

## Block 6 – The Le Moyne Star



This relatively easy star requires accurate piecing for it to stand out. You will need three fabrics. I chose a light, medium and dark blue for my star.

CUTTING- From fabric A (your background colour) you will need - 4 -  $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares and 4 -  $3\frac{3}{8}$ inch squares.

From fabric B and C you will need - 4 -  $3\frac{3}{8}$ inch squares for each colour.

### METHOD

Draw a line diagonally on the wrong side of fabrics B and C, see picture. You will be sewing a quarter of an inch either side of this diagonal line, so if you feel that you cannot do this without a guide, then draw 2 further lines,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch either side of the diagonal line. Stack your 12  $3\frac{3}{8}$ inch squares right side to right side as follows:

- 2 Fabric A with 2 fabric B
- 2 Fabric A with 2 fabric C
- 2 Fabric B with 2 Fabric C



Now sew these pairs together a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch each side of the diagonal line. Marks made when drawing a line are always a few threads wide and therefore you should always aim to sew just one side or the other of the drawn line. Once you have completed this sewing, cut through the diagonal line and iron all the seam allowances to the darker fabric.

Lay out all your squares to resemble the pattern at the top of this page. Next join the first two squares together, then the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> squares. Continue until you have all pairs joined. Put them onto your work surface again to remind you of the pattern layout.



Next join the 1<sup>st</sup> pair with the 2<sup>nd</sup> pair to form the top line of the Star. Continue with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> row. Iron the seam allowance on each row on alternate sides, ie left on 1<sup>st</sup> row and right on 2<sup>nd</sup> row etc.

Now join the rows together to form the star and you are finished. Give your block a last press and stand back and admire.