



Welcome back to the Countdown to Christmas! With only 3 days until Christmas, I'm sure you're out straight with holiday preparations. Here's a fun little block to tempt you to take a few moments for yourself! It's my Peppermint Star block and it features a pinwheel peppermint tucked inside a Sawtooth Star—sew sweet! This quilt block finishes at 6" square.

INGREDIENTS

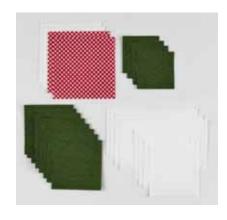
- 1 fat quarter red print (shown in Cottontail Cottage Country Red by Bunny Hill Designs)
- 1 fat quarter green print (shown in Ombre Avocado by V and Co.)
- 1 fat guarter background fabric (shown in Bella Solids White)

INSTRUCTIONS

CUTTING:

From red print, cut:

- 2 squares, 2½" x 2½"
- From green print, cut:
 - 8 squares, 2" x 2"
 - 4 squares, 1½" x 1½"
- From white print, cut:
 - 4 rectangles, 2" x 31/2"
 - 2 squares, 2½" x 2½"
 - 2 squares, 2" x 2"



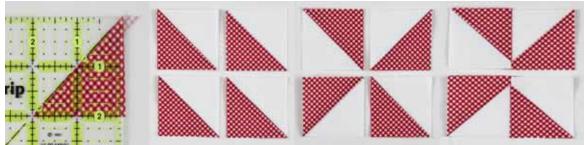
1. On the wrong side of a white 2½" square, use a pencil to lightly draw 2 diagonal lines a scant ¼" from the true diagonal of the square as follows. If it helps, go ahead and draw the true diagonal line first.



- 2. Layer the marked white 2½" square atop a red print 2½" square with right sides together.
- 3. Stitch the pair together exactly on the drawn lines. Press to set seams.
- 4. Use a rotary cutter to cut the unit in half between the seams to make 2 half-square-triangle units. Press the seam allowances toward the red print.



5. Trim the HST units to measure 2" x 2" unfinished.



- 6. Repeat to make 2 additional red/white HSTs for a total of 4.
- 7. Lay out 4 HSTs in 2 rows of 2 each as shown.
- 8. Join together pieces in each row. Press the seam allowances toward the red print.
- 9. Join the rows together to make a Pinwheel block measuring 3½" square unfinished.



- 10. Fan seam allowances open in back, pressing toward the red print, to reduce the bulk at the center of the block. Press.
- 11. On the wrong side of the 4 green print 1½" squares, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner.
- 12. Layer a marked green 1½" square atop one corner of the Pinwheel block with right sides together. Stitch the pair together along the drawn line.
- 13. Press open toward the green print and trim seam allowance to ¼".



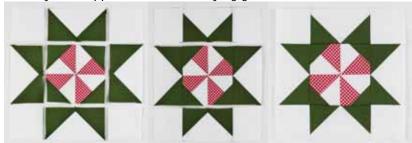
- 14. Repeat with remaining 3 corners to make a Peppermint block measuring 3½" x 3½" unfinished
- 15. On the wrong side of the 8 green 2" squares, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner.
- 16. Layer a marked green 2" square atop one end of a white 2" x 3½" rectangle with right sides together. Stitch the pair together along the drawn line.



- 17. Press open toward the green print and trim seam allowance to 1/4"
- 18. Repeat with remaining end of white rectangle to make a flying geese unit measuring 2" x 3½".



- 19. Repeat to make 4 flying geese units.
- 20. Lay out Peppermint block, 4 flying geese units and 4 white 2" x 2" squares in 3 rows as shown.



- 21. Join the pieces together in each row. Press the seam allowances in the top and bottom row toward the white squares. Press the seam allowances in the center row open.
- 22. Join the rows together to make a Peppermint Star block measuring 6½" x 6½" unfinished. Press seam allowances open.

VIELD

One sweet quilt block that finishes at 6" square.

If you share your blocks on Instagram or Facebook, please tag me @JenDalyQuilts — I'd love to see what you're up to! And if you're looking for more Christmas candy block ideas, be sure check out the Sweet Shoppe Quilt-Along at my blog, JenDalyQuilts.com! Happy Holidays!

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