

Cupboard to Creativity

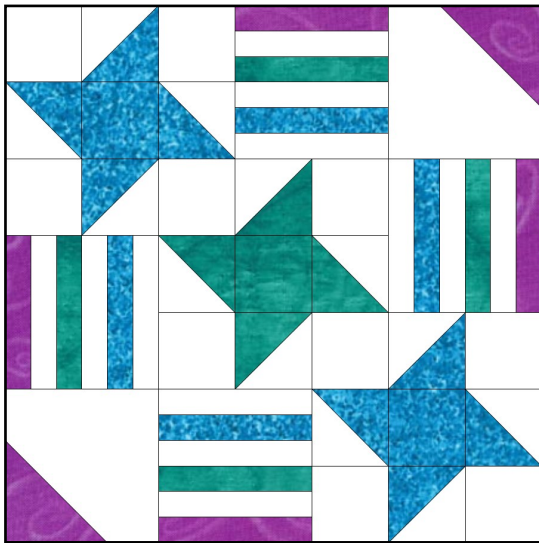
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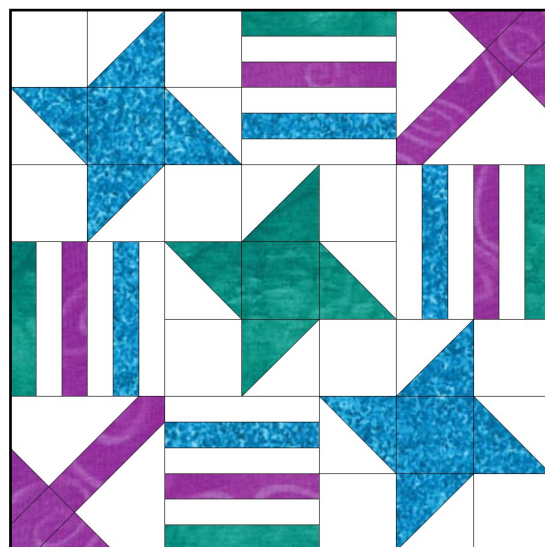
Hi Everyone,

From the end of July I will be away for a couple of weeks, so the next two challenges I will try to keep fairly simple so I have some chance of achieving a result.

I found a couple of friendship stars made & in a box along with more cut ready to sew, so for July, because I have made plenty of these blocks, the something new is a new block I have created & I have called it "Friendship Connection" (there are 2 variations on the block, and with changes to colour placement you can create further variations.) My block uses finished units of $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", however you may like to enlarge your design.



Block 1



Block 2

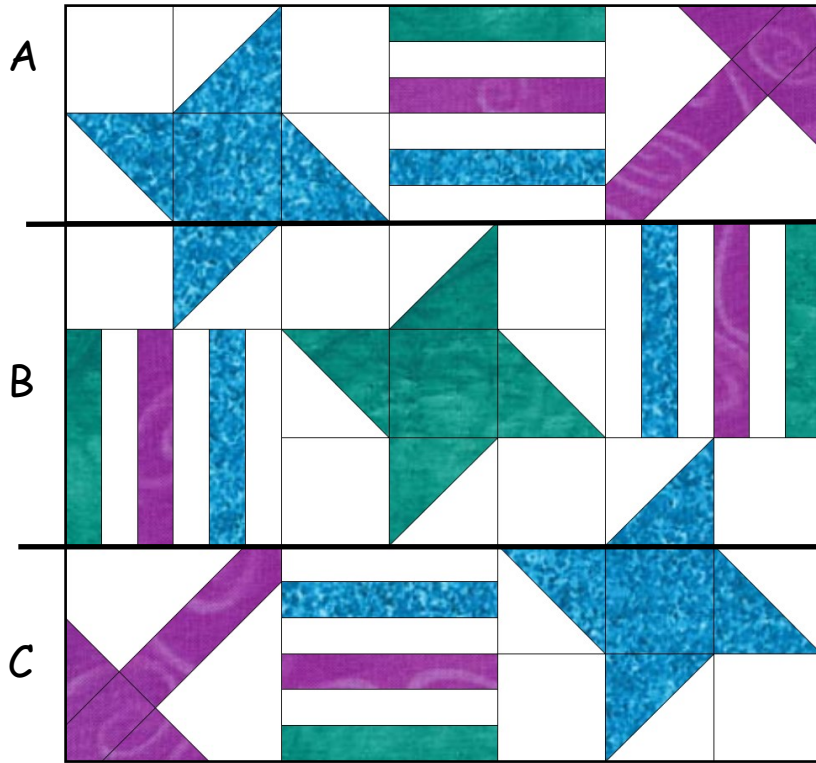
The first block only has a triangle in the corner unit, block 2 has an extra element in that unit to create the arrowhead.

The 3 friendship stars overlap on the corners, so I suggest it is easiest to make the blocks in rows shown on page 2 with the darker line.

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Block is $10\frac{1}{2}$ " in the quilt.



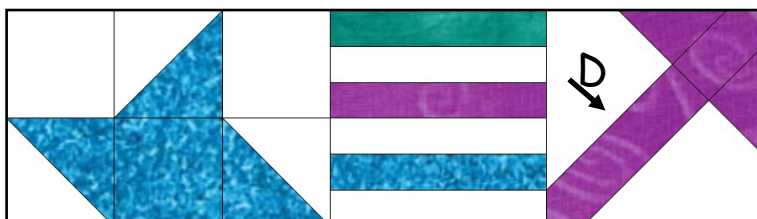
For the 3 friendship stars you will need 2 squares of colour & white cut $2\frac{1}{2}$ " and 1 square of colour cut 2" for the centre.

