



NON-SLIP Hunter's Star Trim Tool

The Hunter's Star Trim Tool makes creating these fun blocks easy and stress free. Accurately assemble them from simple squares and rectangles. The cutting chart for all three sizes is printed right on the Trim Tool. Designed by Deb Heatherly

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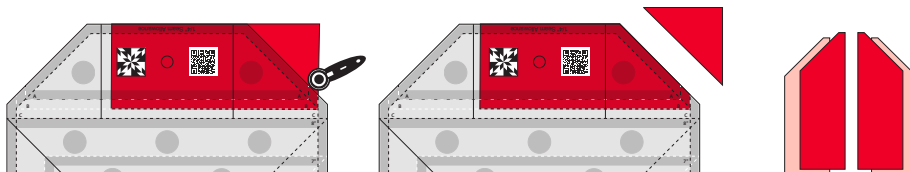
This cutting chart yields 4 Hunter's Star units to make 1 complete block.

	Finished Size Unit/Block	Cut: 2 Light & 2 Dark	Star Points Cut: 8 Light & 8 Dark	Trapezoids Cut: 4 Light & 4 Dark
A	6"/12" Block	5-1/2"	2" x 5"	2" x 4-3/4"
B	7"/14" Block	6"	2-1/4" x 5-1/2"	2-1/4" x 5-1/2"
C	8"/16" Block	6-1/2"	2-1/2" x 6"	2-1/2" x 6-1/4"

The A, B, and C specifications on the cutting chart will coincide with the trimming steps in construction. Example: If you cut using row A on the cutting chart, you will use the A markings on the tool throughout your block construction. If you cut using the B row on the cutting chart, you will use the B markings, etc.

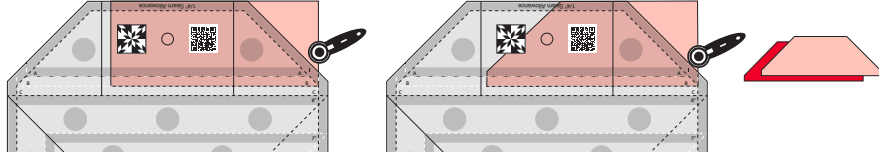
Step 1: Trim Star Points

Place the (8) dark rectangles from the 3rd column of the cutting chart in pairs, either right or wrong sides together to make mirror image units. Use the slanted corner on the tool to cut a "Smart" corner as shown, aligning with the A, B, or C lines depending on which size of block you are making. Repeat with the (8) light rectangles also from the 3rd column. Cutting left handed? Use the slanted corner on the left to trim the "Smart" corners.



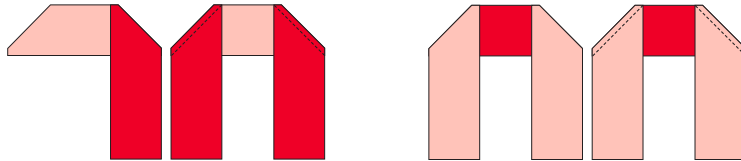
Step 2: Trapezoids

Use the top corner of the tool to add "Smart" corners to both ends of the (4) light and (4) dark rectangles from the 4th column to make trapezoids. Line up with the A, B, or C line and trim one corner, then flip the rectangles over to trim the second corner so both trimmed edges angle towards the center of the rectangle. Use the right corner if cutting right handed, and the left for cutting left handed.



Step 3:

With right sides together, align the "Smart" corners of the dark star points with the light trapezoids as shown. Repeat with the light star points and dark trapezoids. Use pins to hold the pieces in place for sewing, or use a fabric glue stick. Just be sure to keep the glue in the seam allowance. Sew with a 1/4" seam allowance.

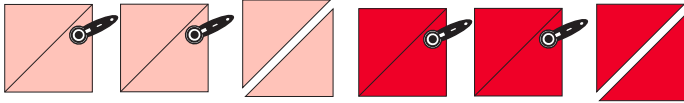


With the trapezoid star point units wrong side up and the shortest edge of the center trapezoid closest to you, press both seams to the left as illustrated below. This will allow the center seams to nest when sewn together in a later step.



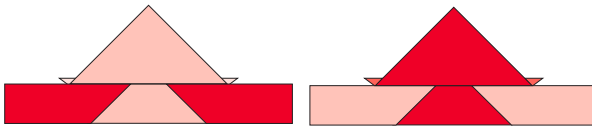
Step 4:

Cut the (2) light and the (2) dark squares from the 2nd column of the cutting chart on the diagonal once to make (4) light and (4) dark triangles.



