

HSV Quilt Guild, Inc. 2020 BOM – Stars Over Arkansas

Month One: 54-40 or Fight



About this block:

This traditional block appears on a barn along the Van Buren County, Arkansas quilt trail under the name “Linda’s Variable Star.” More information about the Arkansas Barn Quilt Trails may be found at www.arkansasquilttrails.com. A brochure and map of the trails is available at the Arkansas Visitor Centers.

The block will finish 12” square, and is 12-1/2 inches raw.

There are a number of tutorials and patterns for this block available on the internet. You might check out these:

- <https://www.quiltingcompany.com/Quilt/pattern-54-40-or-fight-block/> - This site includes a link to cutting templates for the star points.
- <https://www.pamelaquilts.com/2017/12/quilters-recipe-box-unit-12-triangle-in.html> - step by step tutorial

Fabric:

Choose four colors:

- Color 1 (shown as red)
 - Eight 2-1/2 inch blocks for the corner four patches
 - One 3-1/2 inch square for the center of the square in a square unit
- Color 2 (shown as black)
 - Eight 2-1/2 inch blocks for the corner four patches

- Four 5 inch squares for the center of the v-block
- Color 3 (shown as yellow)
 - Eight 5x3 inch rectangles for the sides of the v-block
- Color 4 (shown as cream)
 - Two 3-1/2 inch squares for the center square in a square unit, each cut in half on one diagonal.

Steps:

- Make the four patches.
 - Sew two patch units of one square each of colors 1 and 2.
 - Sew the two patches together to make a 4-1/2 inch square. Trim as necessary.
- Make the square in a square.
 - Sew one color four triangle to opposite sides of the color one square. Press to the center.
 - Sew the remaining two triangles to the other two sides.
 - Trim the block to 4-1/2 inches.
- Make the four v-block units as instructed in the included links.
- Assemble the block as shown in the photo. Trim to 12-1/2 inches if necessary.