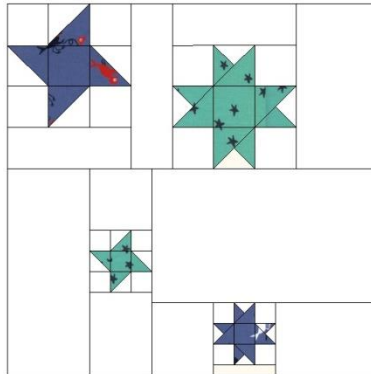


Pixie Summer Home Quilt Along
 The Stars Block
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Cutting:

Background Fabric (if you cut in the order I have them listed it will be most efficient):

1 – 1 ½" by WOF Strip Subcut:

- 2- 1 ½" by 3 ½" rectangles
- 1 – 1 ½" by 4 ½" rectangle
- 8 – 1 ½" squares
- 2 – 1 3/8" squares
- 8 - 1" squares
- 1 – 1/2" by 2" rectangle

1 – 2 ½" by WOF Strip Subcut:

- 1 – 2 ½" by 4 ½" rectangle
- 1 – 2 ½" by 5 ½" rectangle
- 1 - 2 ½" by 2" rectangle
- 1 – 2 ¼ by 2" rectangle
- 1 – 2 ¼" by 3" rectangle
- 1 – 2 ¼" square
- 1 – 2" by 2" square
- 2 – 1 7/8" squares
- 1 – 1 ¾ square

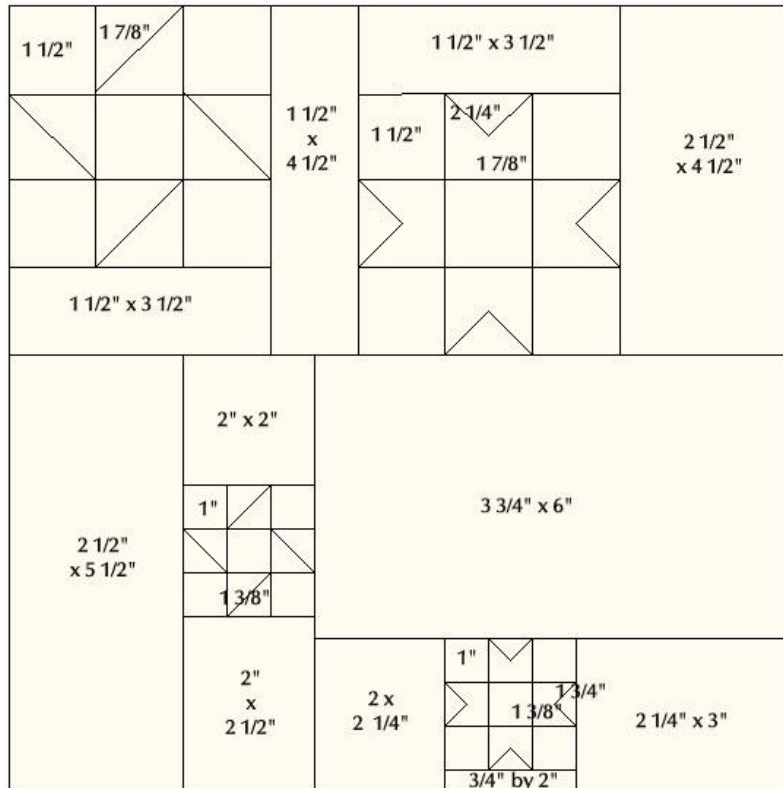
1 - 3 ¾" by 6" rectangle

Dark Star Fabric:

- 2 – 1 7/8" squares
- 2 – 1 ¾" squares
- 1 – 1 ½" square
- 2 - 1 3/8" squares
- 1 - 1" square

- Light Star Fabric:
- 1 - 2 1/4" square
 - 2 - 1 7/8" squares
 - 1 - 1 1/2" square
 - 2 - 1 3/8" squares
 - 1 - 1" Square

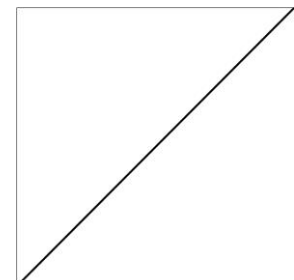
Here is a diagram with the cut sizes for reference but remember these are cut sizes and not finished sizes and it isn't complete so be sure to use the list rather than the diagram for cutting.



