

## Variable Star

### Fabric Requirements

You will need two color ways that contrast yet work well with each other and a background, I have used pinks and greens

From the background cut

Two of  $4 \frac{7}{8}$ " squares and one of  $5 \frac{1}{4}$ " square

From the dark green cut one of  $5 \frac{1}{4}$ " square

From the dark pink cut two of  $5 \frac{1}{4}$ " squares

From your medium green cut two of  $4 \frac{7}{8}$ " squares

And finally from the light pink cut one of  $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " square

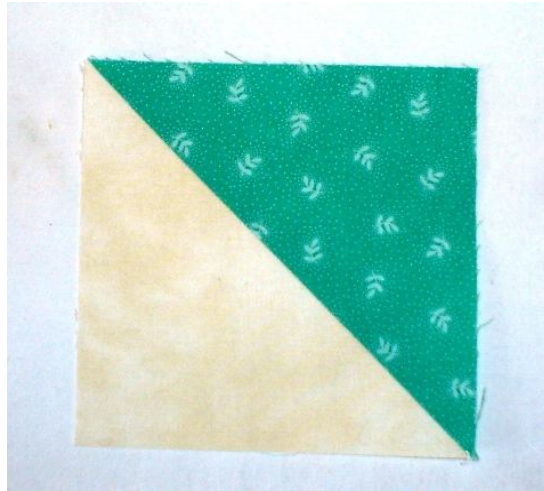
(Pic 1)

**Pic 1**



Using the 4 7/8" medium green and background squares make four half square triangles as in the previous instructions for Split 9 Patch and Ohio Star (Pic 2)

**Pic 2**

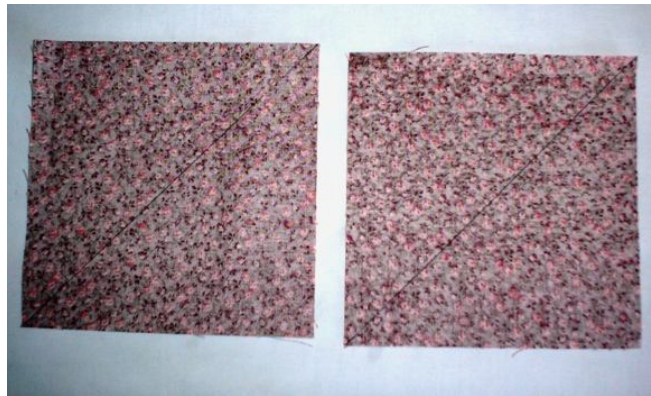


### Making the Quarter Square units

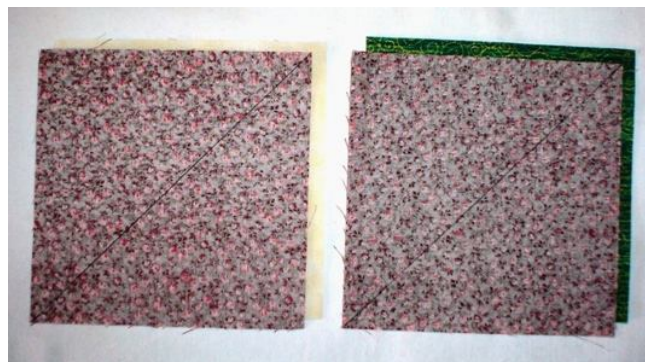
On The reverse side of your dark pink 5 1/4" squares mark a line diagonally from corner to corner. Sandwich one of these with the background 5 1/4" square and one with the dark green 5 1/4" square. Sew 1/4" seam on both sides of the line as previously for Half square triangles, Cut apart, press seams towards the dark pink and trim dog ears (Pic3a,b)

