

Friendship Star Variation Block finishes at 12” (unfinished 12½” square)

Usually the Friendship Star Block has dark Star Points, medium centre and light corners/background, using a total of three colours. For this variation, let’s add a colour, and make the corners dark and the Star Points medium. Fussy cutting the centre block also adds to the fun.

Each block needs: 4 x 4½” dark tonal (corners)

2 x 5” light tonal/print (behind the Star Points)

2 x 5” medium tonal/print (Star Points)

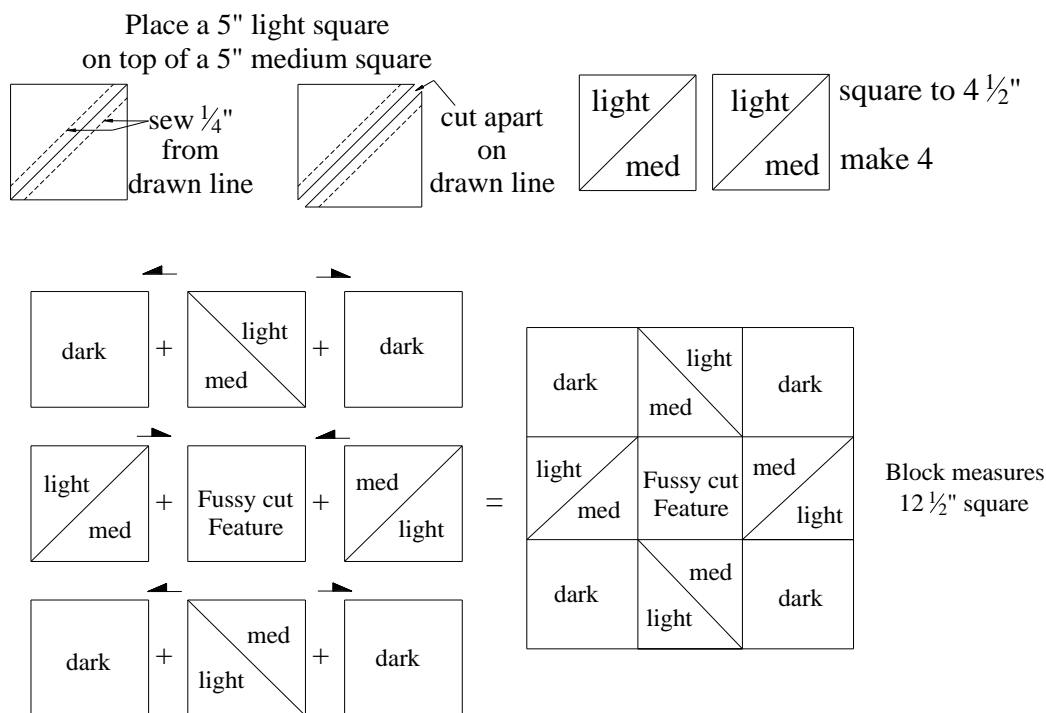
1 x 4½” feature print (Centre Square – fussy cut)

