

**Southern Comforters Block of the Month**  
**January 2007**  
**Two Choices**

This month's block has two choices which yield two entirely different blocks. The first results in a star with three fabrics and a background; the second with a windmill made of one fabric and a background. You may make one of each (for two entries) or choose either to make one entry.

**Star Version**

Choose three fabrics in the same color family (Fabrics A, B, and C) and a light, solid background such as off white (Fabric D)

Fabric A:

- Cut two 4 7/8" squares

Fabric B:

- Cut four 2 1/2" squares

Fabric C:

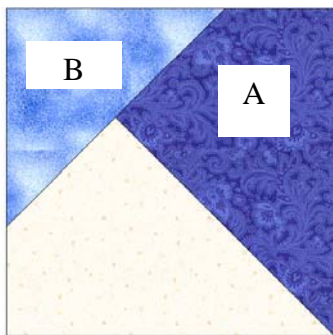
- Cut one 4 1/2" square

Fabric D:

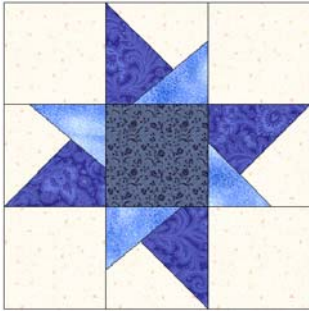
- Cut two 4 7/8" squares
- Cut four 4 1/2" squares

Step 1: On wrong side of Fabric D 4 7/8" squares, draw a diagonal line corner to corner. Place each background square, right sides together, with the each Fabric A square. Sew a 1/4 inch seam on each side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press seam toward the darker fabric to make 4 half square triangles that measure 4 1/2" square.

Step 2: On wrong side of Fabric B 2 1/2" square, draw a diagonal line corner to corner. Lay the step 1 square with the Fabric A triangle to the top right. Place each Fabric B square, right sides together, on the top left corner of the step 1 unit. Sew along the drawn line. Trim off the corner 1/4" from the seam and press towards the darker fabric. Make four sets that look like the diagram.



Step 3: Lay out the 4 ½” background squares, the 4 ½” Fabric C square and the units created in Step 2 as shown below. Sew together in rows and then sew the rows together. Press and square to 12 ½”.



### Windmill Version

Choose two fabrics. One solid color (Fabric A) and one light, solid background such as off white (Fabric D)

Fabric A:

- Cut two 6 7/8” squares
- Cut four 4 ½” squares

Fabric B:

- Cut two 6 7/8” squares

Step 1: Step 1: On wrong side of Fabric B 6 7/8” squares, draw a diagonal line corner to corner. Place each background square, right sides together, with the each Fabric A 6 7/8” square. Sew a ¼” seam on each side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press seam toward the darker fabric to make 4 half square triangles that measure 6 ½” square.

Step 2: On wrong side of Fabric A 4 ½” square, draw a diagonal line corner to corner. Place each Fabric A 4 ½” square, right sides together, on the corner of the half square triangle from step 1 as shown. Sew along the drawn line. Trim off the corner ¼” from the seam and press towards the darker fabric. Make four sets that look like the diagram and measure 6 ½” square.



Step 3: Lay out the four units created in Step 2 as shown. Sew together in rows and then sew the rows together. Press and square to 12 ½”.

