

Block #5

Moonlight Quilters 20th Birthday Mini-Block of the Month

Block #5 – Milky Way (finishes at 6")

The Milky Way quilt block is a variation of the windmill quilt block with the four patch blocks in the corners and uses half square triangles.

Cut 1 - 2 ½" square from the center fabric.

Cut 2 – 3" squares from same center fabric.

Cut 2 – 3" squares from background fabric.

Cut 1 – 1 ½" x 12" strip of background fabric.

Cut 1 – 1 ½" x 12" strip of alternate fabric.

Make the half square triangle units. Place one 3" square center fabric and one 3" background fabric, right sides together. Draw a line on the diagonal on the lighter fabric from one corner to the opposite corner. Stitch ¼" on each side of the marked line. Cut on the drawn line with your rotary cutter to separate the square into triangles. Fold open the square and press the seam allowances toward the darker fabric. Trim the square to be 2 ½". Be sure to use the 45 degree angle on your ruler. Make four half square triangles.

Making the four patch units. Sew the background strip and the alternate strip right sides together, to make a strip 2 ½" x 12". Press the seam to the darker fabric. Sub cut each strip into 1 ½" segments. Now flip and sew two segments together to make the four patch unit. Make 4 four patch units.

Sew units together in rows and then join rows using the picture for reference.

Be sure to bring your block to share on the board at the next guild meeting.

Questions? Call Sally (671-1631) or Tonya (393-4826)

