

Green Hills Quilt Collection

Wishing on a Star

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Finished Block: 12" x 12" | Unfinished Block: 12.5" x 12.5"

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE STARS,
AND YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND.
— Theodore Roosevelt

Who says you can't have the best of both worlds?
This scrappy 8-point star block is both whimsical
and practical!

It begins with a therapeutic, stash-busting
endeavor and ends with a tried and true,
traditional block pattern.

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One of my favorite ways to use up leftover scraps
involves stitching them all together without
thought or concern to the final product, and best
of all, there's only one rule: the finished piece
needs to lay flat after pressing.

So, grab your orphan blocks, tiny strips, and mis-shaped remnants —
we're putting them to good use, wishing on a star.



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MATERIALS & CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

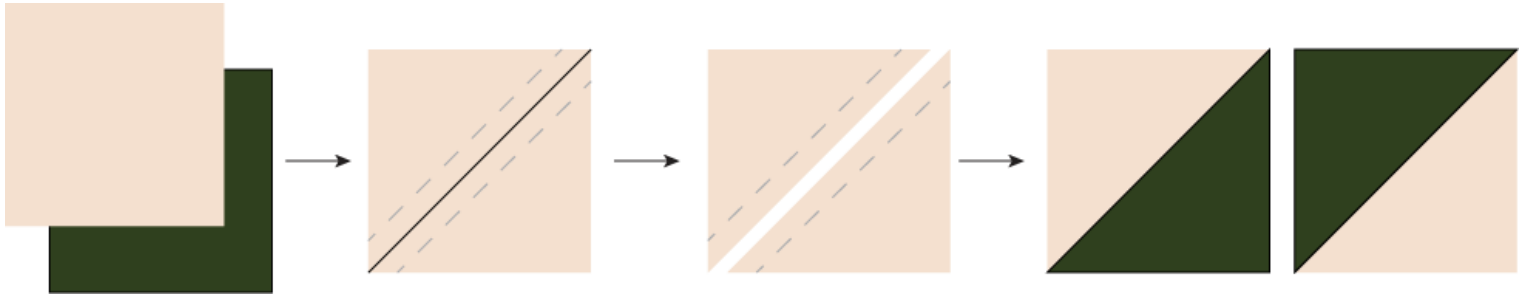
Neutral Scraps	Stitch scraps together and press flat to create a rectangle that measures about 10" wide x 18" long to use as Fabric A
Fabric A (Parchment)	(4), 4½" x 4½" squares (4), 3½" x 3½" squares (OR a 6½" x 6½ square) <i>I like the scrappy effect of using the four smaller squares, but the larger square works just the same for the center unit.</i>
Fabric B (Green)	(4), 4½" x 4½" squares (4), 3½" x 3½" squares

Use a scant ¼" seam allowance throughout. | Stitch right sides together.



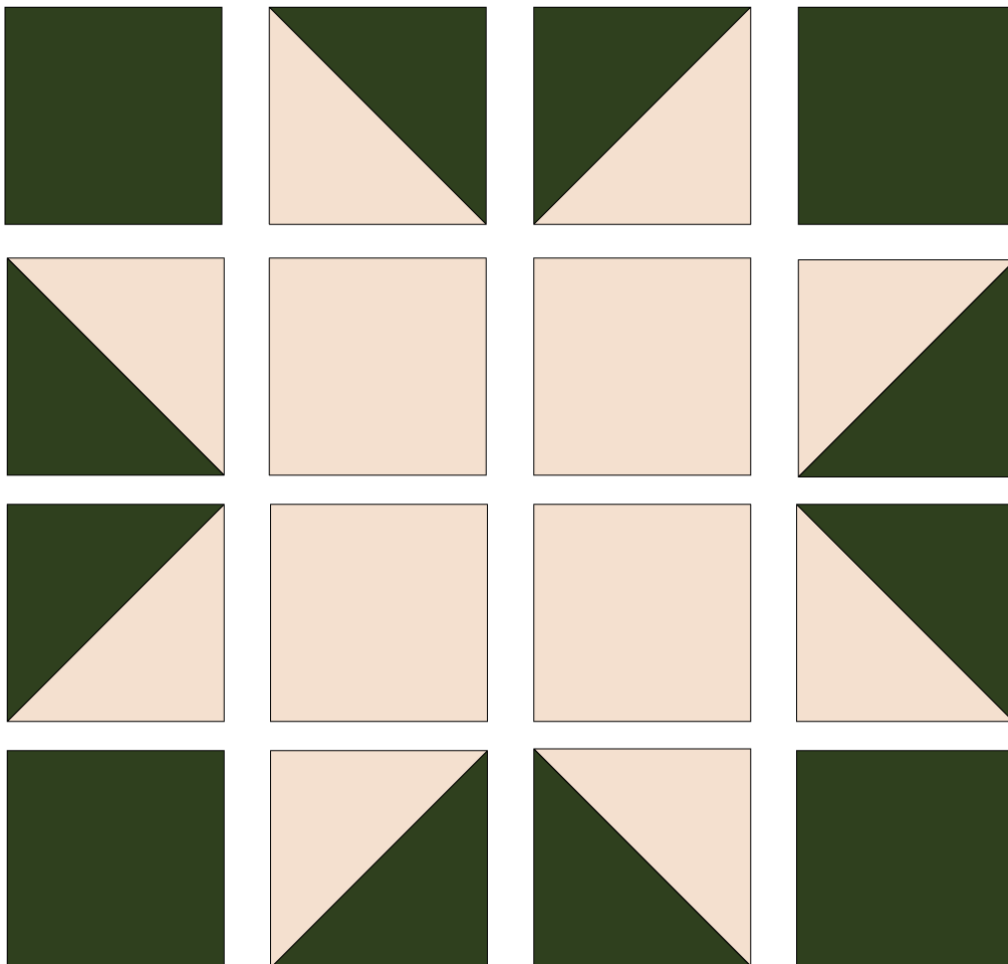
Use the "2-at-a-time HST" method to create A/B half-square triangles:

