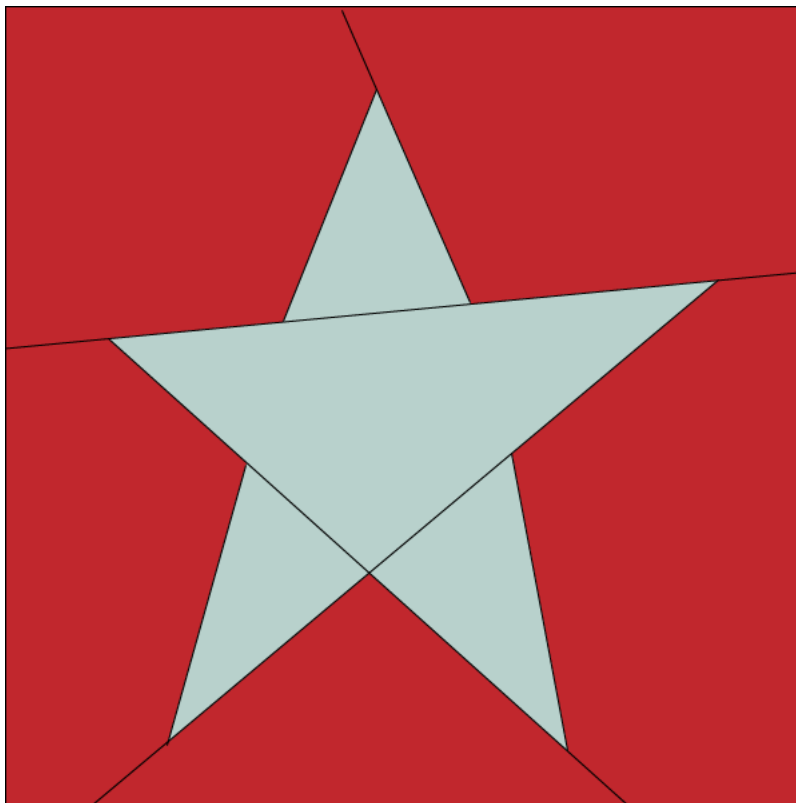


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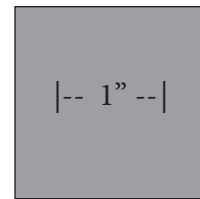