Assembly:

The big dark friendship star and the small light friendship star are assembled the same way. When I refer to the size of the pieces to sew the first number will be for the large star and the number in parenthesis will be for the small star i.e. 1 1/2" (1") the 1 1/2" refers to the large star and the 1" refers to the small star.

1. Mark the back of the 2 background 1 7/8" (1 3/8") squares diagonally from one top corner to the opposite bottom corner.

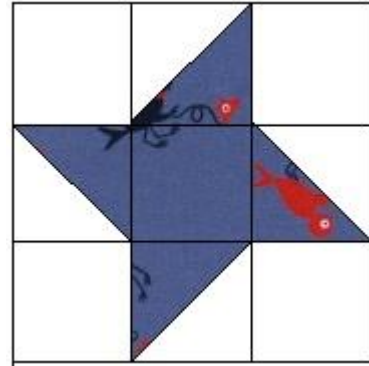


2. With right sides facing match the $1\frac{7}{8}$ " ($1\frac{3}{8}$ ") squares of star fabric with the marked background squares. Using a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam sew on either side of the marked line. Cut the resultant piece in half along the marked line. Open and press. You should have 4 half square triangles each that look like these:



Square the dark HSTs to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and the light ones to 1"

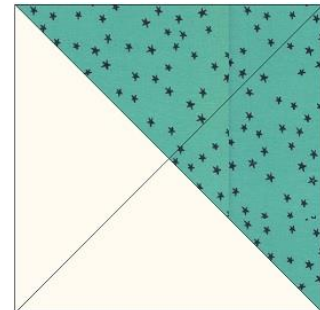
3. Lay out 4 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (1") background squares and 1 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (1") star fabric square with the triangles as shown to create the friendship stars. Sew in rows then sew the rows together to create the blocks.



The big light star and the small dark star are assembled the same way. When I refer to the size of the pieces to sew the first number will be for the large star and the number in parenthesis will be for the small star i.e. $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (1") the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " refers to the large star and the 1" refers to the small star.

4. Mark a diagonal line, as you did for step 1, on the $2\frac{1}{4}$ " ($1\frac{3}{4}$ ") background square. Match the marked squares with the $2\frac{1}{4}$ " ($1\frac{3}{4}$ ") star fabric squares right sides together. Again sew down each side of the diagonal line and cut the squares in half to create half square triangles. Square your HSTs to $1\frac{7}{8}$ " ($1\frac{3}{8}$ ").

5. Mark a diagonal line on the back of the HSTs so that the marked line is perpendicular to the seam of the HST.

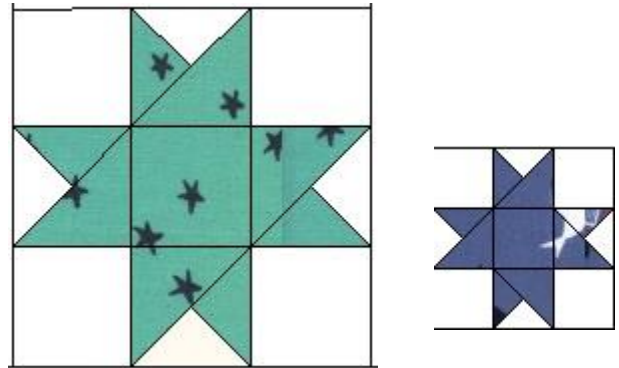


6. With right sides together match the $1\frac{7}{8}$ " ($1\frac{3}{8}$ ") squares of star fabric and the HST units and sew down each side of the marked diagonal line at $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Cut on the line and press open. You should have 4 units each that look like this:

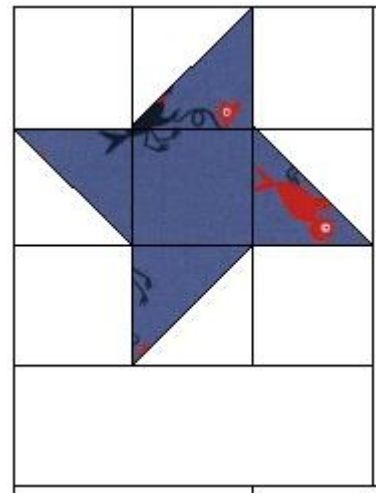


Square up these units to 1 1/2" (1")

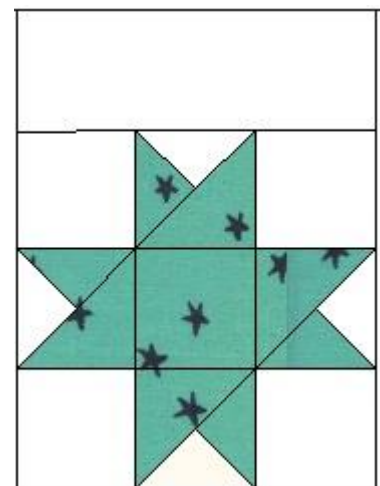
7. Use 4 – 1 1/2" (1") squares of background fabric and 1 – 1 1/2" (1") square of star fabrics to lay out your stars as shown. Sew into rows then sew the rows together to form the stars.



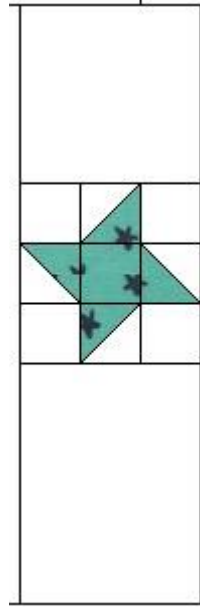
8. Sew one of the 1 1/2" by 3 1/2" rectangles to the bottom of the Dark (large) friendship star:



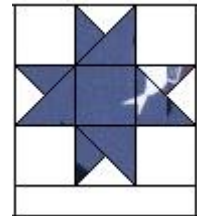
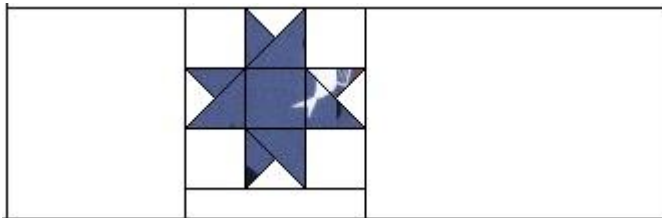
9. Sew the second 1 1/2" by 3 1/2" rectangle to the top of the light large star.



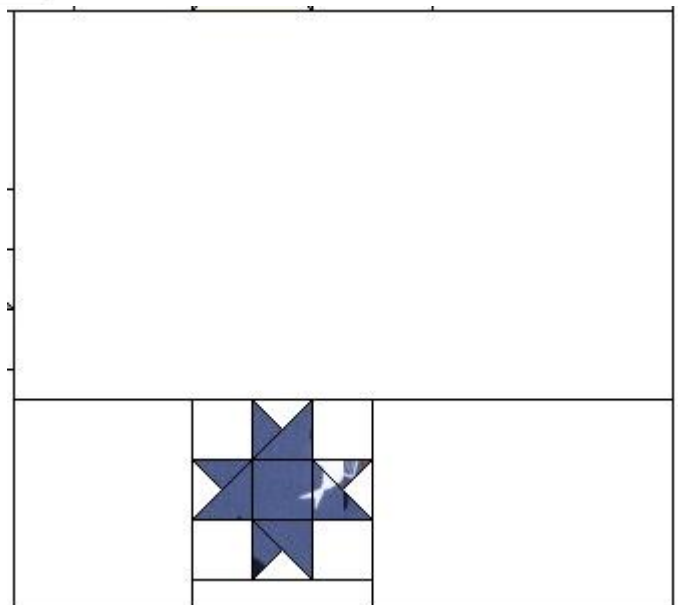
10. Sew the 2" Square to the top of the small friendship star, and the 2" by 2 1/2" rectangle to the bottom.



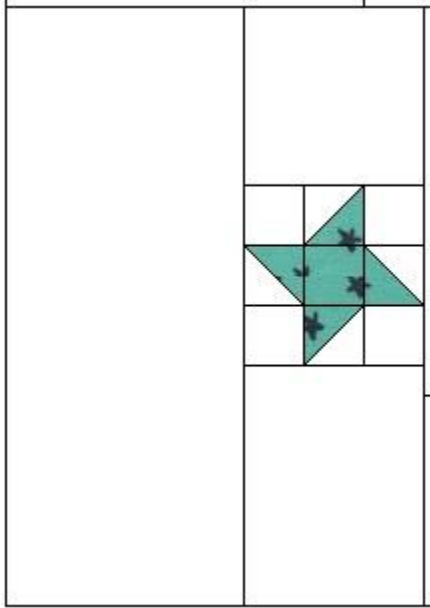
11. Sew the 3/4" by 2" rectangle to the bottom of the small dark star. Then sew the 2" by 2 1/4" rectangle to the left side and the 2 1/4" by 3" rectangle to the right side.



