square triangles to your patchwork quilting skills and completed the very traditional and versatile Ohio Star Block! Your block should now measure 12½" x 12½".

Did you remember to cut the *bunny ears* off the QSTs after pressing?



*There is no extra fun stuff this month ... instead, I want you to really spend some time practicing the two techniques shown in the Basic Quilting 101 installment for May. Quarter-square triangles are daunting to most new quilters, but they are quick and easy to do with lots of practice! I promise!*

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