

## SNOWFLAKE – LOTTO Quilt Drawing Due January 11, 2024 at Guild Meeting



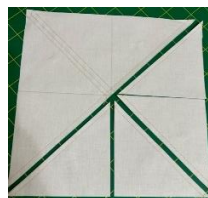
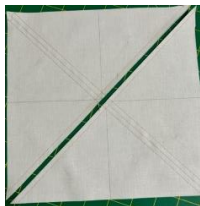
Make a 12.5" Square. Snowflakes seem to be "white", but to see them in quilts, we need **color**, right? Use light colored backgrounds (**white or cream** preferred - solids or small prints). You decide the **blue or winter-themed fabric!** (Hope you will dig into the stash!) It is suggested the selvages be removed and that the fabrics be pre-shrunk with starch/steam before cutting. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams. Read directions then cut carefully.

You will be making 16 HST's (half-square triangles)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " each. Use your favorite method, or use the instructions below.

Cut the following: 2 squares  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " of background & 2 squares  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " of color (they will be trimmed.)

Sew as follows:

1. On the back of each  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " background square, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner - both directions. Then draw two more lines across the middles of the square: side-to-side, then top-to-bottom.
2. Lay each marked background square RST (right sides together) on top of each darker colored square. Pin in place.
3. Sew the first matched light/dark set  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of **ONE** diagonal line. **STOP HERE and CUT** on the DRAWN line, creating 2 half-square sections. (*Don't start the next set yet; work on this one!*)
4. Take one half-square section and sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the "now" center (diagonal) line, then **CUT** on DRAWN line, creating two quarter-square sections. Notice that these quarter-squares each have a "now" diagonally drawn line, and that there are already sewn seams on the edges...So, **CUT** each quarter on the DRAWN lines. Repeat step 4 with the other half-square, making 8 half-triangle square units.
5. Repeat steps 3 & 4 for the second set of light/dark matched squares, for 8 more half-triangle squares - to have 16 half-triangle squares total. Easy RIGHT!
6. Finally, square-up these 16 HTSs to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " each. A "Triangle Square Up Ruler" works, if you have one, or just open and press seams under darker fabric, then square them to 3.5" and trim "dog-ears" from corners.



Lay out your  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares – according to picture. **DOUBLE CHECK YOUR LAYOUT** before sewing – it's very easy to lay a piece wrong direction! Sew 4 squares per row and 4 rows. Press seams so that they nest with the next row. **CHECK** to be sure you sew the correct row edges together, too. Yes, *stated from experience!!!* Block is now complete.

**Congrats on your Snowflake!** **Put your name tag on the block(s)** so you can be entered into the drawing. See ya at the meeting!