

Double Friendship Stars

By Kimberly Einmo

Skill Level: Beginner, with rotary cutting experience

“Piecing is my favorite quilting technique and my Janome Horizon Memory Craft 15000 has a very precise 1/4” seam allowance. When I sew with my MC15000, my seams are accurate and my blocks are truly precision pieced. The accuracy is so amazing; I don’t even need to use pins to hold my fabric pieces in place when I stitch. If you’re ready to learn an easy construction method for a traditional-style block with a modern twist, let me introduce you to one of my favorite quilt blocks and my all-time favorite Janome presser foot. I love it so much, I’ve told my friends at Janome that they should call this presser foot, **Kimberly’s Favorite Foot!**” - Janome Artisan Kimberly Einmo

This 12” (finished) block is fast and fun to make, especially if you have a few layer cake or 10” squares of fabric lying around, you have everything you need. So let’s get started!



Kimberly used leftover 10” layer cake squares from another project to make her block. Choose four different fabrics with lots of contrast from each other plus one fabric for the background.



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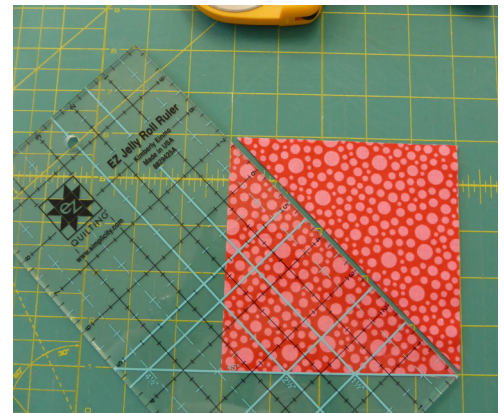
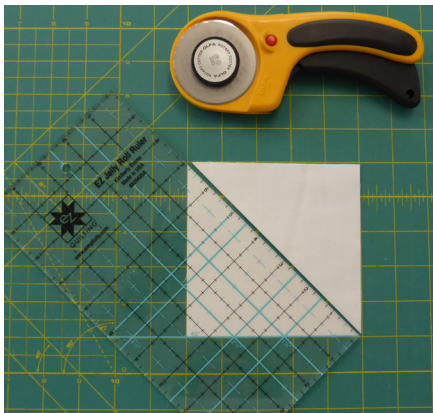
Supplies:

- Two 4 7/8" background squares
- Four 4 1/2" background squares
- Two 4 7/8" squares for large star points
- Four 3 1/2" squares for small star points
- Two 2 7/8" squares for center corners
- One 3 3/8" square for center



Instructions:

1. Use the 45-degree line of your ruler along the bottom edge of your 4 7/8" fabric squares and cut the squares (once) diagonally as shown. This helps you to cut accurately. Do this for the background squares, large star point squares and the 2 7/8" center corner fabric squares.

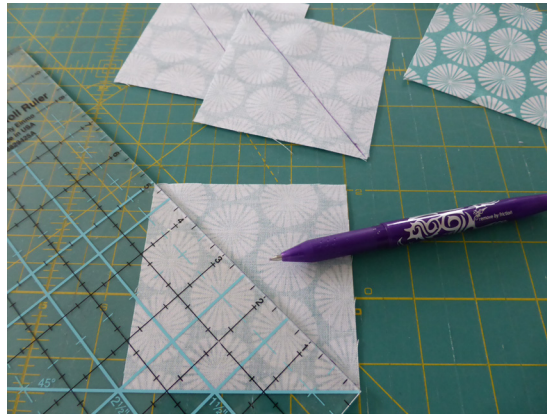


2. Kimberly used a Frixion pen (available at office supply stores) to draw diagonal lines on her fabric. They come in many different colors.