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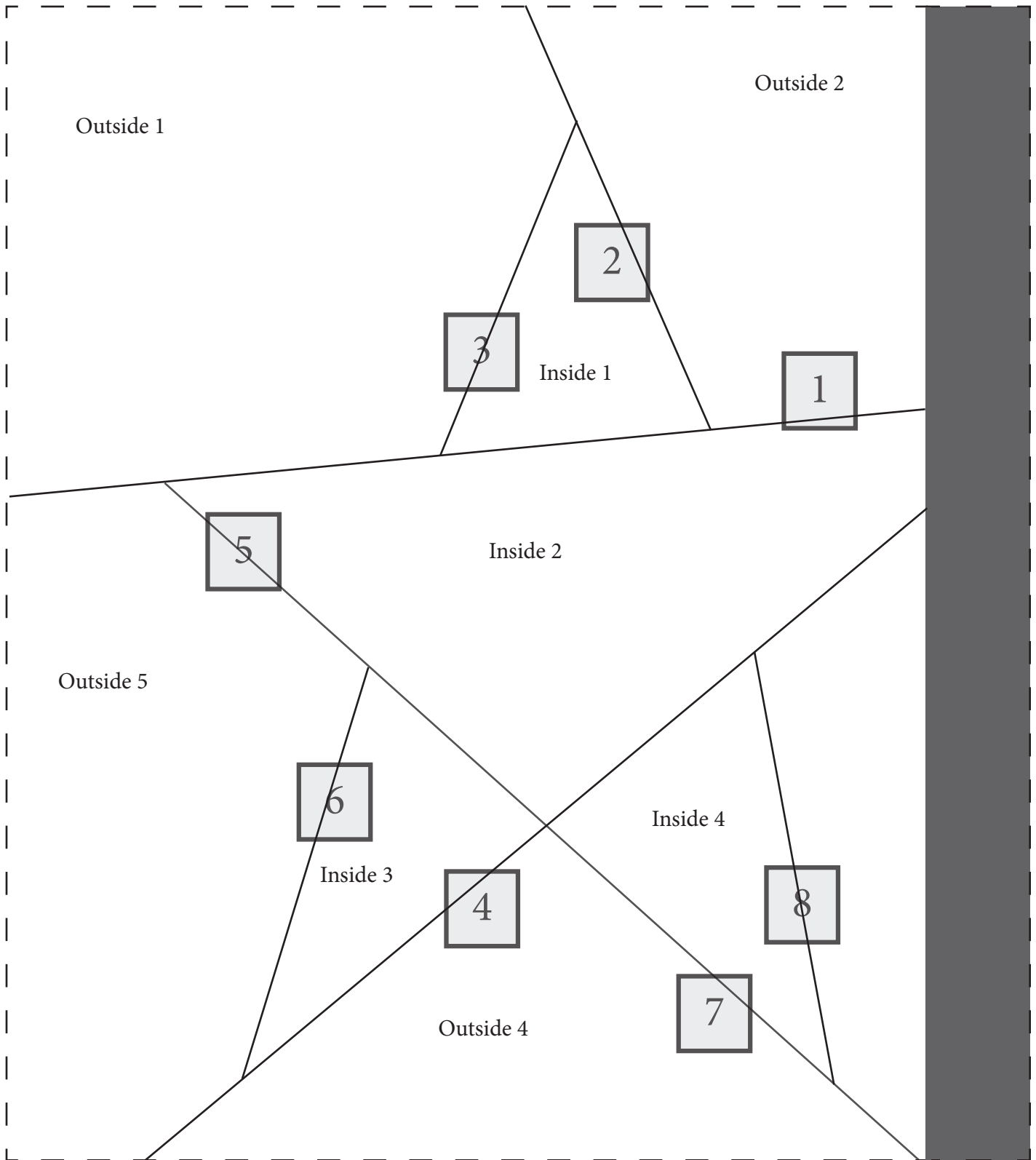
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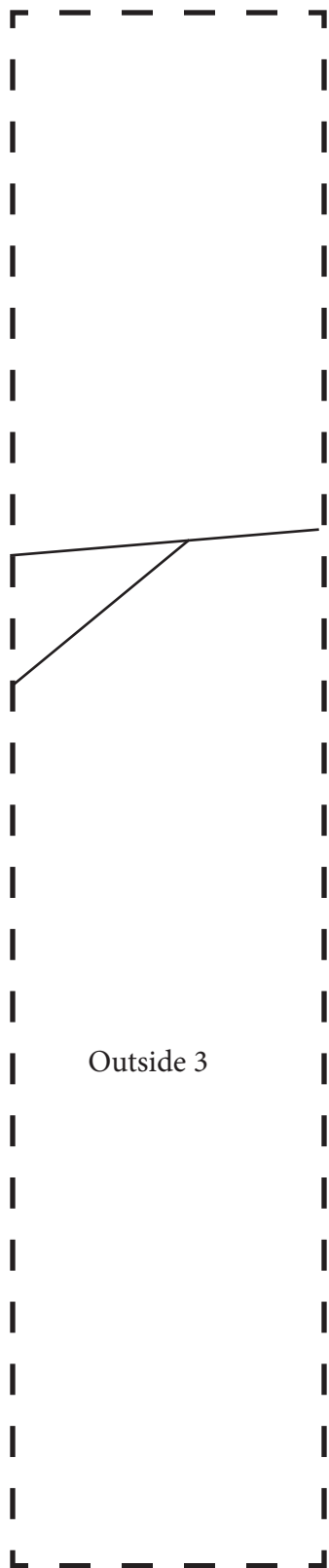
Easy Star Quilt Block Template



IMPORTANT: Print this pattern at 100% size. (DO NOT SCALE).
If printed properly, the test block at right will measure exactly 1".

