

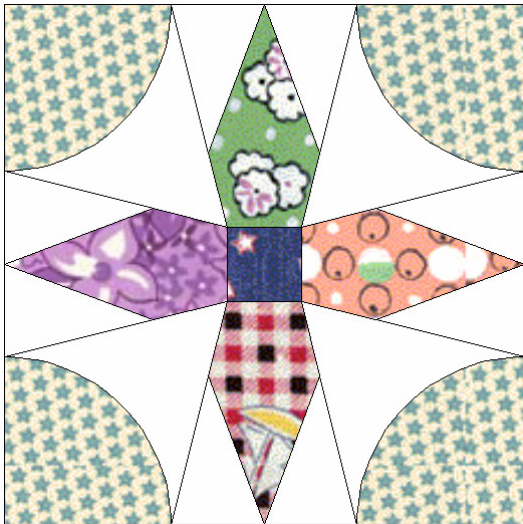
Midget Blocks—Block 44

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 in the original quilt was constructed using 4 fabrics for the star points, a blue polka dot for the corners, navy blue for the center square and the background fabric.

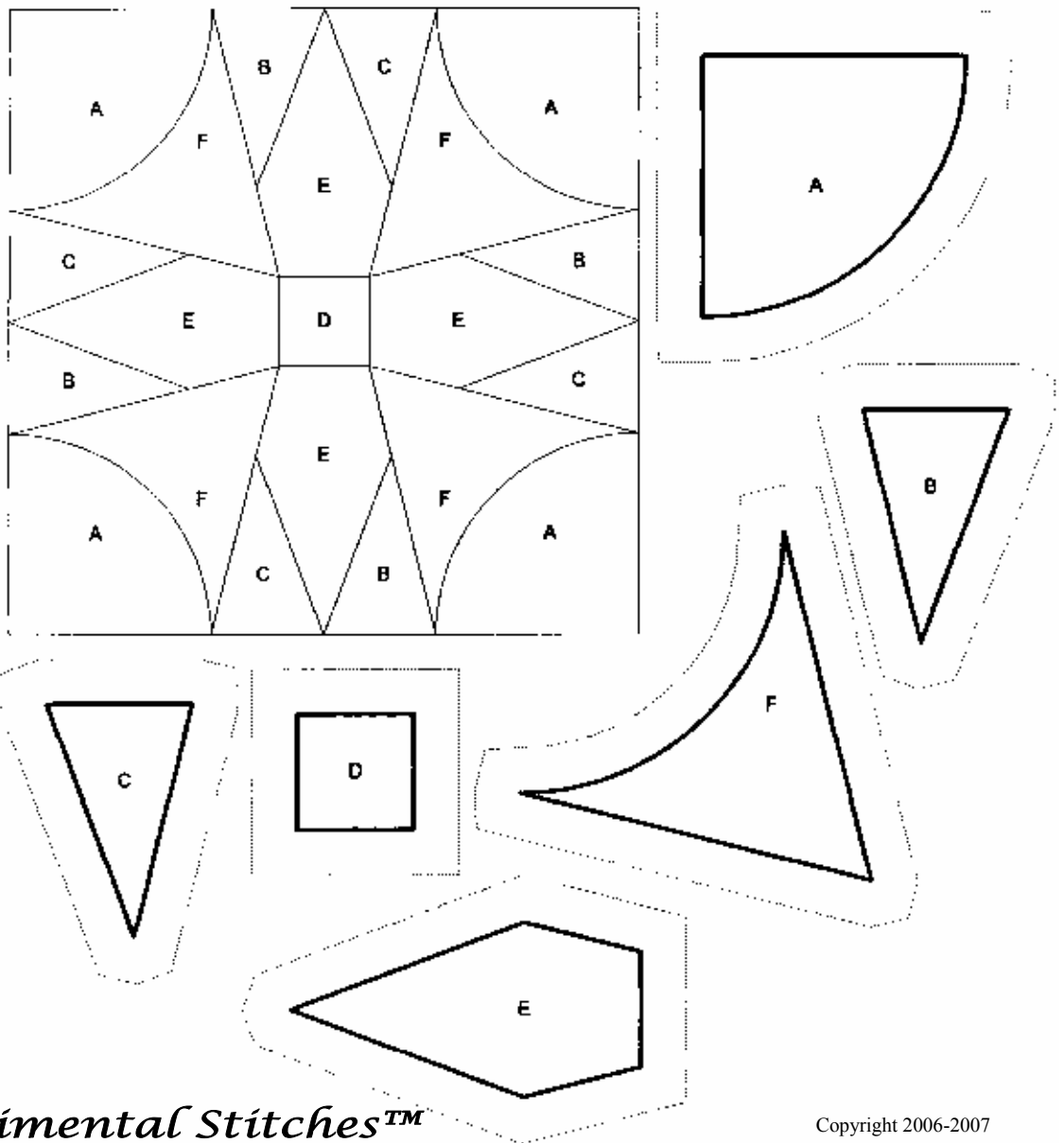
Sunset Star—4 1/2"

In the antique quilt this block is the seventh block from the left in the seventh row.



This block is easiest to construct using hand piecing.

1. The first thing we need to do is make templates for each of the pieces. I recommend using template plastic because you'll need to be able to trace around them. Remember, with hand piecing your templates do not include the seam allowance.
2. On the reverse side of the fabric, mark around the templates on their respective fabrics leaving at least 1/2" between your markings for the seam allowance.
3. Cut out each piece, adding a 1/4" seam allowance as you cut.
4. I would proceed by sewing together the B & C pieces to the E piece. Sew the F piece to the A piece.
5. Sew the groups to the edges of the center D square to complete the block. **Your unfinished block should measure 5".**



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