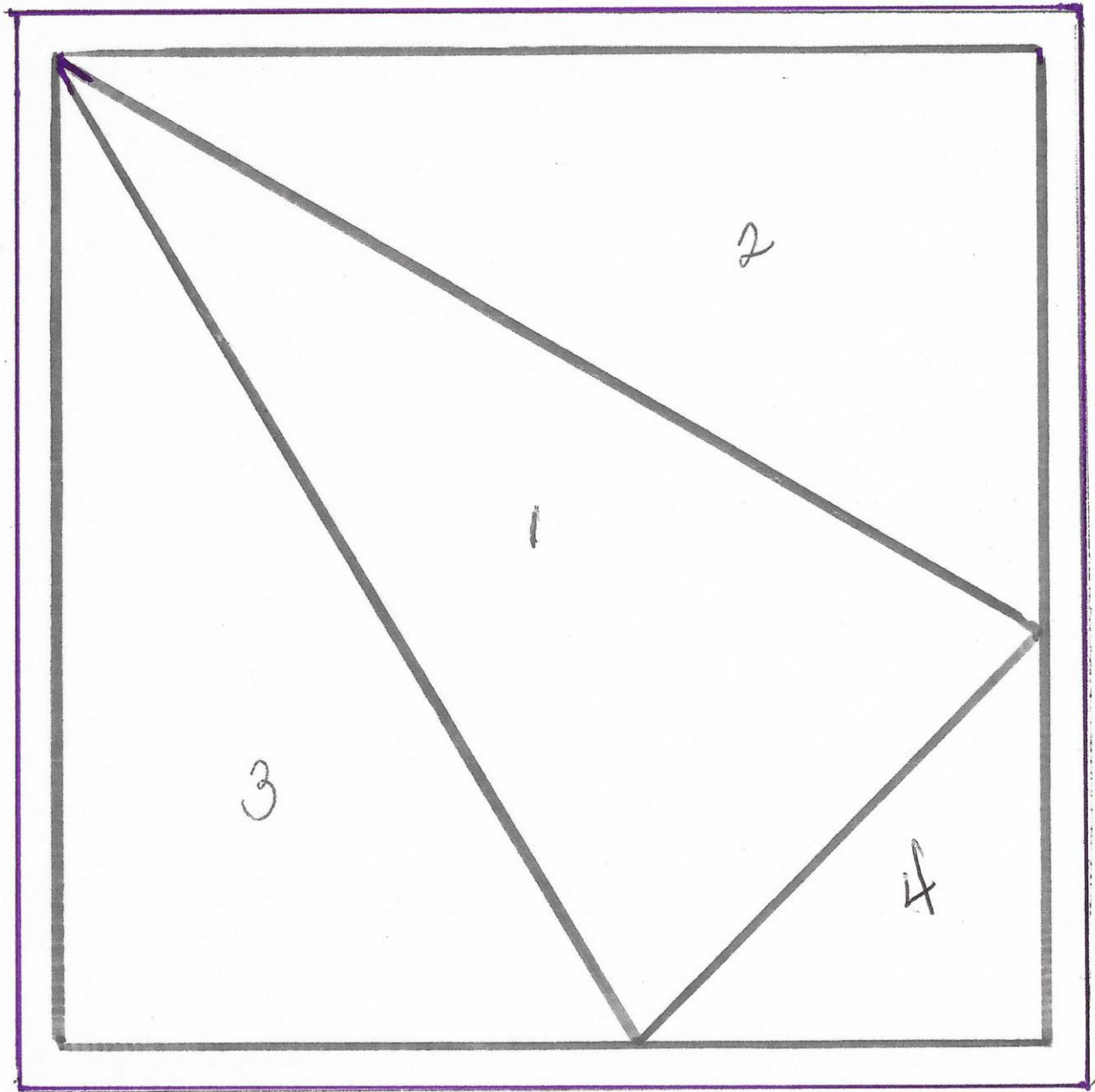


May 2016 Block of the Month-Paper Pieced Star



SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR 1 BLOCK:

1. 4 fabrics: 1-dark, 1-medium, 2-contrasting lights/mediums
2. Paper piecing foundation—water soluble paper, plain newsprint,
3. Golden Threads tracing paper or muslin
4. Fabric strips—pieces 1,2 & 3 need a strips about 4" x 7.5"; piece #4 needs to be 2.5" x 4.25" (4 sets needed to make 1 block)
5. Sharp scissors, iron, rotary cutter, cutting mat and ruler

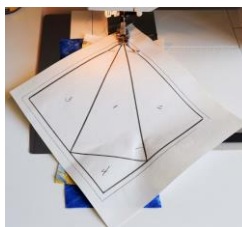
Step 1.

Copy or trace the pattern. You will need 4 foundations to complete this 12.5" x 12.5" block. Use a short stitch on your machine for paper piecing. It makes it easier to remove the paper later. Place fabrics for pieces 1 & 2, right sides together on the wrong side of your foundation paper. Pin in place if needed. The lines of the foundation need to be visible when you are sewing. The fabric will be under the paper foundation.



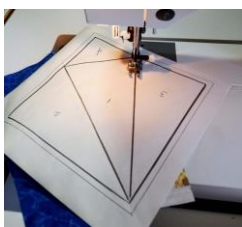
Step 2.

With the foundation right side up, and fabrics right sides together, under foundation, sew piece 2 to piece 1. Fold on seamline and trim seam with rotary cutter or scissors to 1/4". Press open.



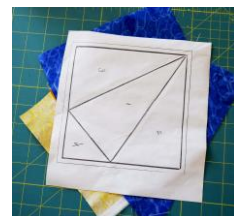
Step 3.

With right sides together, add piece 3 to piece 1, pin in place, and stitch on foundation line. Fold on seamline and trim with rotary cutter or scissors to 1/4" seam. Press open.



Step 4.

With right sides together, add piece 4 to piece 1, pin, and stitch on foundation line. Fold on seamline and trim with rotary cutter or scissors to 1/4" seam. Press open. Turn over with foundation right side up and trim the block to 6.5" x 6.5". For the 4 color block you will do 2 blocks with the light color and 2 blocks with a darker light or medium fabric. Repeat to make 4 6.5" x 6.5" blocks.



Step 5.

Stitch 2 of your 6.5" x 6.5" blocks on the quarter inch line of the foundation to make Unit 1 & 2 blocks. Press seams in opposite directions. Join Unit 1 & 2, matching the center seams, to make a finished block. Remove paper & your block is ready to use. Finished block is 12.5" x 12.5" untrimmed.