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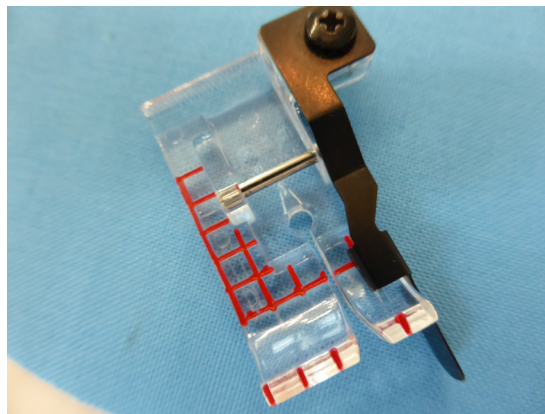
3. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the small star point squares. It is easy to line up correctly if you use the 45-degree line which is marked in bright mint green lines on Kimberly's **EZ Jelly Roll Ruler**. The lines show up beautifully on the fabric so it is easy to see, at a glance, exactly what you need to cut or draw!



4. Once your pieces look like the below, you are ready to begin the construction of your block.

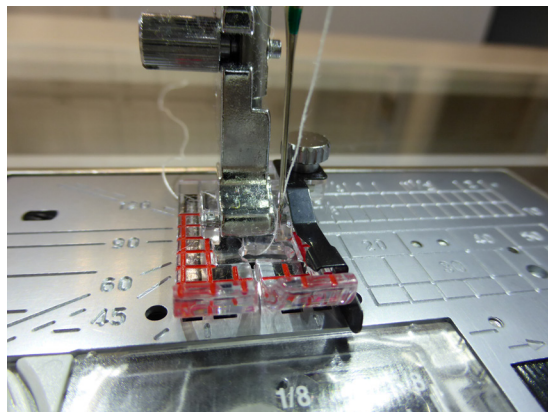


5. If you don't already own Kimberly's favorite presser foot, the OM foot, run to your local Janome dealer and get it. It allows you to use your center needle position and still achieve the most accurate scant 1/4" seam ever.

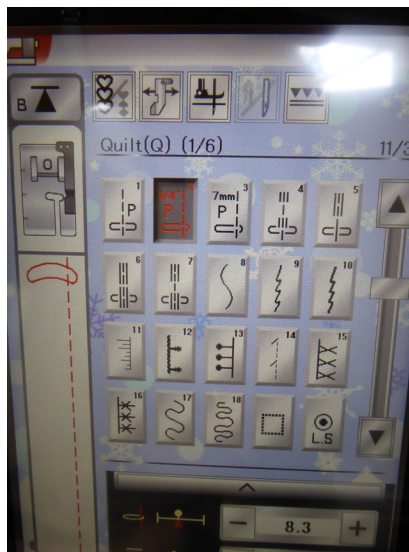


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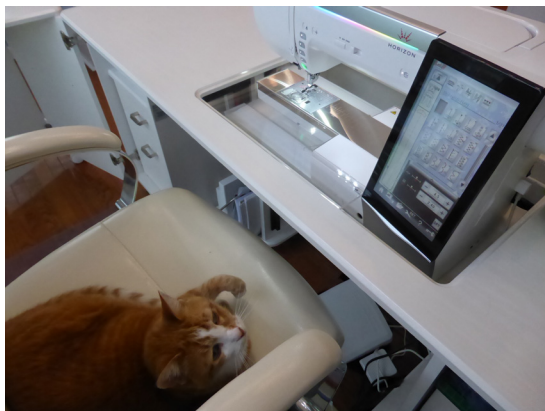
6. Of course, you can use the M foot and set your machine so that the needle position snaps right to the 1/4" setting.



7. On the MC15000, you will find the 1/4" needle position under the Quilting Stitches library.

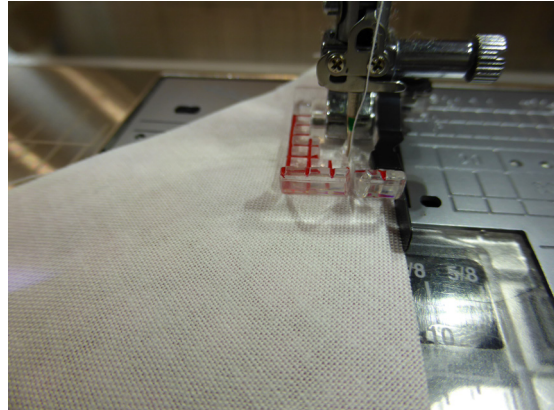
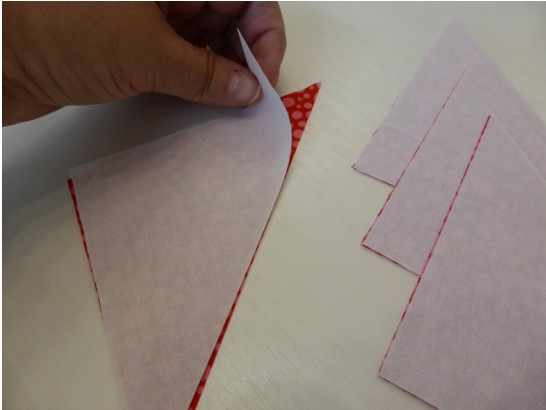