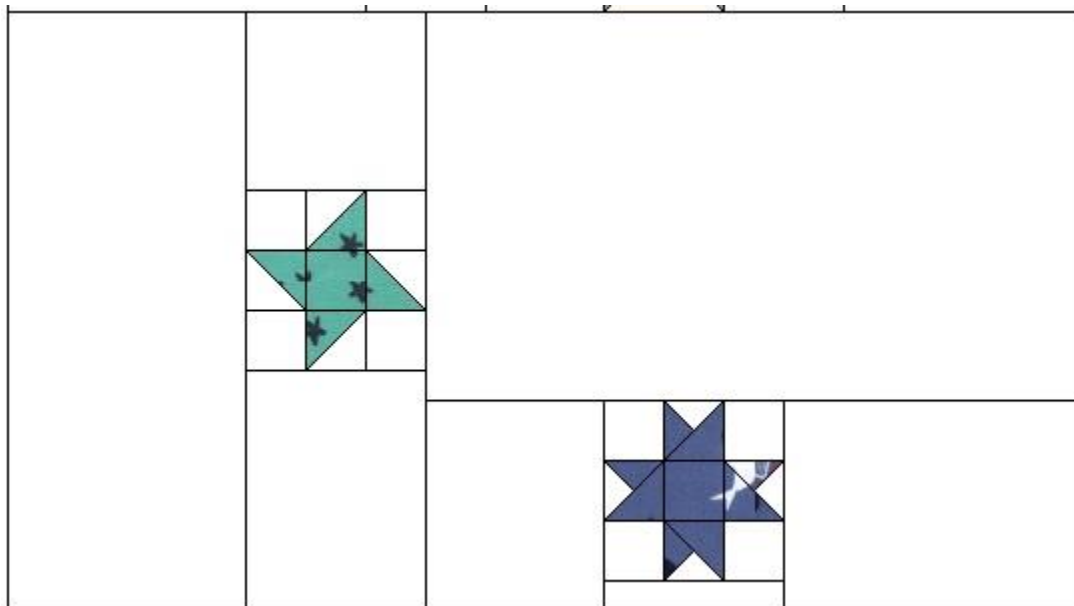
12. Sew the 3 3/4 by 6" rectangle to the top of the unit created in step 11.



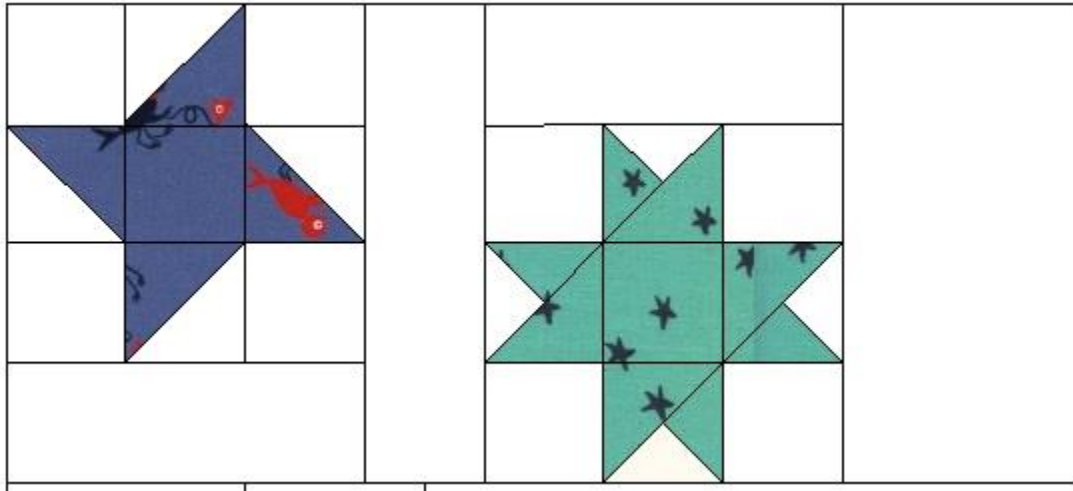
13. Sew the unit created in step 10 to the right of the 2 1/2" by 5 1/2" rectangle of background fabric.



14. Sew the unit created in step 13 to the left side of the unit created in step 12.



15. To create the top of the block sew units in the following order: The unit created in step 8 to the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of background fabric; the unit created in step 9, then the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " by $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of background fabric.



16. Sew the completed unit in step 5 to the top of the unit created in step 14.

Phew... you are done. This seems like a lot but if you are doing all the blocks at once it won't be so overwhelming.

