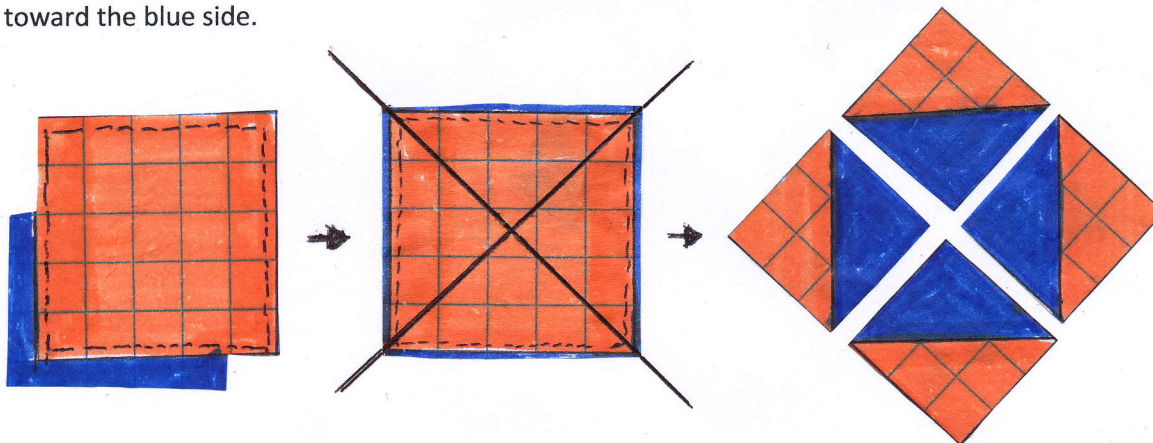
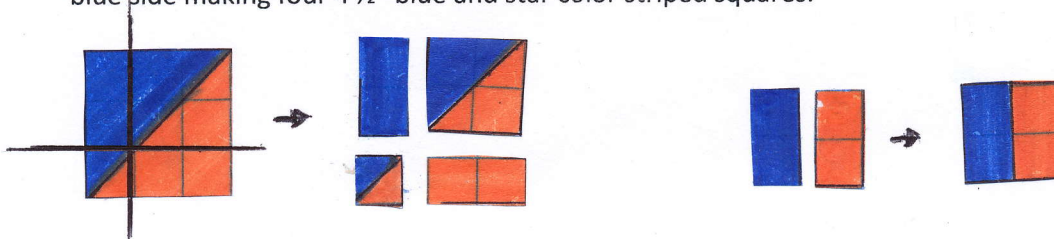


The Friendship Star is a classic 9 patch block. This month it is modified to include a square set on point in the center and a different method for cutting and piecing. You will need only two 10 1/2" squares: a strong yellow, orange, or white for the star color and a medium or light blue, preferably tone on tone, for the background. All of the smaller pieces will be made by sewing, cutting, and sewing again.

- Sew the two 10 1/2" squares together with a 1/4" seam on all sides. Cut the square with an X from corner to corner. Open the 4 cuts revealing four 7" half square triangles (HST). Press the seam toward the blue side.



- Place each 7" HST, with the seam running from bottom left to top right, cut overlapping 2 1/2" strips from the left side and the bottom of each 7" HST. These cuts will make: Four 4 1/2" HST, four 2 1/2" HST, four 2 1/2" by 4 1/2" blue rectangles, and four 2 1/2" by 4 1/2" star color rectangles. Sew a blue to a star color rectangle along one 4 1/2" side four times. Press to the seams to the blue side making four 4 1/2" blue and star color striped squares.



- Press two of the 2 1/2" HST seams to the star color side. Sew the four 2 1/2" HST together into a 4 1/2" mini block with a star color square on point in the center.



- Sew the nine 4 1/2" squares (four HST, four striped squares, one mini block) together into a friendship star block measuring 12 1/2".

