



NON-SLIP Hunter's Star Trim Tool Mini

The Hunter's Star Trim Tool Mini makes creating these blocks in additional sizes even more fun and stress free. Accurately assemble them from simple squares and rectangles. The cutting chart for all three sizes is printed right on the Trim Tool.

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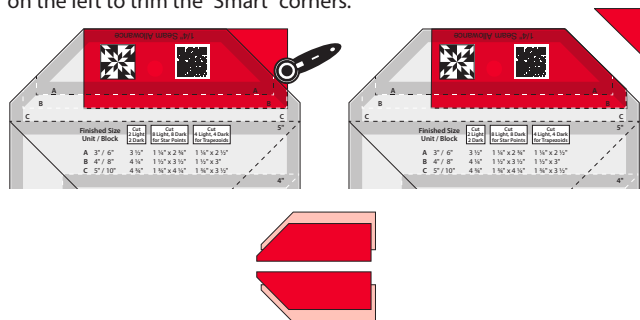
This cutting chart yields 4 Hunter's Star units to make 1 complete block.

	Finished Size Unit/Block	Cut: 2 Light & 2 Dark	Star Points Cut: 8 Light & 8 Dark	Trapezoids Cut: 4 Light & 4 Dark
A	3"/6" Block	3-1/2"	1-1/4" x 2-3/4"	1-1/4" x 2-1/2"
B	4"/8" Block	4-1/4"	1-1/2" x 3-1/2"	1-1/2" x 3"
C	5"/10" Block	4-3/4"	1-3/4" x 4-1/4"	1-3/4" x 3-1/2"

The A, B, and C specifications on the cutting chart will coincide with the trimming steps in construction. Example: If you cut using row A on the cutting chart, you will use the A markings on the tool throughout your block construction. If you cut using the B row on the cutting chart, you will use the B markings, etc.

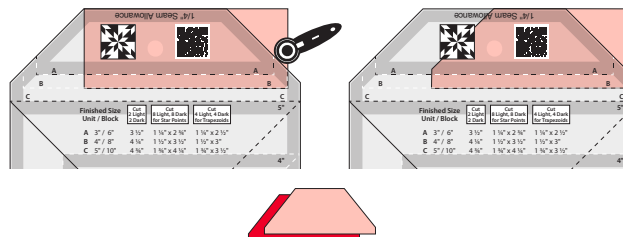
Step 1: Trim Star Points

Place the (8) dark rectangles from the 3rd column of the cutting chart in pairs, either right or wrong sides together to make mirror image units. Use the slanted corner on the tool to cut a "Smart" corner as shown, aligning with the A, B, or C lines depending on which size of block you are making. Repeat with the (8) light rectangles also from the 3rd column. Cutting left handed? Use the slanted corner on the left to trim the "Smart" corners.



Step 2: Trapezoids

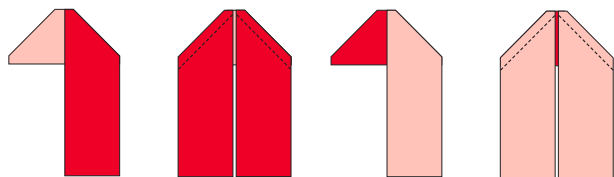
Use the top corner of the tool to add "Smart" corners to both ends of the (4) light and (4) dark rectangles from the 4th column to make trapezoids. Line up with the A, B, or C line and trim one corner, then flip the rectangles over to trim the second corner so both trimmed edges angle towards the center of the rectangle. Use the right corner if cutting right handed, and the left for cutting left handed.



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Step 3:

With right sides together, align the "Smart" corners of the dark star points with the light trapezoids as shown. Repeat with the light star points and dark trapezoids. Use pins to hold the pieces in place for sewing, or use a fabric glue stick. Just be sure to keep the glue in the seam allowance. Sew with a full 1/4" seam allowance. Notice that the trapezoid temporarily becomes a triangle until the large triangle is added in the next step.

