

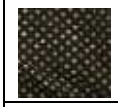
# Evening Star Block

Each block makes a 12 ½" unfinished block..

Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
March 2020 Meeting

All seams ¼".

Pattern and instructions by Anita Konzak Turley.
Copied from a traditional block.

| | |
|---|---|
|  | Focus – Dark grunge, dotted, or star patterned<br>4 – 3 ½" squares<br>4 – 4" squares |
|  | Background – white/light/off white with small contrast print (dots or stars preferred)<br>4 – 3 ½" squares<br>4 – 4" squares |

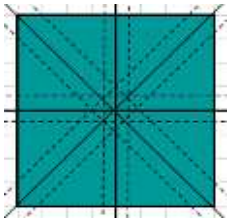
I was out star watching – a beautiful night sky was a jumble of stars and clouds and satellites (maybe a UFO or two??? – LOL). Regardless of what was/is in the sky I was thinking that a quilt of star blocks that look like a night sky would look pretty cool.

1) **Using the four (4) 4" squares**, create eight (8) half square triangles by creating four (4) sets of focus and background blocks. Mark a line on the diagonal and then sew ¼" on either side of the diagonal line. Cut on the diagonal, press to the dark, and then trim each to 3 ½" square blocks.

2) **Optional cutting and sewing instructions to create half square triangles** – see Figure 1: Cut an 8" square block from each of the focus and background fabrics, and facing each other, mark both diagonals and then vertical and horizontal lines (solid lines in figure 2). Using the guide below sew ¼" on either side of all diagonal lines. Once finished and without moving the block after the first cut, cut horizontally at 4" and then vertically at 4", and finally, cut on the marked diagonal lines. You will end up with eight (8) half square triangles. Press to the dark. Trim to 3 ½" square blocks.

3) Lay out the blocks to make a star and then sew the blocks of each row together. Do not press the row blocks until all four (4) rows are sewn. For the first and third rows, press the blocks to one direction. For the second and fourth rows, press the blocks to the opposite direction. When sewing rows to each other, the block seams will intersect making a more crisp alignment for piecing. Once all four rows are sewn together, press rows to one direction. Trim to 12 ½" as necessary.

4) This is a very quick and easy block, so have fun with it!

| Figure 1 | Figure 2 | Inspiration |
|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |