

# Cathedral Star

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The Cathedral Star Block features a fun technique that is used in Cathedral Window quilts. Don't let the name of it scare you off - it is an easy, machine sewn step with a high pay off in the detail department.

### Fabric Cutting Instructions

A – Four 3 ½” x 3 ½”

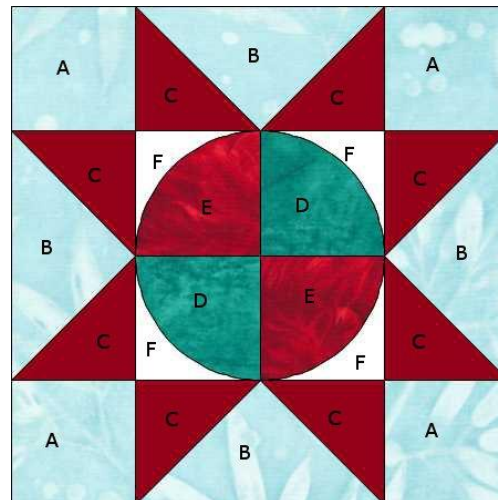
B – Four 3 ½” x 6 ½”

C – Eight 3 ½” x 3 ½”

D – Two 3 ½” x 3 ½”

E – Two 3 ½” x 3 ½”

F – Four 3 ½” x 3 ½”



## Center Block Construction

Sew both E units to both D units. Sew both ED units together forming the checkered Center Block. Square this block to 6 ½” x 6 ½”. *Note: This would also be a great place to feature a larger print fabric. If you prefer, skip the Center Block construction and cut your featured fabric to 6 ½” x 6 ½”*

## Cathedral Windows



With **wrong** sides together, fold each F unit in half from corner to corner forming triangles press with iron. Pin one triangle in the top left corner of the Center Block and one in the bottom right corner. Sew with a narrow seam along the outside raw edges of the triangles – **not along the diagonal**.



Pull up the edge of the triangle along the diagonal. It will automatically form a curve as you fold it.



Pin it in place and top stitch along the curved edge of the window. You can use a straight stitch or a decorative stitch such as a button hole stitch. Repeat with the other corner.



Repeat, sewing F units to the top right and bottom left corners. Set Aside.

## Star Point Construction



Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the fabric of all of the C squares. With Right sides together, sew one C unit to the right corner of a B unit, sewing along the drawn line. Fold down the C unit and press with iron to create a Star Point. Repeat for all B units. *Note: cut away the extra middle layer of fabric from the C unit if desired*

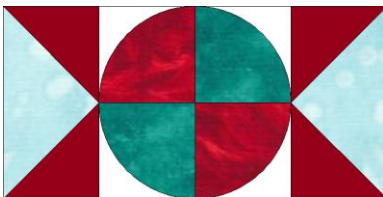


Repeat, sewing a C unit to the left side of a B unit creating 4 Star Point Units.

## Putting it all together



Sew A units to both sides of two of the Star Point units. You will have two of these rows



Sew two Star Point Units to either side of the Center Unit.



Sew the three rows together to complete your block.



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