**Pic 3**

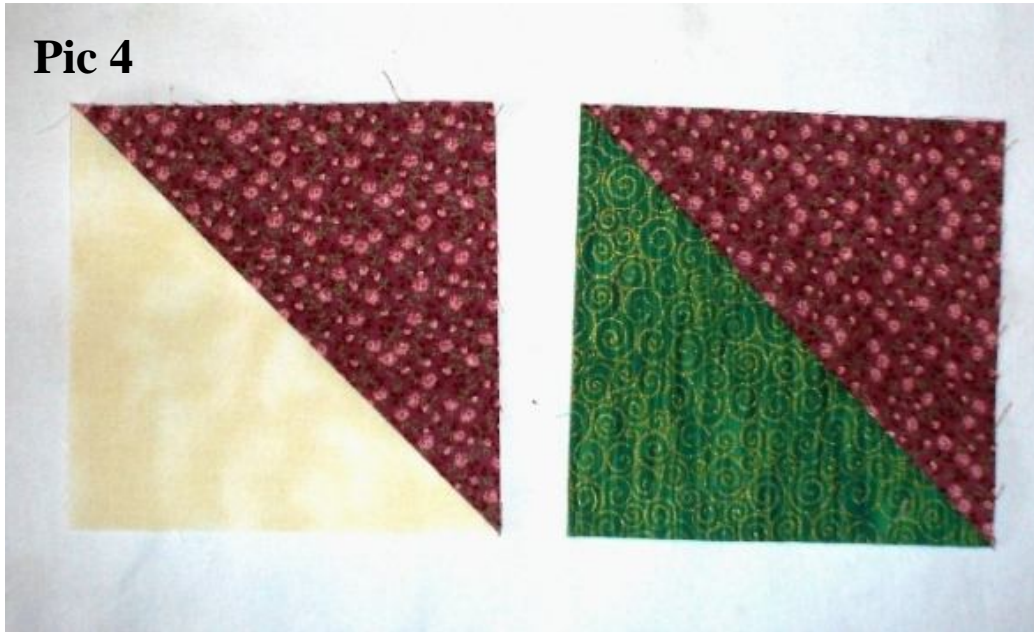
**A**



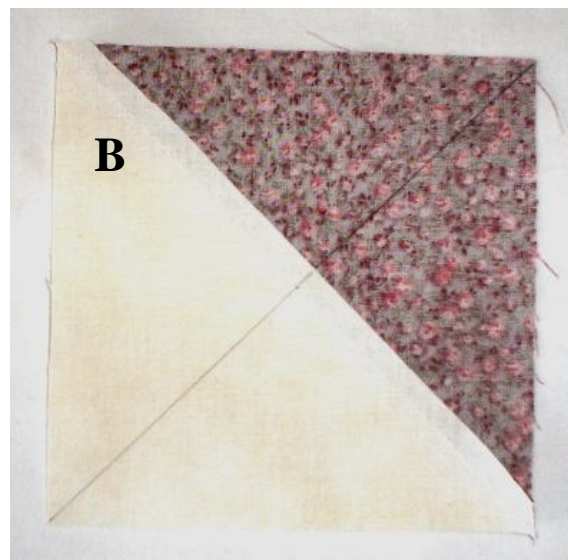
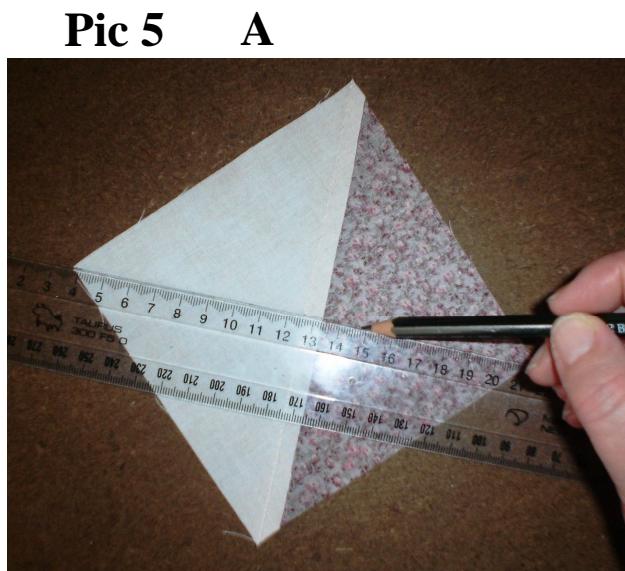
**B**



Your should now have four half square triangles, two of each pictured.(Pic4) To make quarter square triangle units just rinse and repeat (wink)