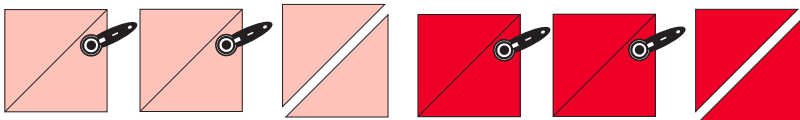


With the trapezoid star point units wrong side up and the shortest edge of the center trapezoid closest to you, press both seams to the left as illustrated below. This will allow the center seams to nest when sewn together in a later step.



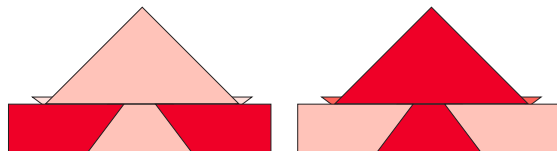
Step 4:

Cut the (2) light and the (2) dark squares from the 2nd column of the cutting chart on the diagonal once to make (4) light and (4) dark triangles.



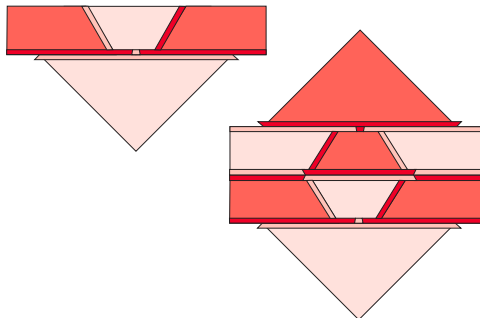
Step 5:

Find the center of the triangle and the center of the trapezoid star point units. With right sides together, sew a light triangle to the short side of the light trapezoid, and a dark triangle to short side of dark trapezoid. Press seams open. I suggest using The Gypsy Quilter® Presser Bar to get a nice crisp press.



Step 6:

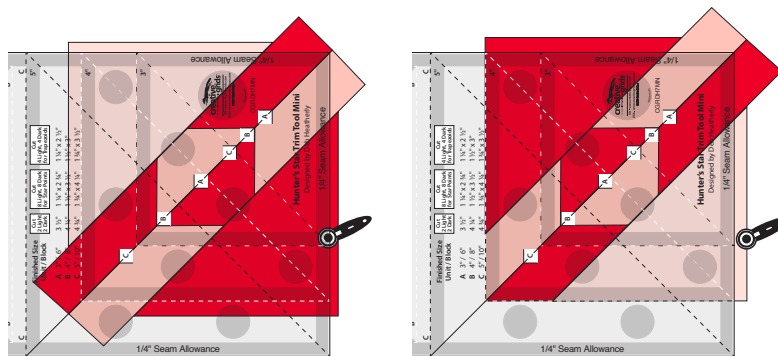
With right sides together, nest seams and sew a dark trapezoid unit to a light trapezoid unit. Pin as needed. Stitch with a full 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam open.



Note: These open seams in steps 5 and 6 will help when aligning the units to make a full block in step 8.

Step 7:

Use the Hunter's Star Trim Tool Mini to trim the units. Align the diagonal line on the tool, on the final diagonal seam from step 6. Match up the points with the appropriate tic marks (A, B, or C) determined by the size block you are making. Block B is shown below. Depending on your personal seam allowance, the tic marks may align slightly inside, outside, or exactly on the fabric points of the unit. Make sure your seam allowance is consistent throughout block construction, and that you place the tic marks in the same place on each unit when trimming. Trim two sides. Rotate the block, realign the tic marks and the solid diagonal line, and trim the remaining two sides.



Step 8:

Once the four units are trimmed, you are ready to complete your block. Being mindful of the orientation of the dark triangles in the units, sew the four units into two rows of two as shown below and press seams open. Rotate one row 180° and sew the two rows together to complete one block. Press seams open.



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