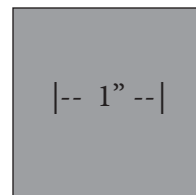


Easy Star Quilt Block Template (continued)



Outside 3

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Stars are a useful element in lots of designs – Christmas quilts, Patriotic projects, and even baby items – knowing how to make this block is a nice skill to have in your toolbox. The technique is faster than paper piecing – four blocks can easily be made in less than an hour.

This Easy Star Block is put together using a freestyle technique. You cut as indicated on the pattern, then sew pieces and trim as directed. There is no need to be too picky about seams, as it is created over-sized, then trimmed down.

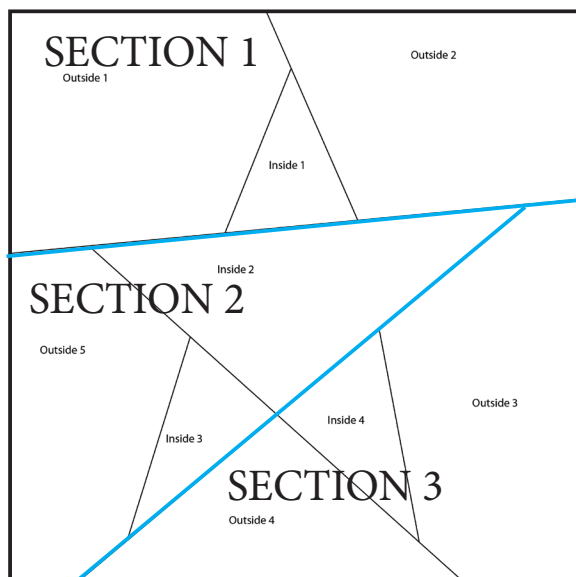
Makes four 6" (finished) Easy Star Blocks.

Cutting

1. Download template and print on your printer, making sure the print option is set to DO NOT SCALE (i.e. print at 100% size).
2. Cut and tape template pieces together.
3. Trace template onto the paper side of a 9" square of freezer paper.
4. Cut four squares that are 9" square from two different contrasting fabrics. If Fabric 1 is red and Fabric 2 is blue, two of your blocks will have a blue star and two of your blocks will have a red star.
5. Stack the four squares so that your two fabric 1 squares are on top and the fabric 2 squares are on the bottom, making sure edges are perfectly aligned.
6. Place your freezer paper template on top of the stack, wax side down, and press with a hot iron.
7. At your cutting table, use a ruler and rotary cutter to cut along the straight "star" lines, careful to cut them in the order indicated on the pattern by the numbers in square boxes. Notice how some pieces are labeled "outside" and some as "inside."
8. Move the top two pieces in each "outside" stack to the bottom of their stack. This reorganizes your pieces so that the backgrounds and insides are now arranged properly for each block. It is helpful to hang on to your template pieces, so you can refer to the piece names as you sew them

Sewing

We sew this together in three sections as indicated in the diagram below. I find it helpful to layout each block on a mini design board or piece of white flannel. Begin with section 1. Using 1/4" seam, sew Outside 1 to Inside 1. Trim the side where you will attach Outside 2 just enough to make the edges straight, then attach Outside 2 to the unit. In the same manner, trim the bottom side of the unit where you will attach the next section so that the side is straight, then set aside.



For the second section, sew Outside 5 and Inside 3. Trim the side where Inside 2 will be attached. Attach Inside 2, then trim the top and bottom sides of the section just enough so that the edges are straight. Set aside.

Attach section 3 in a similar manner, sewing Outside 3 and Inside 4 together. Trim the side where Outside 4 attaches. Then sew Outside 4 to the section, completing the unit. Trim the side where section 2 will attach so that it is straight.

Sew sections 2 and 3 together. Trim as needed, then sew section 1 to the top. Square up and trim to 6.5" unfinished block.