

Project: Cluster of Stars

Materials

- Light pink print and dark pink print scraps

Finished block: 9" square

Cut the Fabrics

From light pink print, cut:

- 5— $2\frac{3}{4}$ " squares
- 4— $1\frac{5}{8}$ " squares
- 12— $1\frac{5}{8}\times 2\frac{3}{4}$ " rectangles

From dark pink print, cut:

- 4— $2\frac{3}{4}$ " squares
- 32— $1\frac{5}{8}$ " squares

Assemble the Block

1. For accurate sewing lines, use a quilting pencil to mark each dark pink print $1\frac{5}{8}$ " square with a diagonal line on the wrong side of the fabric.
2. With right sides together, align a marked dark pink print square with one corner of a light pink print $2\frac{3}{4}$ " square (**Diagram 1**; note the placement of the diagonal line). Stitch on the marked sewing line; trim the seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press the attached triangle open. Align a second marked dark pink print square with the opposite corner of the light pink print square; stitch, trim, and press as before. Sew a marked dark pink print square in the remaining corners of the light pink print square to make a square-in-a-square unit. Repeat to make a total of four square-in-a-square units.
3. Align a marked dark pink print square with one end of a light pink print $1\frac{5}{8}\times 2\frac{3}{4}$ " rectangle (**Diagram 2**). Stitch on the sewing line; trim the seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press open the attached dark pink print triangle. Repeat with a second dark pink

print square on the opposite end of the rectangle to make a Flying Geese unit (**Diagram 3**). The pieced Flying Geese unit should measure $1\frac{5}{8}\times 2\frac{3}{4}$ ", including the seam allowances. Repeat to make a total of eight Flying Geese units.

4. Lay out the square-in-a-square units, Flying Geese units, and remaining squares and rectangles in five horizontal rows (**Diagram 4**). Sew together the pieces in each row. Press the seam allowances away from the Flying Geese and square-in-a-square units. Then join the rows to make a block (**Block Assembly Diagram**). Press the seam allowances in one direction.

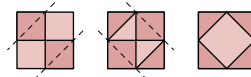


DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2



DIAGRAM 3

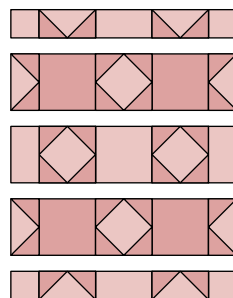


DIAGRAM 4