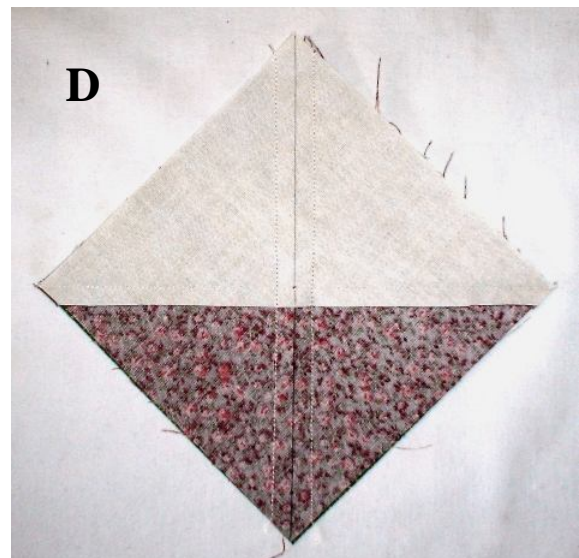
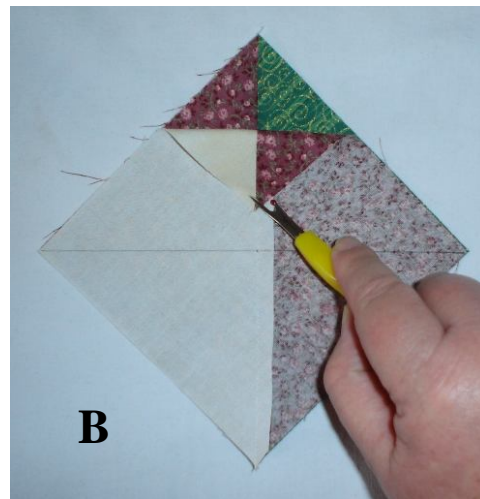
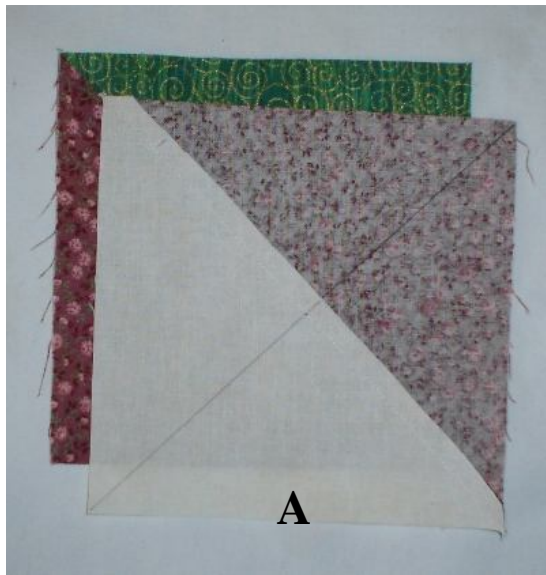


Mark a diagonal line on the reverse side of your half square units, drawing in the opposite direction to your seam line (Pic5a,b)



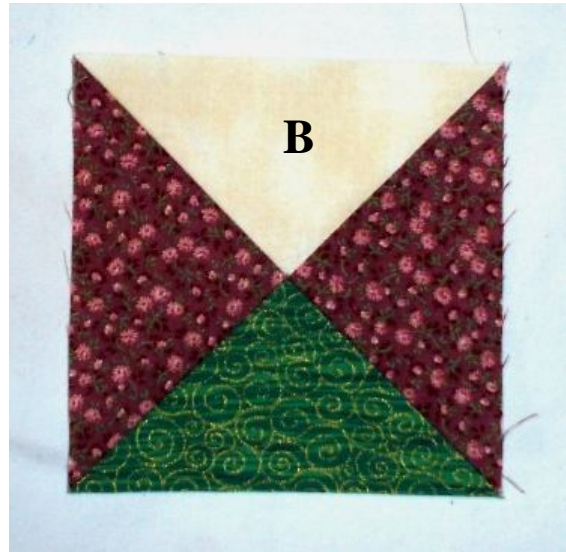
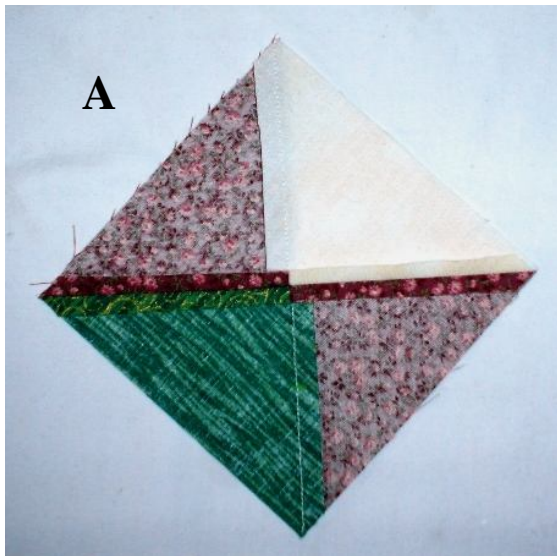
Sandwich two Half square units as shown, butting the diagonal seams and ensuring that the dark pinks are opposite each other, In view B< I have folded back the top piece so you can see how the units need to be placed. Stitch 1/4" seam each side of marked line as previously (Pic6a-d)

**Pic 6**



Cut Units apart and press seam open to reduce bulk (A) You should now have four quarter square units that look like this (B) (Pic 7a,b)

