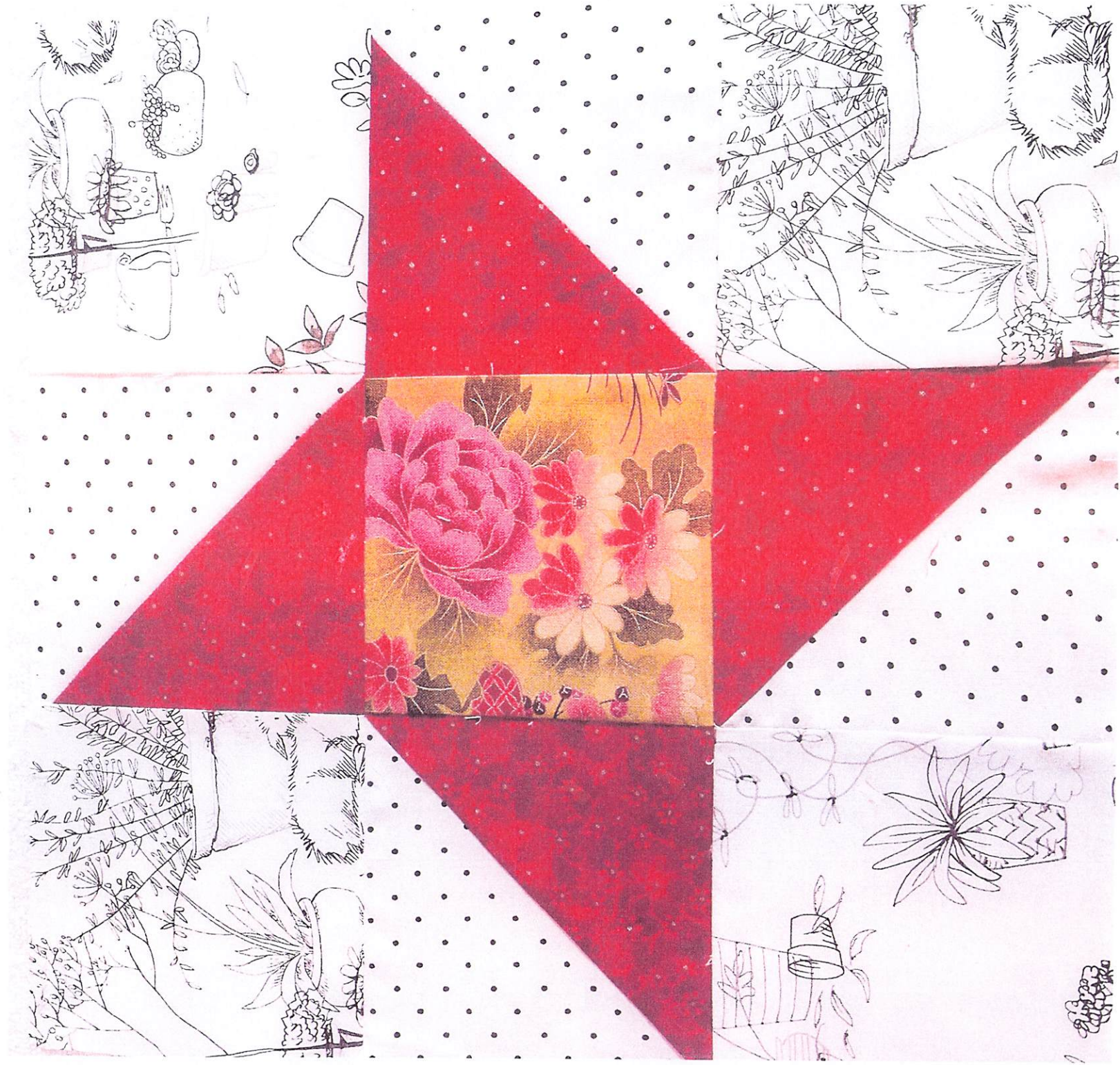


March

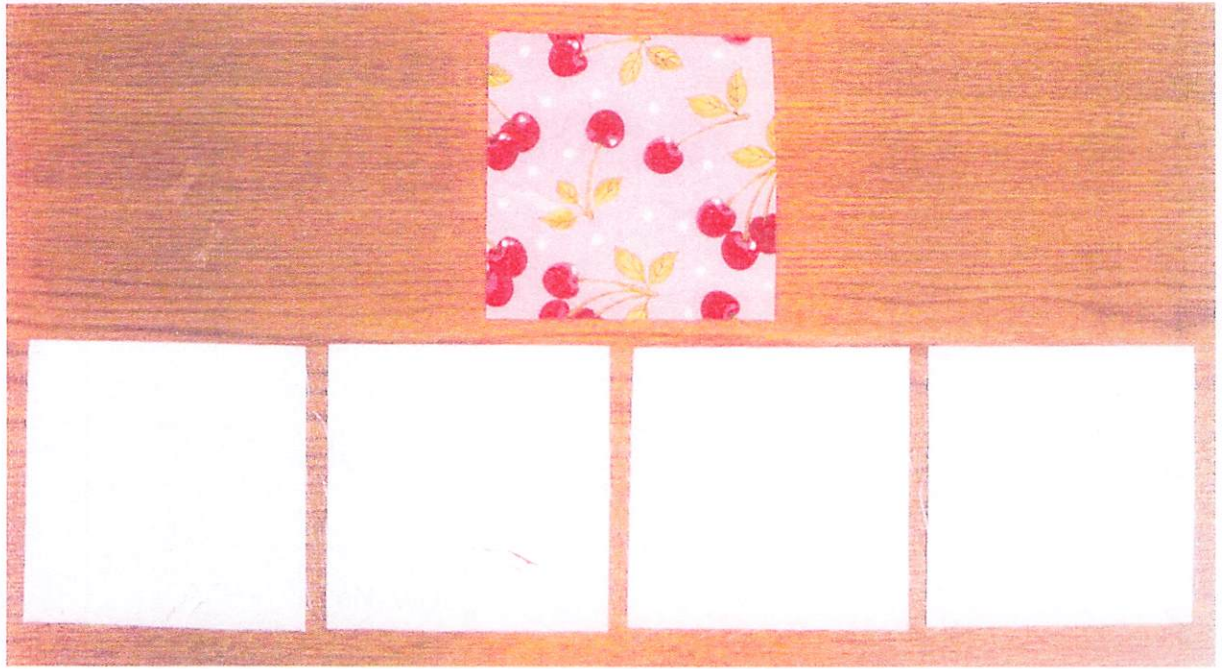
The Friendship Star



- You will need two 5" squares of each fabric to make the half-square triangle blocks for the star points. (If you are a very accurate cutter, you can cut these squares $4\text{-}\frac{7}{8}$ ", but I prefer to make the triangle blocks a bit larger and trim them to the perfect size.)

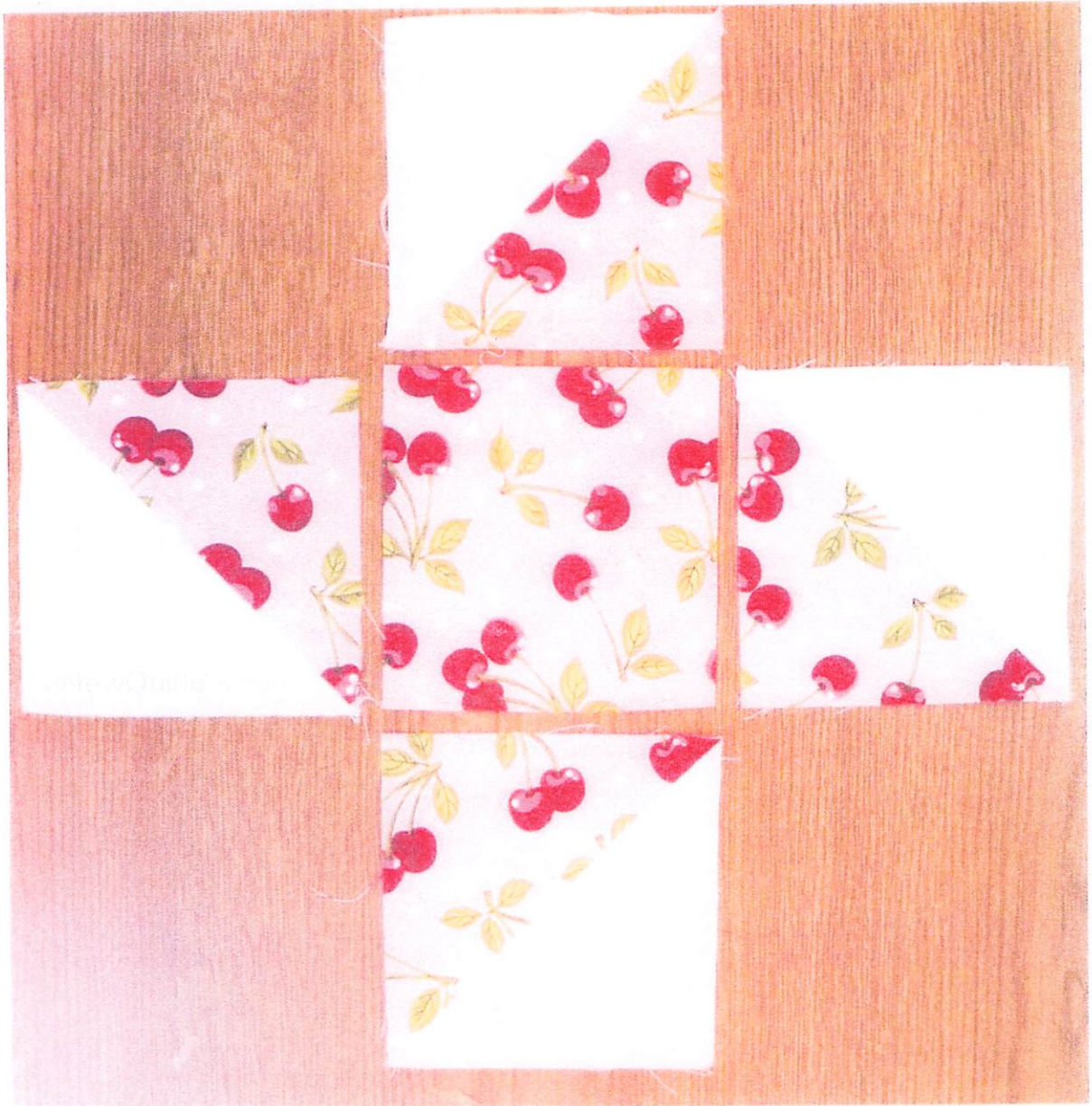


- You will also need one $4\text{-}\frac{1}{2}$ " square of the star fabric to be the center of the star, and four $4\text{-}\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of the background fabric. (You can substitute a third fabric for the center square to make a three-color star block.)



Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Take the two sets of 5" squares and use them to make four half-square triangle blocks. These will be the points of the star. Use a ruler to trim the triangle blocks to 4-1/2", so they will be the same size as the fabric squares.
2. Lay out the squares and triangle blocks like this:



3. Sew each row of blocks together with a scant 1/4" seam. I like to sew the rows from top to bottom. When you have joined the rows, the block should look like this:



4. Press the seam allowances in the finished rows in opposite directions, like this: