



December 2013 Lotto Block: Star and Pinwheels (from 501 Rotary Cut Quilt Blocks, by Judy Hopkins, page 238) and bonus companion block

Background fabric (white on white, subtle print on white, gold on white): cut (2) $3\frac{1}{8}$ " square, (2) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, and (4) $5" \times 2\frac{3}{4}"$ rectangles.

Contrast fabric (red, red print, yellow or gold): cut (2) $3\frac{1}{2}"$ squares.

Green Christmas print: cut (6) $3\frac{1}{8}"$ squares, and (8) $2\frac{3}{4}"$ squares.

Draw diagonal lines on the backs of all the green and background squares. Make the corner pieces by pairing 2 green and 2 background $3\frac{1}{8}"$ squares, stitching $\frac{1}{4}"$ on either side of the diagonal line, and cutting and pressing open to make 4 triangle squares. Now make the flying geese. Place a green $2\frac{3}{4}"$ square on one end of the background rectangle, stitch on the line, cut $\frac{1}{4}"$ away, stacking and saving the small triangles for the bonus block. Press open and repeat on the other end of the rectangle to make 4 flying geese. For the pinwheel, pair the 2 background and 2 contrast $3\frac{1}{2}"$ squares to make 4 triangle squares by sewing $\frac{1}{4}"$ on either side of the diagonal line and cutting apart. Now pair these with the remaining $3\frac{1}{8}"$ green squares such that the drawn diagonal line is perpendicular to the stitched line of the contrast/background triangle square. Again, sew on either side of the line and cut apart to yield 8 pinwheel pieces. Now position 4 pinwheel pieces so that the contrast color is on the outside, while the background fabric creates a pinwheel going in a counterclockwise direction. Sew together by stitching 2 rows of 2 pieces together. Press the middle seam open to reduce bulk. Save the other 4 pinwheel pieces for the bonus block. Refer to the diagram to finish the block. Stitch the corner pieces to ends of 2 flying geese; stitch the sides of 2 flying geese to the pinwheel section; sew all 3 sections together.

Bonus block: Sew the remaining pinwheel pieces together to create a pinwheel with a clockwise spin. With the leftover small triangles that were cut from the flying geese, stitch along the long end to create triangle squares. Press open. Stitch 3 together side to side, then stitch 4 more together side to side. Stitch the 3 block section on one side of the pinwheel, then stitch the 4 block section below it.