



Whitlock's Weekly Whimsy

Week 25

Block 2

Cutting:

<i>Fabric</i>	<i>Measurements</i>
Color 2	2 @ 3 ¼ x 3 ¼
Color 7	1 @ 2 ⅝ x 2 ⅝ 2 @ 3 ¼ x 3 ¼
Color 8	2 @ 2 ⅝ x 2 ⅝
Color 11	1 @ 4 ¼ x 4 ¼

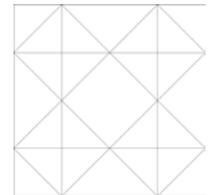
Techniques:

Quarter Square
Triangles

Diagonal Rows

Block Breakdown:

I love this block! This is another Ohio Star variation. OS blocks are easily made with flying geese and a center block. We could choose to make a Square in a Square for the center, four flying geese and four HSTs. However, looking at this particular variation you will notice the four QSTs. They are on point but that is an easy thing to master, so let's try it that way!



Sewing:

Using the 3 ¼ squares of Color 2 and Color 7, make four QSTs. Press the seams towards color 2 and then spin the center seam. Trim to 2 ⅝. You have just made the majority of your block!



Time to prep for completion. You will need to cut the two Color 8 squares in half diagonally, and the Color 11 square in half diagonally twice.

Lay out your units as shown. You will begin sewing diagonal rows. I find it easier to sew accurately when you begin sewing at the 90° corner. This makes it difficult to web the pieces as the first row will be upside down, but the simplicity is worth the risk.

Sew color 11 to both sides of two of the Color 7 QSTs. Press towards color 11.

Sew the remaining two QST to the Center block, sewing the Color 2 side. Press towards the center.

Lay out your units again to make sure you have not got anything twisted. The end seams are not even, so nest your seams and be sure you don't stretch color 11 as you sew. Press towards color 11.

Almost done. Sew the final color 8 triangles to the corners and press towards color 8. If necessary, trim to 6 ½"

