Time Marches On

Heber Valley Quilters 2011 Block of the Month

September--Puritan Star Corner Blocks

Make $4 - 12^{\circ}$ finished size (12 1/2° unfinished) Puritan Star Blocks.

Cutting

Fabric A (red)—4 - 3" x width of fabric (WOF) strip; sub cut 16 diamonds (see Diamond Cutting Instructions received with medallion pattern)

Fabric B (blue)—4 – 3" x WOF strips; sub cut 16 diamonds Background—16 – 4" squares; 4 – 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " squares, cut each square in half diagonally on both diagonals to yield 16 triangles



Block Construction

- 1. Using 4 Fabric A diamonds, 4 Fabric B diamonds, 4 Background 4" squares and 4 Background triangles, layout pieces of block according to picture of block. Alternate Fabric A and B diamonds.
- 2. Mark the wrong side of pieces with seam allowance. Refer to Inset Seams Instructions received with medallion pattern.
- 3. Pick up adjacent diamonds and place right sides together. Stitch seam being very careful not to stitch past the spot where drawn lines intersect. Return to place. Repeat with adjacent diamonds until all 8 are sewn into sets of two diamonds. Then repeat with sets of two to yield 2 sets of four.
- 4. Turn diamond sets wrong side up. Finger press seams all in the same direction. This will create a circular movement of the seam allowances.
- 5. With seams finger pressed, put right sides together. Seam allowances should nestle together snuggly and line up. Pin carefully or glue with glue stick. Stitch seam. Finger press seam in same direction as previous seams, splitting in the center where all seams come together. Gently press from wrong side before turning over to press from right side.
- Stitch corner squares and inset triangles into place. Refer to Inset Seams Instructions as needed. Do not press until both sides of piece are stitched. Press seams towards Fabric A and B so that Background piece is flat.
- 7. Repeat steps 1-6 three times to yield 4 blocks.