Row A & C need 2 squares of white cut 2" & row B star uses 4 squares of white cut 2".

Prepare the units —make Half square triangles using the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for each of your stars.

Make the block in the rows shown by the solid line in diagram above. Row A & C make part stars with a stripe unit & corner unit.

The **strip units** are cut $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square and could be a stripe fabric or made up as in the diagram the strips would be cut 1" wide x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " in your chosen colours.



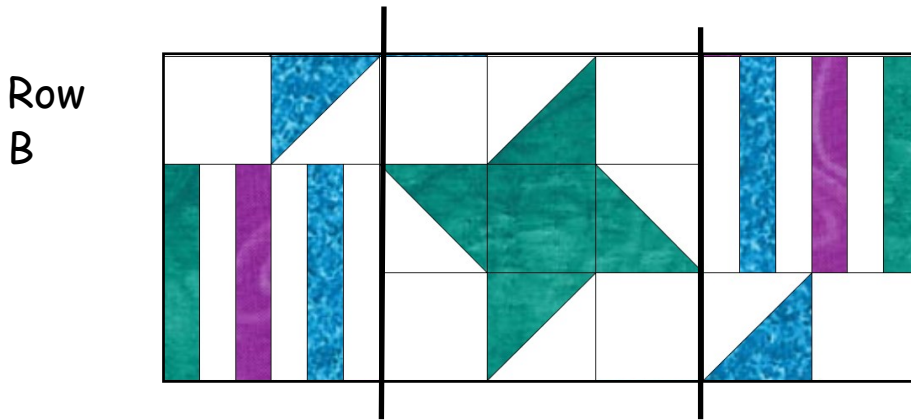
Rows
A & C

Block 1—The corner white unit is $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square with a flipped corner — cut a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square of the colour, draw on 1 diagonal on wrong side, place right side to right side of corner white, sew on the line, then trim away excess seam and flip out colour.

Block 2—For the extra strip D — cut a colour strip $1\frac{1}{8}$ " x 5". Cut the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square of white on the diagonal, sew the strip of colour along the diagonal edges of the white to make a new square, then trim the unit back to $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Finish with the flip corner as for block 1.

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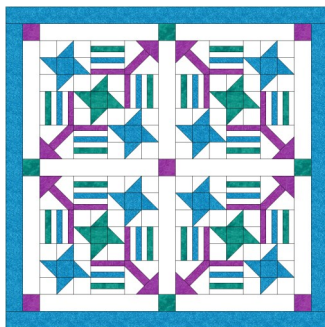
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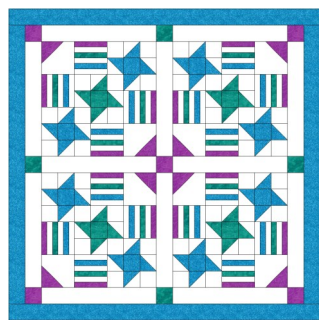
Row B has a full friendship star in the centre with a part of Star from row A & C sewn to the stripe unit, then attached to each side of the star.

Use the diagram as your guide for strip direction and placement.

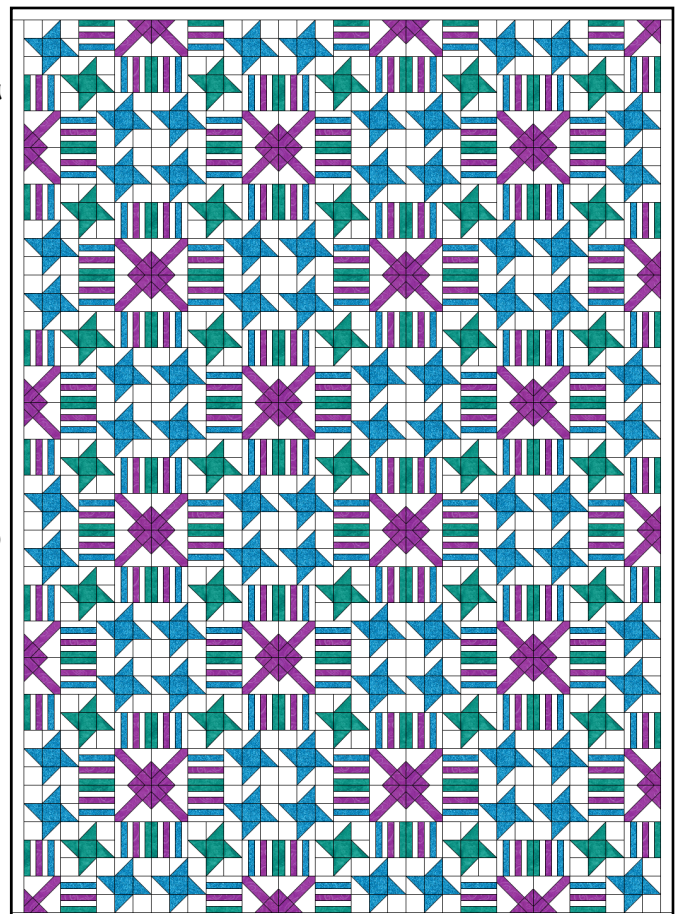
Join you 3 rows to make your complete block.



Decide how many blocks you wish to make and how you plan to use them in a quilt — I have given a couple of examples here using 4 blocks separated by a sashing. You could repeat this for a larger quilt.



You could set the blocks alternating with a bold print or a second designed block.



You may prefer to not have sashing, but join the blocks as shown here using block 2 with the alternate blocks turned to make the pattern.

Have fun exploring what you can do with my new block.

Or perhaps you would like to create your own new block with a friendship star element.

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