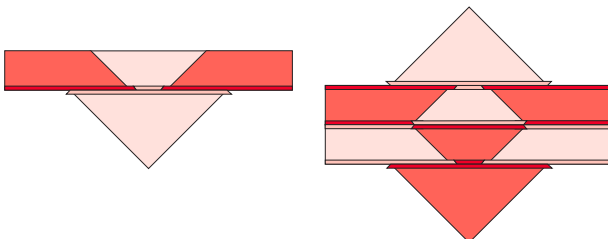
Step 5:

Find the center of the triangle and the center of the trapezoid star point units. Sew a light triangle to the short side of the light trapezoid, and a dark triangle to short side of dark trapezoid. Press seams open. I suggest using The Gypsy Quilter® Presser Bar to get a nice crisp press.



Step 6:

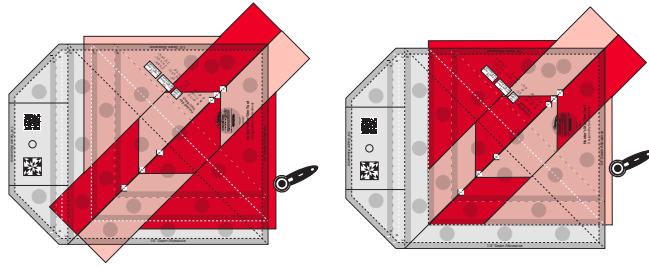
Nest seams and sew a dark trapezoid unit to a light trapezoid unit. Pin as needed. Stitch with a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam open.



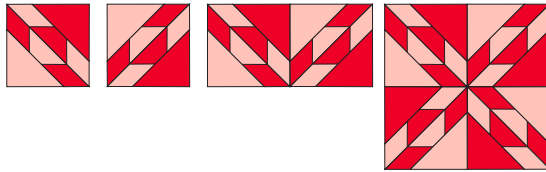
Note: These open seams in steps 5 and 6 will help when aligning the units to make a full block in step 8.

Step 7:

Use the Hunter's Star Trim Tool to trim the units. Align the diagonal line on the tool, on the final diagonal seam from step 6. Match up the points with the appropriate tic marks (A, B, or C) determined by the size block you are making. Block B is shown below. Depending on your personal seam allowance, the tic marks may align slightly inside, outside, or exactly on the fabric points of the unit. Make sure your seam allowance is consistent throughout block construction, and that you place the tic marks in the same place on each unit when trimming. Trim two sides. Rotate the block, realign the tic marks and the solid diagonal line, and trim the remaining two sides.

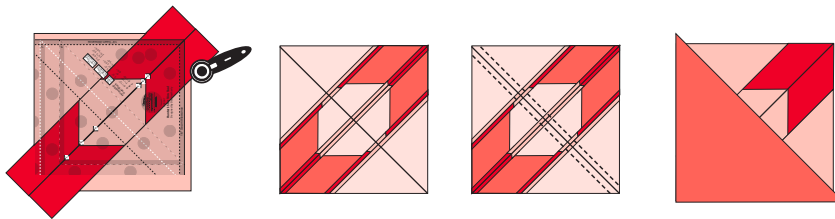
**Step 8:**

Once the four units are trimmed, you are ready to complete your block. Being mindful of the orientation of the dark triangles in the units, sew the four units into two rows of two as shown below and press seams open. Rotate one row 180° and sew the two rows together to complete one block. Press seams open.

**Bonus Variation**

Finished Size Unit/Block	Cut: 1 Light Square	Star Points Cut: 4 Medium or Dark	Trapezoids Cut: 2 Light	Cut: 1 Medium Square
B 7"/14" Block	6"	2-1/4" x 5-1/2"	2-1/4" x 5-1/2"	7-1/2"
C 8"/16" Block	6-1/2"	2-1/2" x 6"	2-1/2" x 6-1/4"	8-1/2"

Just by changing the color placement, you can turn the B (7") or C (8") blocks into Hunter's Star HST units. Follow the chart above for cutting. Assemble and trim the unit as directed in the main directions using only lights in the trapezoid and triangle areas. After trimming, draw a diagonal line on the back of the trimmed unit as shown. Pair the unit right sides together with the square from the 5th column. Sew 1/4" away from both sides of the line. Cut on the line to yield 2 HST variation units. Press seams toward triangle.



Trim the HST variation using the intersecting diagonal lines along with the solid black line on the tool as shown below. If you made a "B" unit, you will now use the marks for trimming a 6" finished block. If you made a "C" unit, use the marks for a 7" finished block.

