



September

Square of the Month

Empire Star

The September Square is borrowed from a link from our own NBQA web site.

We think it is a classic straight forward

pattern to kick off the new year, and it looks spectacular if we use the beautiful colors of fall like golds and ambers.

We found it much easier to cut by first cutting strips to size, then squares, and then triangles. The parallelograms are cut from two layers of fabric with wrong sides together or right sides together in order to have mirrored pairs.

We are looking forward to kicking off the new year with the Empire Star in fall colors.

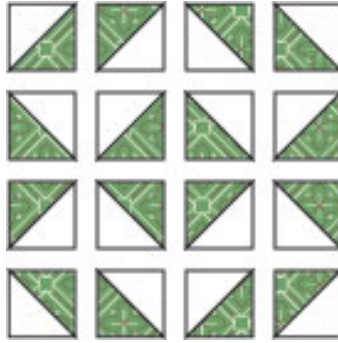
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Web address for square

<http://www.quilterscache.com/E/EmpireStarBlock.html>

Below is are alternative instructions developed by NBQA member, Diana Funke.



Empire Star 12 inch quilt block.

These directions are for a block made up entirely of half-square triangles sewn together. No templates are used.

Directions:

1. Cut eight 4" squares of color A
2. Cut eight 4" squares of color B.
3. Place a square A on a square B, right sides together.
4. Mark a diagonal line on the top square, wrong side, being careful not to stretch this bias line.
5. Sew over $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on each side of this diagonal line.
6. Cut the square into two pieces by cutting along the drawn diagonal line.
7. Press each square open and trim to make a $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch square.
8. Do this seven more times. You now have 16 two-triangle squares. You might want to pin and mark all eight double squares and then sew them all at once.
9. Arrange the squares as in the diagram. You might want to switch the light and dark triangles to have a dark colored Empire Star.
10. Sew four rows and then sew the rows together.

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