

# I Love Us

## in July Quilt Block

### Read All Instructions Prior to Beginning

All seams are 1/4". Use a small stitch (I use 1.8) in a neutral thread color that matches your background fabric.

### Cutting Instructions

Finished size 12" square. This star uses four blue batiks ranging from light to dark, plus a solid white background.

#### Background Fabric:

Cut one strip at 4 1/2" by WOF (width of fabric). Subcut into one 4 1/2" square and cut four 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles.

Cut four 2 1/2" squares

Cut four 3" squares

#### Light Blue Fabric (#5816-0122):

Cut four 2 1/2" squares

Cut four 3" squares

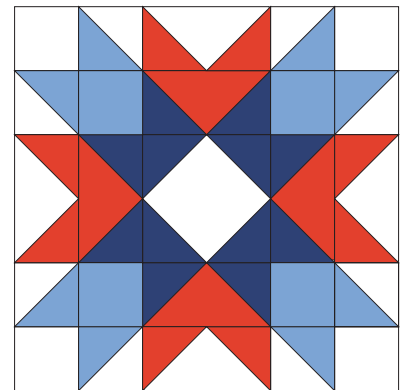
#### Red Fabric (#5882-0155):

Cut four 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles

Cut eight 2 1/2" squares

#### Dark Blue Fabric (#5838-0199):

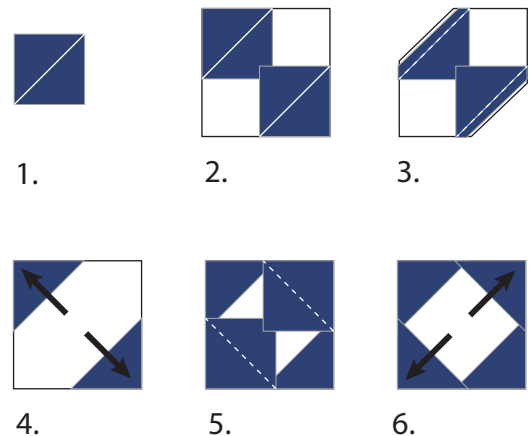
Cut twelve 2 1/2" squares



### Piecing Instructions

#### Square Within a Square

1. Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of the dark blue batik 2 1/2" squares.
2. With right sides together, place two squares in opposite corners as shown, pin in place and sew on the drawn line.
3. Trim 1/4" away from the seam toward the outside corners.
4. Press toward the dark blue batik.
5. With right sides together, place the other two squares in opposite corners as shown. Pin in place and sew on the drawn line. Trim 1/4" from the seam just as before.
6. Press toward the darker color.



## Half Square Triangles

1. To create the half square triangles, draw a diagonal line across the 3" background square.

2. Pair with a light blue 3" square and with right sides together, sew a 1/4" seam on each side of the drawn line.

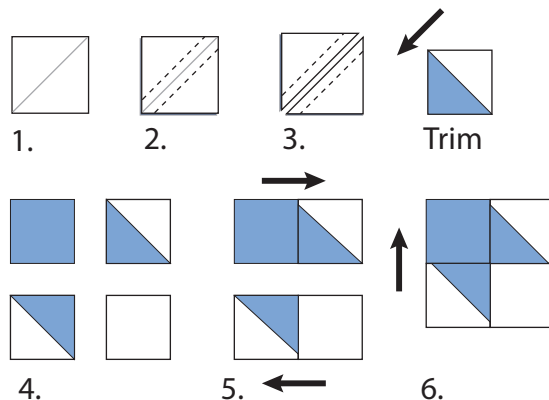
3. Cut on the drawn line to create two Half Square Triangles. Press the seam toward the darker color.

**TRIM** your half square triangles by lining up the seam with your ruler. Trim to 2 1/2". You need 8 half square triangles.

4. Arrange two half square triangle, a light blue 2 1/2" square and 2 1/2" a white background squares like the diagram.

5. Sew the top two together and sew the bottom two together. Press as the arrows indicate.

6. Make 4 units. Press as the arrow indicates.



## Flying Geese

1. Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of the red batik 2 1/2" squares. With right sides together as shown, pin in place to a 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" white rectangle and sew on the drawn line.

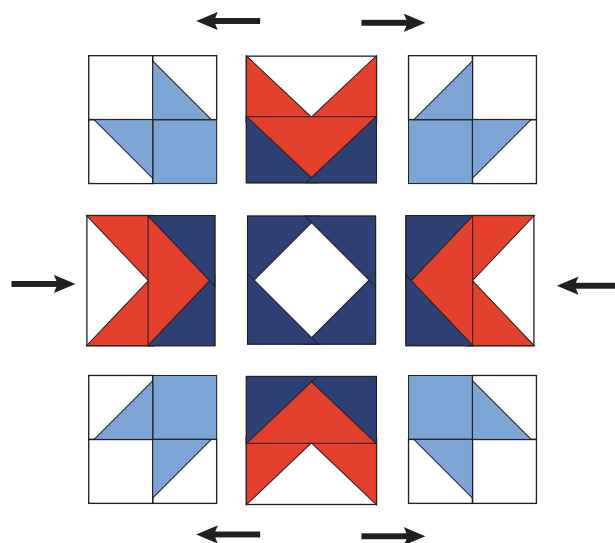
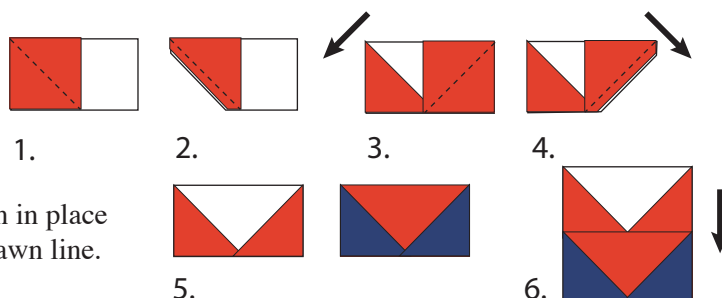
2. Trim 1/4" away from the seam. Press toward the outside corner.

3. Place another 2 1/2" square on the other side of the rectangle. The square will overlap and the seams will intersect. Sew on the drawn line.

4. Trim 1/4" away from the seam. Press toward outside corner.

5. Make four Flying Geese using the 2 1/2" red batik squares and white 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles. Repeat the same process to make four Flying Geese with the 2 1/2" dark blue batik squares and the red 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles. Each Flying Geese should measure 4 1/2" x 2 1/2".

6. Sew the dark blue/red batik Flying Geese to the top of a light blue/white Flying Geese. Repeat to make four Flying Geese units.



## Assemble the Star

1. Arrange the units like the diagram.

2. Sew the top row together. Sew the middle row together and sew the bottom row together. Press the seams in alternate directions.

3. Sew the top row to the middle row. Sew the middle row to the bottom row. Press. *Gorgeous. Great job!*