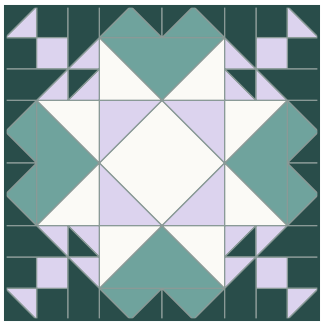
A QUILTPLAN BLOCK PATTERN

HIDDEN STAR

Five kinds of unit, and a star hidden among them.



85 pieces, 4 fabrics

A square on point in the middle, flying geese in two sizes on each side and small pieced corners: a star hides among five kinds of unit most quilters already know. It finishes big, so a few blocks go a long way.

SKILL Intermediate

SEAMS ¼″ throughout

SIZES 10″, 15″ and 20″ finished



Cutting

Cut, for one block	10″	15″	20″
1 Fabric A: cut 1 square	4½″ sq	6½″ sq	8½″ sq
2 Fabric A: cut 8 squares	2¾″ sq	3¾″ sq	4¾″ sq
3 Fabric B: cut 4 squares	2½″ sq	3½″ sq	4½″ sq
4 Fabric B: cut 4 squares, for triangles	2″ sq	2½″ sq	3″ sq
5 Fabric B: cut 12 squares	1½″ sq	2″ sq	2½″ sq
6 Fabric C: cut 8 rectangles	1½″ × 2½″	2″ × 3½″	2½″ × 4½″
7 Fabric C: cut 4 squares, for triangles	2″ sq	2½″ sq	3″ sq
8 Fabric C: cut 16 squares	1¾″ sq	2¼″ sq	2¾″ sq
9 Fabric C: cut 8 squares	1½″ sq	2″ sq	2½″ sq
10 Fabric D: cut 4 rectangles	2¾″ × 4¾″	3¾″ × 6¾″	4¾″ × 8¾″
11 Fabric D: cut 8 rectangles	1¾″ × 2¾″	2¼″ × 3¾″	2¾″ × 4¾″

Fabric, for one block

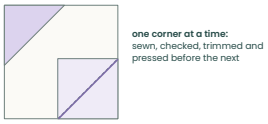
Buy at least	10″	15″	20″
Fabric A	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
Fabric B	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
Fabric C	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
Fabric D	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd

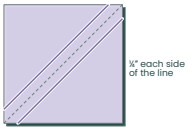
Worked out the way QuiltPlan's shopping list does it: 42″ of usable width, 15% for waste, rounded up to the quarter yard. For a whole quilt, place the block in the app and it totals every block for you.

Good to know

- Keep each kind of unit in its own stack, and lay the whole block out before sewing the rows: the corner units are easy to turn the wrong way.
- **Why these sizes?** At 10″, 15″ and 20″ every piece of this block lands on a ruler line. At other sizes the app still works out the cutting for you.
- **Want a different size or a whole quilt?** Hidden Star is in QuiltPlan's block library. Place it on a quilt and the app gives you the cut list, the yardage and the shopping list for every block at once.

Sewing it



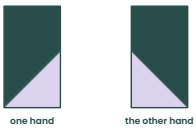


1 · The center

Draw a line on the back of each 3 square. Sew one onto a corner of the 1 square, a thread's width on the corner side of the line, check it, trim and press toward the corner. Do the opposite corner, then the other two. It measures 4½" for a 10" block, 6½" for 15" and 8½" for 20", the Fabric A square on point. Follow the Snowball Corners guide.

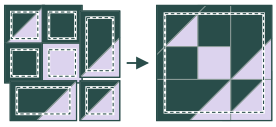
2 · Make 8 half-square triangles

Draw a line corner to corner on the back of each 4 square, lay each on a 7 square, sew a quarter inch either side, cut and press toward the Fabric C. Four pairs make 8. Trim each to 1½" for a 10" block, 2" for 15" and 2½" for 20". Follow the Half-Square Triangles guide.



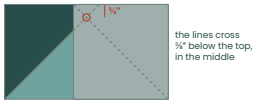
3 · Side rectangles, two hands

Stand each 6 rectangle up and sew a 5 square onto its bottom end, stitch and flip. For four, the line runs from the bottom left corner up to the right edge; for the other four, from the bottom right corner up to the left edge. Draw and sew all of one hand, then the other.



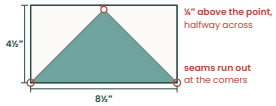
4 · Make 4 corner units

Sew a half-square triangle to a plain 9 square, and a plain 9 square to a plain 5 square, pressing each toward the Fabric C; join them into a four-patch. Add a side rectangle standing up down the right, then a lying-down rectangle and a half-square triangle across the bottom, every Fabric B triangle as the picture shows.



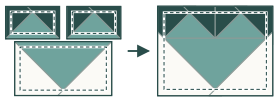
5 · Make 8 small geese

Sew a 8 square onto each end of a 11 rectangle, stitch and flip, the lines crossing 3/8" below the top. Trim each to a quarter inch less than its rectangle each way, the point a quarter inch below the top. Follow the Flying Geese guide.



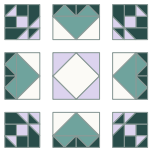
6 · Make 4 large geese

The same with two 2 squares on each 10 rectangle. Trim the same way, never into the point.



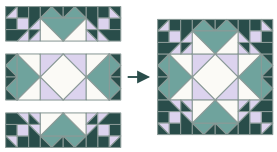
7 · Make 4 side units

Sew two small geese side by side, points up, and press the seam open. Sew them above a large goose pointing down, and press toward the large goose.



8 · Lay it out

Corner units at the corners, each turned so its half-square triangle at the plain four-patch sits in the block's outer corner. Side units between them, their large geese pointing in to the center. The center unit in the middle.



9 · Sew the rows, then the block

Sew each row, pressing the top and bottom rows toward the corner units and the middle row toward the center, so they nest. Join the rows and press the long seams open. The block measures half an inch more than it will finish.

Fabric A · Fabric B · Fabric C · Fabric D