



Quilts of Valor® 2019 Block Drive

As a special Charity Day project, the Block of the Month Committee is encouraging participation in the 2019 Quilt of Valor block drive. The 2019 Quilts of Valor block drive features a floating Ohio Star and we will have a pre cut kit available for the star at the January 12, 2019 Empire Quilters Guild meeting.

The blocks will need to be completed and turned in at the March 9th, 2019 Guild Meeting, which is also our charity day. They will be sent in to the Quilt of Valor Foundation, who will use them in quilts for Veterans.

If everyone could make two blocks, we can collect a lot of blocks for a very worthy cause. These blocks will be donated in the name of the guild.

Guidelines:

1. There are two colors needed: background – red or blue solid or patriotic print and the main color – white or white on white, which will be precut in the kit should you choose to use the kit.
2. Use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and press carefully.
3. Block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " as sewn and will finish at 12" in a quilt.

Here are the links to tutorials on YouTube.

1. How to make the floating star block <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wlas1NKN6sc>
2. How to "Block a Quilt Block" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwKbwX67g5s>
3. How to "Square Up A Quilt block" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdUTLkNc0po&t=395s>

Instructions:

CUTTING:

Color 1 – Background 8 – 4 1/2" squares red or blue solid or a patriotic print

Color 2 – Main Color 1 – 4 1/2' & 8 – 3 1/2" squares white solid or white-on-white

Step 1: Take your eight 3 1/2" white squares and mark them diagonally from corner to corner. Place one on the bottom left edge of four of the 4 1/2" background squares. Pin in place and sew on the line you drew. Trim them at 1/4" and press open. Repeat with the other four 3 1/2" white squares on the right side. Pin in place, sew on the line, trim at 1/4" and press open. You will end up with 4 squares with star points.



Step 2: Layout your 9 squares like a 9 patch block as shown below. Sew each row together and then sew the rows together. Your finished block should measure 12 1/2" square.