**Pic 7**



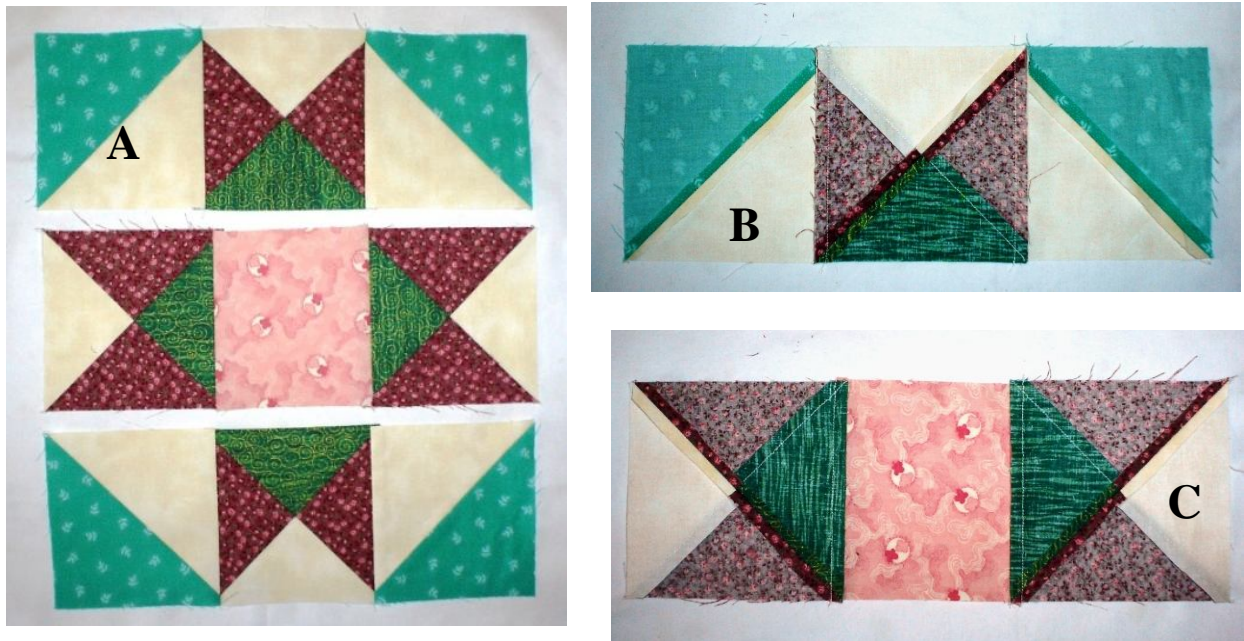
Lay out all your completed units and center square as shown. (Pic 8)

**Pic 8**



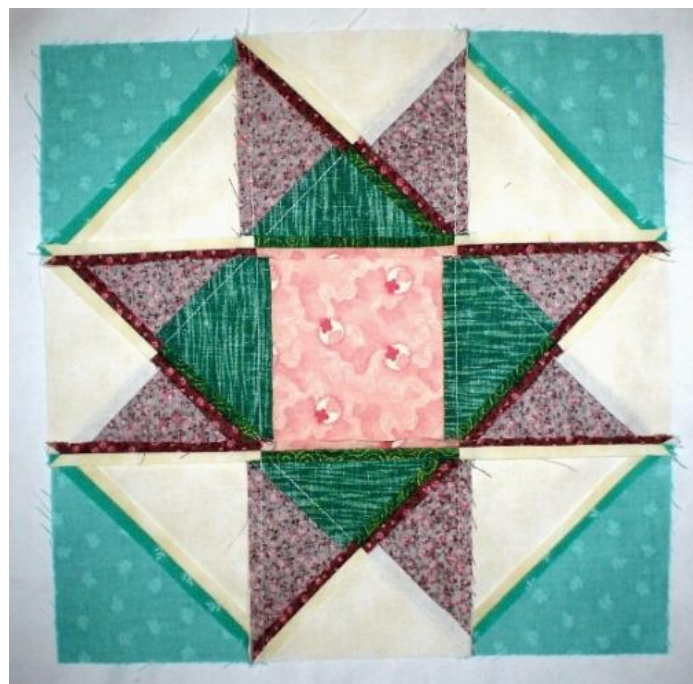
Join units together in strips, press seams of top and bottom strips out wards (B) and seams of center strip towards the middle (C). (Pic 9a,-c)

**Pic 9**



Join strips to form block. Press finale seams open to reduce bulk. (Pic 10)

**Pic 10**



Completed Block (Pic 11)



**Pic 11**