

FEBRUARY: ENTWINED STAR

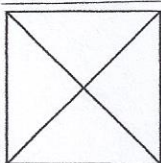
You may wish to use spray starch and press your fabric before cutting because of the bias edges involved in this block. Assembly notes have specifics on which way to press in order to help the block fit together more easily. Remember RST is right sides together.

Background: Black background with a small colorful print

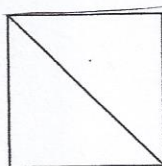
2 ½ strips – about one and one half strips needed to be used to make the E pieces using the template on page 2.

Star Color 1 – your choice

One 7 ¼ inch square cut diagonally, making 4 triangles. On the block diagram these pieces are labeled A.



Two squares 2 7/8 inches cut on the diagonal. These are D on the block diagram.



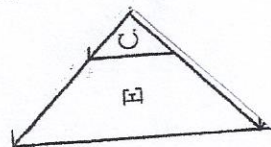
Star Color 2 – your choice

Two squares 4 7/8 inches cut on the diagonal. These are B on the block diagram.

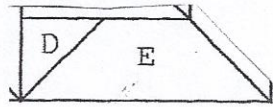
One 3 ¼ inch square cut diagonally making four triangles. These are C on the block diagram.

For Valentines month we can make this entwined star and like most relationships it takes a little figuring to see how it comes together and works.

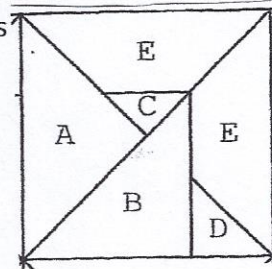
1. Use the template to mark and cut out 8 trapezoids (E pieces); the two strips can be stacked to speed the process. Place the template on the strip, mark and cut.
2. Pair four E and four C pieces RST. C is centered on the top of E. Center can be found by finger pressing each piece in half, match the pressed points, pin and sew.
Press C toward E.



- Pair four E and four D pieces by folding the triangle D's in half, finger pressing the hypotenuse. The triangle will be placed on the right side of trapezoid E (see the template marking to help determine where it will go). Sew the pieces and press toward E.



- As you look at the block diagram you can see that it is a 4 patch and recommend that you lay out the pieces with this in mind. Select one section to begin and sew the EC to A – you can see that each has a right angle and this is where you line up and sew the pieces together. This creates a half square triangle and you press toward A.



- Combine ED to B where you again can see right angles to match up. Press this half square triangle toward B. Complete the quadrant by sewing the two half square triangles together to make a square. Repeat these steps to complete all four quadrants.
- The four quadrants are hopefully laid out in order and can now be sewn together to make the entwined star. The center has a number of pieces coming together for a lot of bulk so you may wish to press the final seams open to lessen the bulkiness in the center of the block or press in a circle.