8. Of course, it helps if your Quality Control Manager isn't in your sewing chair when you are ready to begin.



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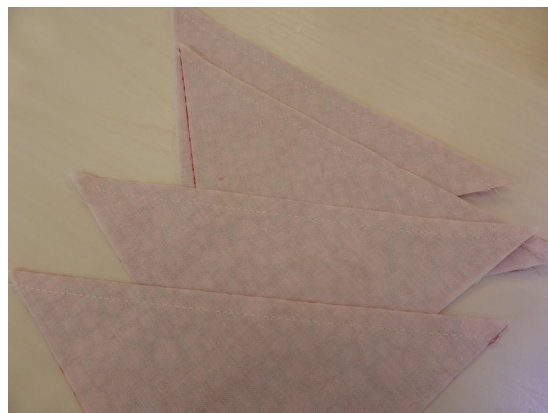
9. Now you are ready to sew! With right sides together, sew a background and large star point triangle together to make a half-square triangle (HST).



10. Press the seam allowance toward the star point triangle.

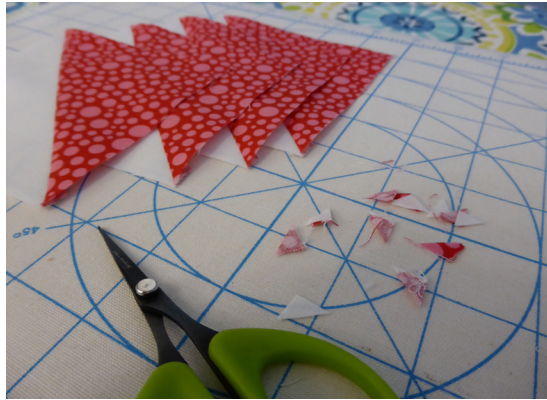


11. Make a total of four HSTs. Your HSTs should measure 4 1/2" unfinished.



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12. Trim the dog ears off your HSTs.



13. Lay out the star points, being careful to keep them in the proper orientation and add the small star point squares with the drawn diagonal line RST as shown.



14. I like to use the F foot for stitching these units.

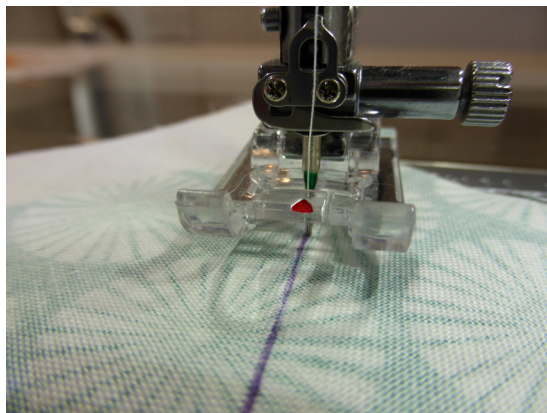


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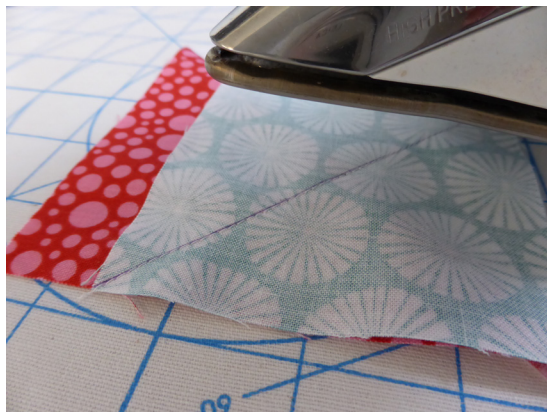
15. Stitch the small star point squares with the drawn diagonal line as shown.



