

Midget Blocks—Block 2

Midget Blocks are a series of wonderful little blocks adapted from an antique sampler quilt made during the 1930s. I hope you'll enjoy making these blocks and a sampler quilt of your own.

Most of these blocks were made using just two colors. A print or solid color and the background fabric. This block however was made using three colors. Red, yellow and a creamy background.

My favorite method of construction for this block is to rotary cut the pieces and sew them together on the machine using a 1/4" seam allowance.

**Indian Star
Kansas City Star
4 1/2"**

Cutting: (1/4" seam allowance is included in all measurements given.)

Background

Cut 4 squares – 1 5/8" x 1 5/8"

Cut 4 rectangles – 1 5/8" x 2 3/4"

Red

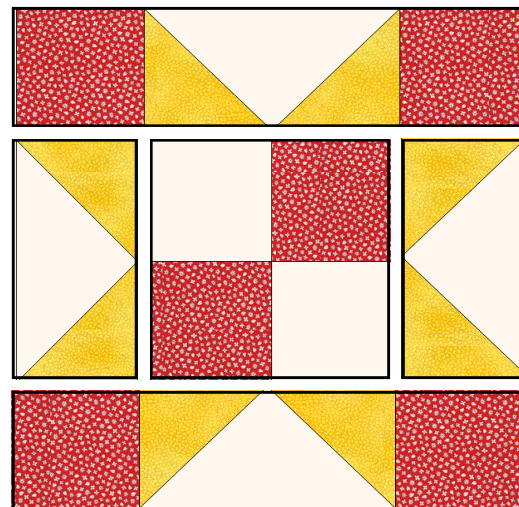
Cut 6 squares—1 5/8" x 1 5/8"

Yellow

Cut 8 squares—1 5/8" x 1 5/8"



1. The first thing we need to do is make the four Flying Geese units used in this block. You'll need the eight yellow squares and 4 background rectangles you cut.
2. On the wrong side of each yellow square, lightly draw a line diagonally from corner to corner.
3. With right sides together, place a yellow square at one end of a background rectangle with the drawn line in the direction shown. Stitch on the line drawn on the yellow square.
4. Trim away the excess fabric past the line, and flip the remaining triangle right side up. Press. Repeat to sew another square to the opposite side.
5. Assemble a Four Patch unit for the center using two background squares and two red squares.
6. Sew a red square to each end of two Flying Geese unit.
7. Assemble the block sections as pictured. Your block should measure 5"



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