18" North Star

No flying geese or chain blocks

With flying geese and chain blocks

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Pattern for "Unnamed" as 9.000 by 9.000 (inches) block in EQ8 Project "3d star" printed from EQ8!
Block 2 colored layout

Piecing order

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You can choose to complete the block layout however you like. There are 2 downloadable files, one is to make the block without flying geese and Irish chain (download file without flying geese). The other is to make the block with flying geese and the Irish chain (download file with flying geese). Perhaps you want flying geese but do not want the Irish chain blocks (download file with flying geese and do not make the 4 patch blocks), or maybe you would like the Irish chain but no flying geese (download either and refer to colored layout for placement of your 4 patch). You will however need to do the math for your 4 patch blocks as I have not included directions for this option.

Page 1 Colored layout.
The top half is the layout without flying geese or 4 patch Irish chain blocks. The bottom half is with flying geese and Irish chain blocks. Use this page for template placement. The block will be assembled in 4 sections, two #2 blocks and two #1 blocks. Each quarter is marked on this page as being block 1 or block 2. Which ever layout you choose you will need to complete 2 each of the #1 and #2 blocks.

Page 2 Coloring sheet.

Pages 3-10. These are your template pages.
You will need to print 2 of each page 3-10 to complete the whole block. Each template will include a letter/number combination and a bold #1 or #2. Example: A1, A2, A3. The letter identifies the template (see colored layout), the number identifies piecing order of the template. The bold #1 and 2, this identifies the block #1 (see colored layout) or block #2. When separating your templates, stack all blocks with the bold 1 in a pile and all blocks with the bold 2 in another pile. Separate again as follows:

For the flying geese Irish chain layout you will have 2 piles each with templates A-X and a bold #2. You will also have 2 piles of templates A-X with a bold #1.

For no flying geese Irish chain layout you will have 2 piles each of templates A-T and a bold #1. You will also have 2 piles of templates A-T with a bold #2.

This gives you your 4 quarter blocks. Each of the 4 piles will form 1 block. Refer to your coloring page and color layout for fabric choices and assembly. I'm sure the colors you choose will be more appealing than the colors I have used to identify each section. Play around with the colors on the coloring page. If you choose your colors and values correctly you could create a 3d effect and make the star look as if it is sinking down into the block.

Most of you who download either file have experience paper piecing and know you cannot paper a 4 patch for the Irish chain. For those who really haven't thought of that, do not try to paper piece the 4 patch blocks on the templates. You will need to piece these separately. You can then add them to the template.

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