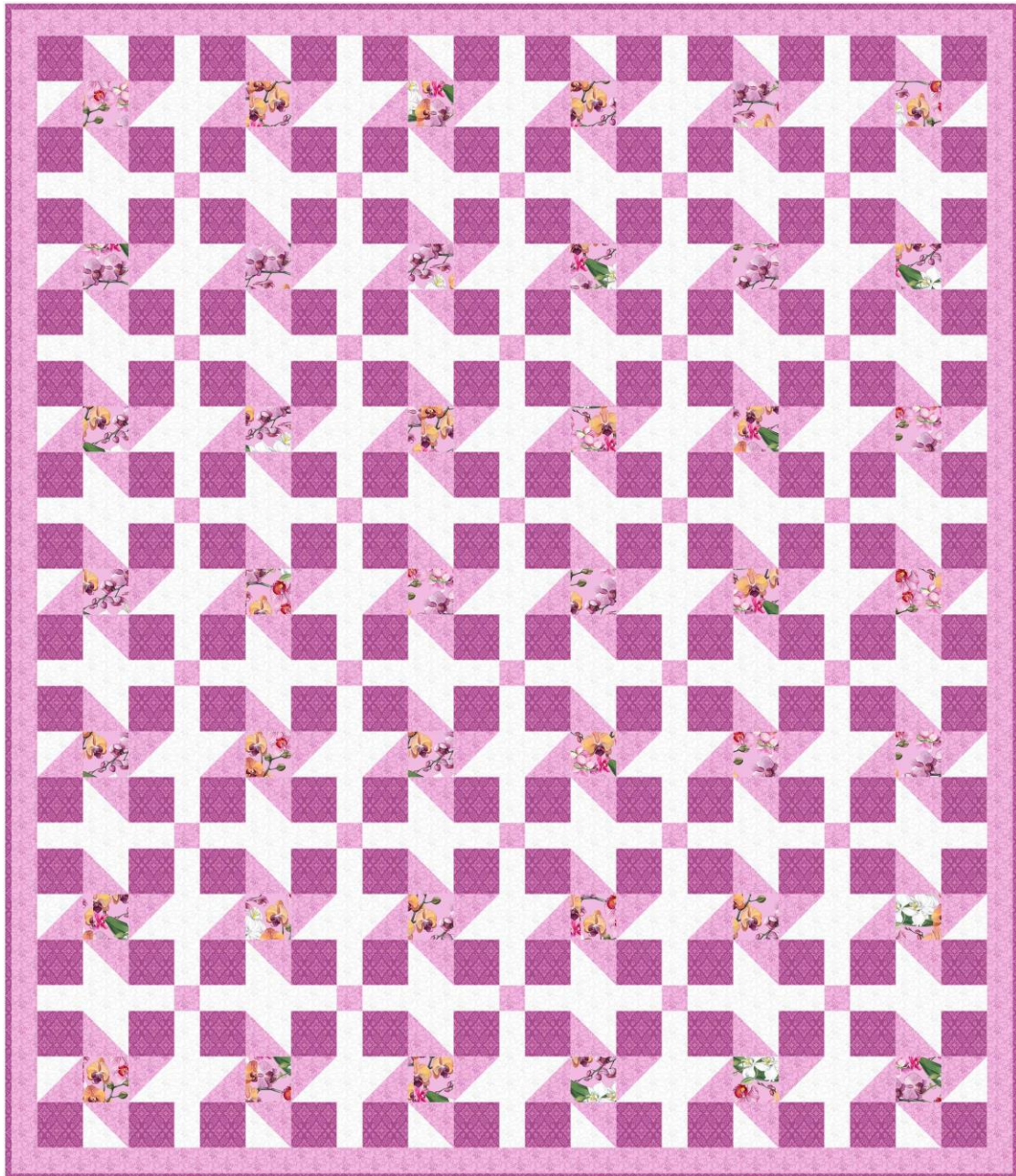
-On the back of both light tonal/print 5” squares, draw a pencil line diagonally from corner to corner. Place one on top of a medium tonal/print 5” square.

-Sew a scant ¼” on both sides of the drawn line. Press seam towards the darker fabric.

Trim to 4½” square, centering the diagonal seam. Repeat, making 4 units, each 4½” square. These are HSTs.

-Using the 4½” dark tonal squares, the HST units just made and the 4½” fussy cut Centre Square, lay out the block as shown. Sew the units together in rows across, pressing as shown. Sew the rows together into the block, nesting the seam allowances at the seams. Pretty isn’t it?





6 Blocks across x 7 blocks up and down with 1½” sashing and outer border (cut at 2”) and 1½” cornerstones = quilt 59” x 68½”. Dark: 1¾ yards (1.7m); Light 2 yards (1.8m); Medium: 1½ yards (1.4m); Feature (center squares) ½ yard (.45m), or more if fussy cutting a lot.