

## a INGREDIENTS

## 6" Block

From white fabric, cut (2) 3 " squares
and (4) $1-1 / 2 \times 2-72$ " rectangles
From solid red fabric, cut (4) $1-\downarrow 2 \times 2-\downarrow / 2$ " rectangles
From red print, cut: (2) 3" squares and (1) 2-1/2" square

## D" Block

From white fabric, cut cut (2) 5" squares and (4) $2-72 \times 4-1 / 2$ " rectangles
From solid red fabric, cut (4) $2-72 \times 4-1 / 2$ " rectangles
From red print, cut: (2) 5" squares and (1) 4-72"square

Start by cutting the squares and rectangles you need according to the size you are making. I find it easier to cut a long strip for the rectangles, sew the two colors together and then cross cut into the smaller units.


Draw sewing lines $\ddagger 4$ "away from the center on the diagonal across the back of the white squares. Pair them right sides together with the red print and sew $\rrbracket 4$ "away from the line on both sides. =

Cut the triangles apart and press to the red side. Pair the white rectangles with the solid red rectangles and sew along the long side with a $\Downarrow 4$ "seam. (Or, if you did one long strip, cross cut into the proper size.) Press to the red side.

For the 6 -inch block, the units should measure $2-1 / 2$ " square, and for the 2 -inch block, the units should measure 4$1 / 2$ " square. Use a square up ruler to trim your units to the correct size if needed.


Arrange the half square triangle units, the rectangle units and the smaller red print square as shown.
Sew in rows, pressing the seams on the top and bottom rows in the opposite direction from the middle row to allow nesting of seams. Sew the rows together.
All done, now you have a Shining Star for your sampler Countdown to Christmas quilt! The D-inch size would also make a nice center to a set of placemats with a Christmas print border. The smaller size could be made into a mug rug for a quick hostess gift.
Make a quilt of Shining Stars and see the twinkles form between the blocks.

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This block finishes at 6" or 1" square.
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