

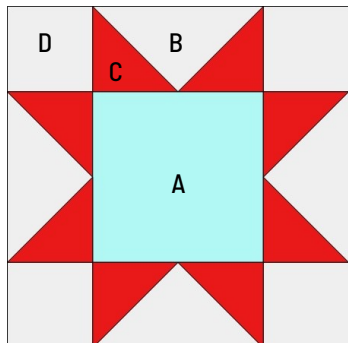


## Saturday Sampler-Block 21

### Variable Star

Block finishes 6" square (6½ unfinished)

I can't believe it has taken this far in the sampler series to piece one of my favorite blocks—the Variable Star. Such a classic block and so versatile!



What you need:

Fabric 1 (center): one 3½" square (A)

Fabric 2 (background): four 2" x 3½" rectangles (B) and four 2" squares (C)

Fabric 3 (green): red 2" squares (D)

Sew it together:

1. Make the flying geese units. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the D squares (fig. 1). Place a D square RST on the corner of a B rectangle and sew ON the drawn line (fig. 2). Trim corner ¼" from the sewing line (fig. 3). Press toward the corner triangle. Repeat with the opposite corner (fig. 4–fig. 6). Make four flying geese units.



fig. 1



fig. 2



fig. 3



fig. 4



fig. 5



Fig. 6

3. Place the flying geese units and remaining squares as shown in fig. 7. Sew into rows, then sew the rows together to complete the block (fig. 8 and fig. 9).

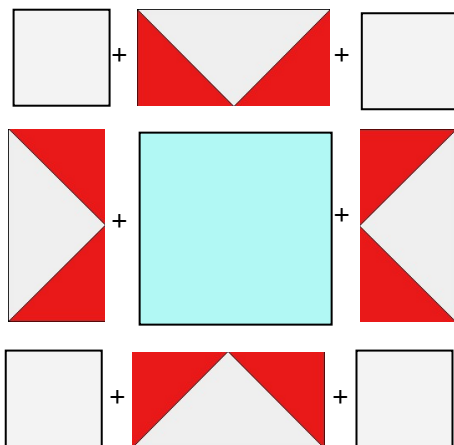


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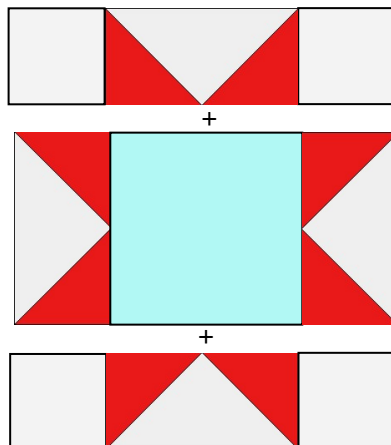


fig. 8

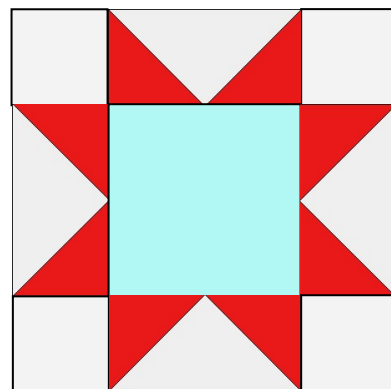


fig. 9