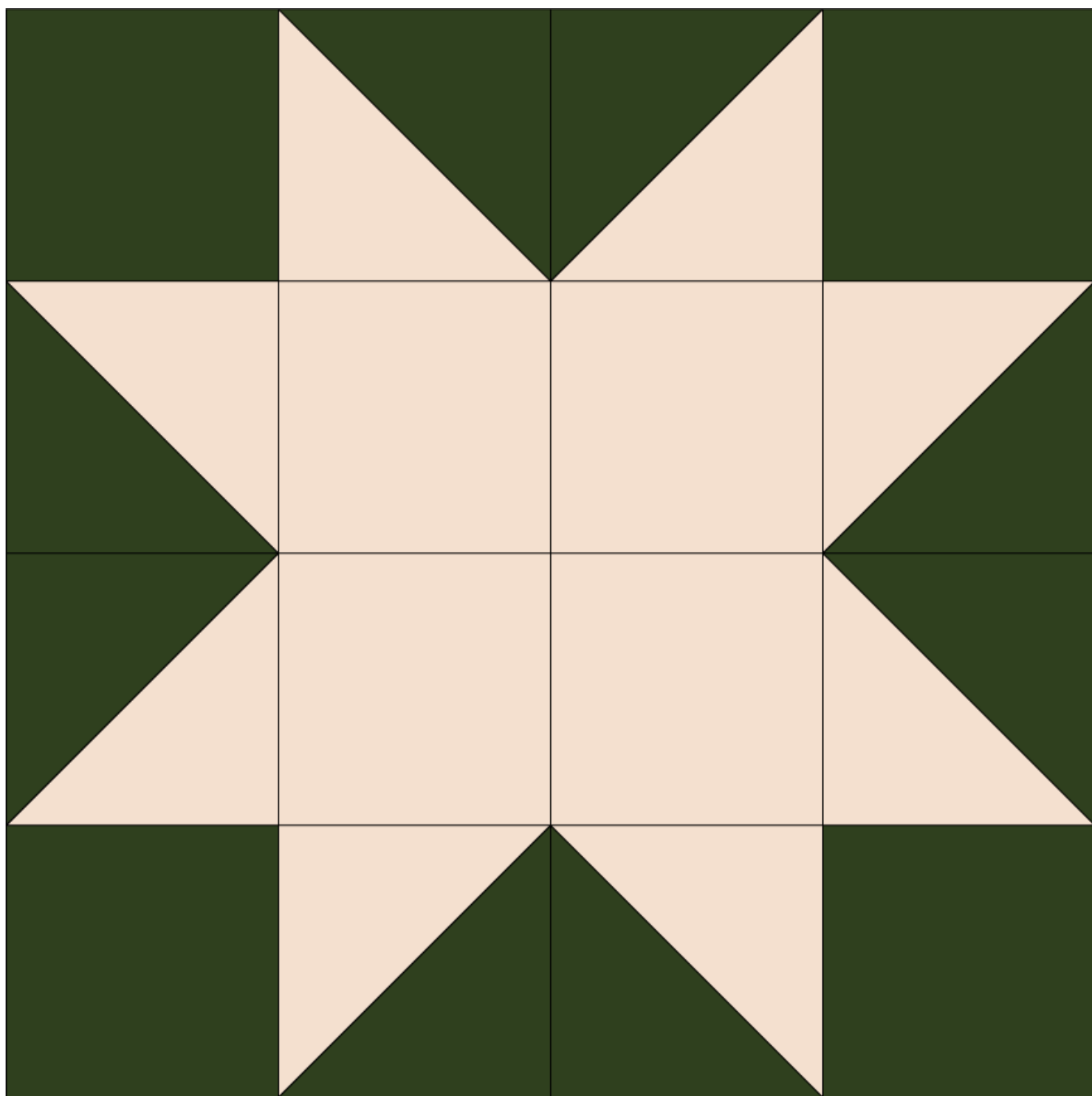
1. Gather 2 squares, one in each fabric.
2. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of one square.
3. Place squares RST.
4. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the drawn line.
5. Cut along the drawn line to create 2 identical HST units.
6. Press seams open or toward the darker fabric as desired.
7. Trim HSTs to the specified size.