16. Stitch on the drawn diagonal line.

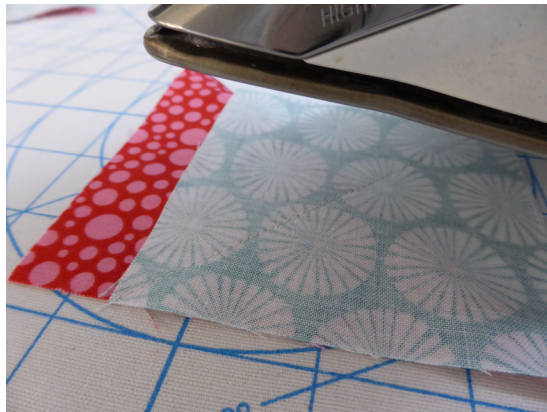


17. Don't worry about that ink line if you used a Frixion pen.

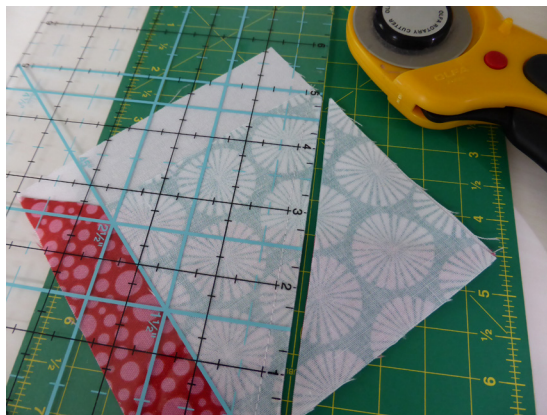


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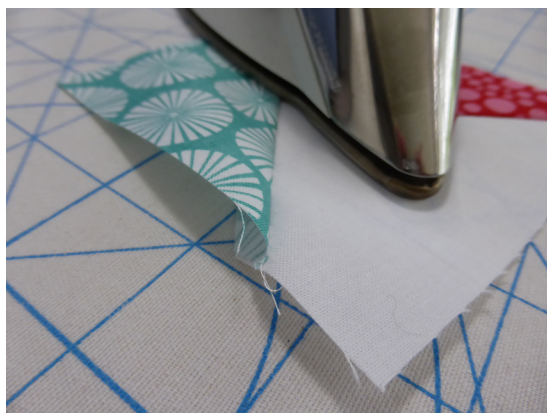
18. Just a light touch with a hot iron and the ink completely disappears.



19. Line up your ruler with the 1/4" markings on top of your stitching line. Trim a 1/4" from the stitching line as shown.

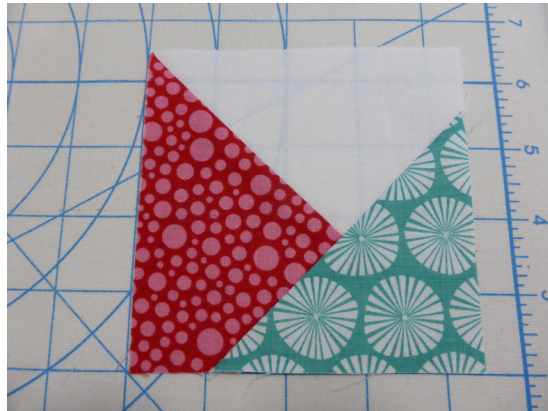


20. Press the seams towards the small star point triangles.



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21. If necessary, square-up the units to measure 4 1/2" unfinished and be sure to trim all of the remaining dog ears.



22. Lay out the center square and corner triangles as shown.



23. Stitch the opposing side triangles to the center square. Press the seams away from the center, toward the triangles.



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24. Add the two remaining triangles and stitch.



25. Use the mint green lines on the **EZ Jelly Roll Ruler** to square-up your center unit to measure 4 1/2" unfinished. Trim anything larger than 4 1/2", including all of the small snips of thread and pesky dog ears.



26. Lay out your units, making sure you have your star points aligned correctly.



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27. Stitch your units together and in no time you have made a beautiful, 12" finished double friendship star with a twist!

