

# Stars of the Improv —Spinning Stars Block

*Stars of the Improv* is a crib-size series quilt that you can make at your leisure as the improvisational construction techniques are featured in the May/June (No. 85) and Sept/Oct (No. 87) issues of *Quiltmaker*. The directions for this quilt are given only on our web site but, as mentioned, you'll need these copies of the magazine for reference. To order these issues of *Quiltmaker* magazine as they become back issues, call 800-477-6089. (Outside the U.S. call 303-604-1464.)

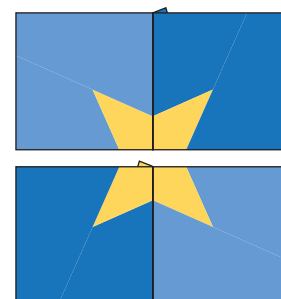
See the *Quiltmaker* web site at [www.quiltmaker.com/qm](http://www.quiltmaker.com/qm) for complete pattern information. If you need more detailed directions on quilting, including foundation piecing, see "Basic Lessons" at [www.quiltersvillage.com/basic1.htm](http://www.quiltersvillage.com/basic1.htm).

The May/June 2002 (#85) issue of *Quiltmaker* magazine is needed for technique directions to make this block.

## Step 1: Making the Foundations

By tracing or on an accurate photocopy machine make 24 copies of the foundation pattern. In numerical order, foundation piece 12 sections using the yellow print for the star and the medium blue print for the background. Make 12 more with the yellow print and the dark blue print.

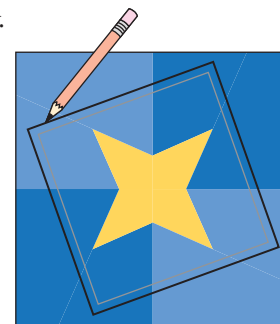
Join sections as shown in the block piecing diagram to make 6 blocks. Remove the foundation papers.



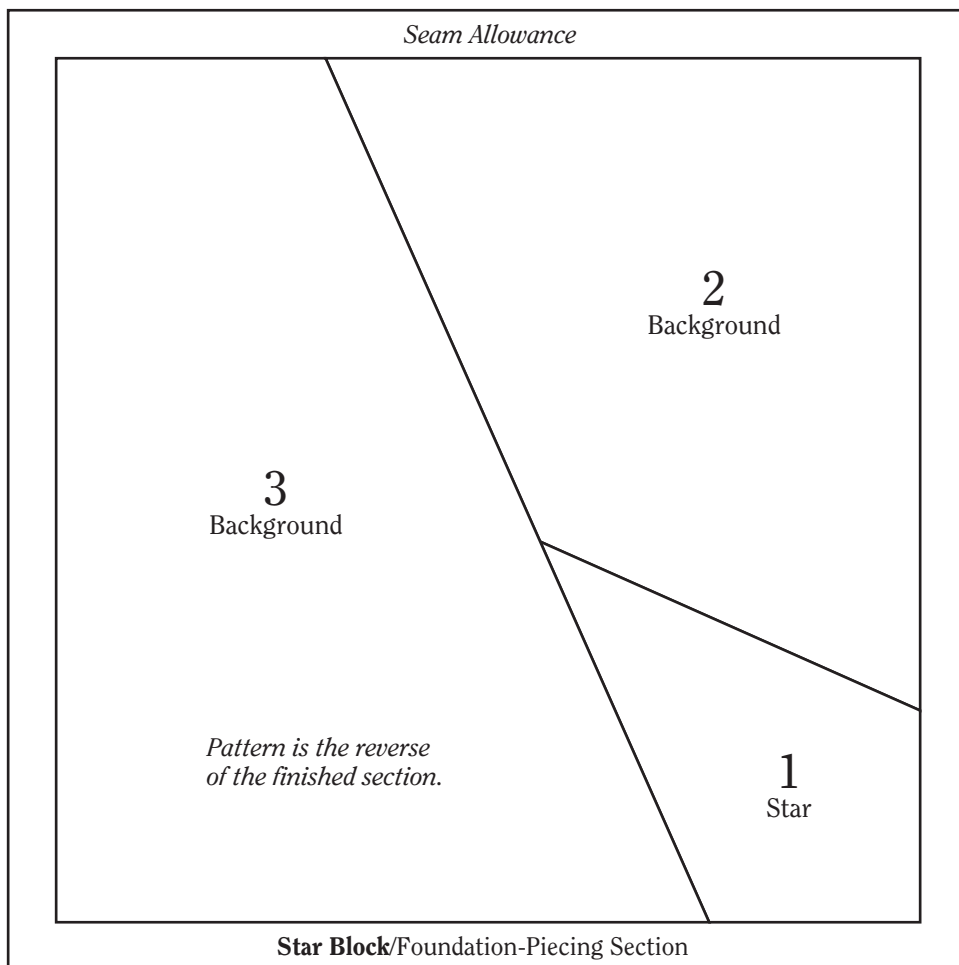
**Star Block Piecing Step 1**  
Make 6

## Step 2: Creating the Tilted Stars

Cut the see-through template plastic to 6 1/2" x 6 1/2". Mark the seam line 1/4" in from the edge all around. Following the "Tilt 'n Trim" directions on page 19 of *QM* May/June '02 (No. 85), cut 6 tilted stars from the star blocks. Set these aside for later assembly.



**Step 2**



Pattern is 5" x 5".

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