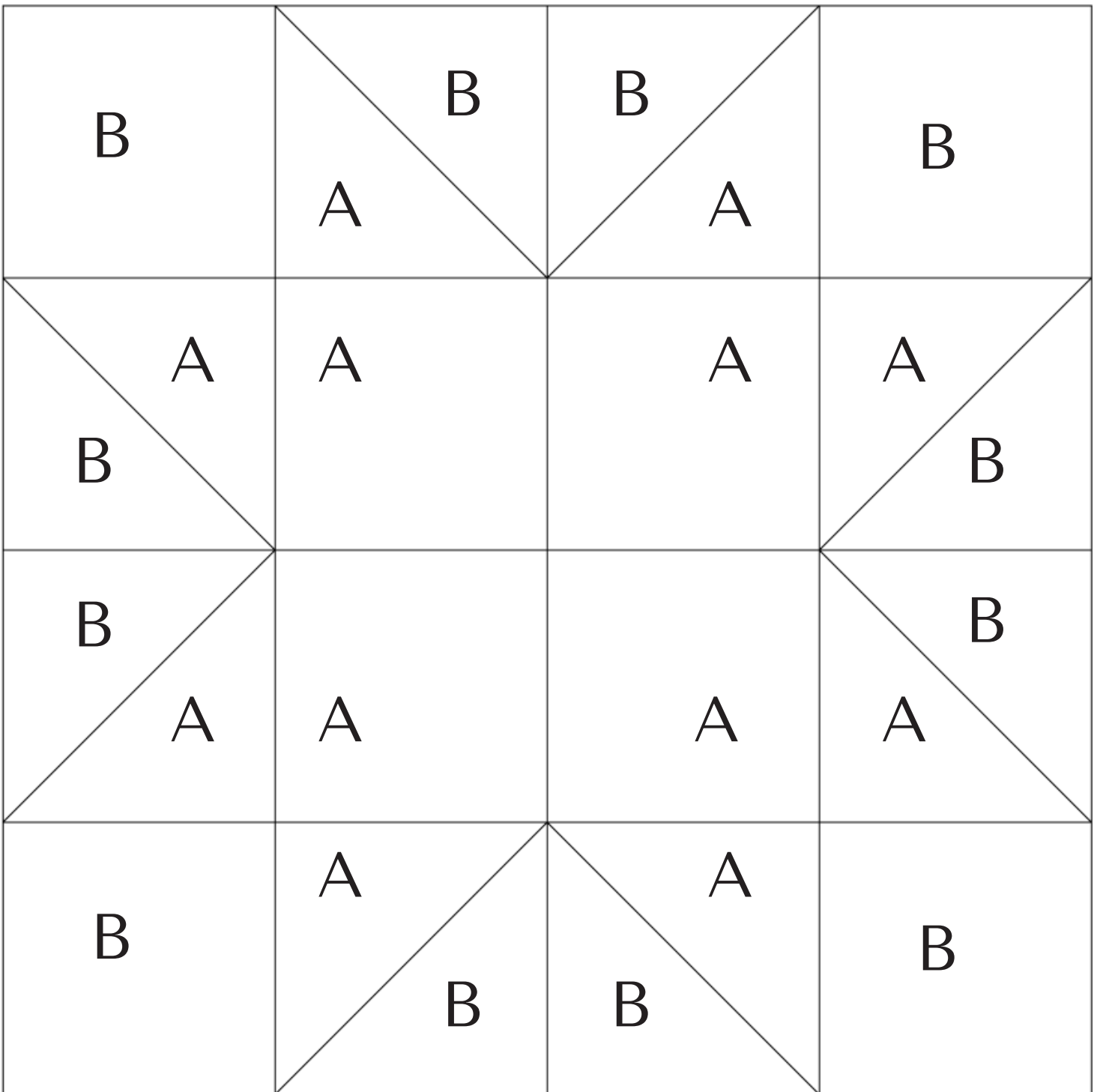
Use (4) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric A squares and (4) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric B squares to create (8) A/B HSTs, trimmed to $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Arrange all (16) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square units as shown and stitch together to complete block.





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