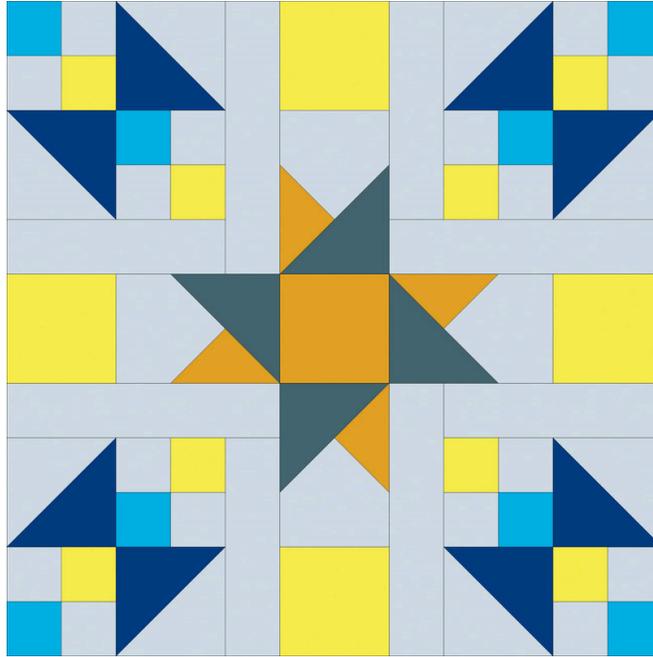


Static Spin

BenartExpert block by Sarah Fulks - SnuggleBugStitching



Hi Quilters! Thank you for joining our BenartExpert Block Hop! My Static Spin block was inspired by my favorite classic block, the ninja star. The star in the center reminds me of stacked ninja stars, but it also looks like a saw tooth star turned on point. Fun fact: The outside points of the stacked ninja stars are LITERALLY impossible to lose when you put your blocks together. I hope you enjoy my block!

Getting Started

- Level - Confident Beginner
- Skills - Straight-line sewing, 2 at a time Half Square Triangles, Snowballs
- Finished Block Size = 12" square (Unfinished = 12 ½" square)
- All seam allowances are ¼ inch
- All units are in inches
- HSTs = Half Square Triangles
- Most of the time I will instruct you to press seams to the sides in opposite directions and nest them. If another method works best for YOU, press them that way.
- Read the entire pattern before beginning.

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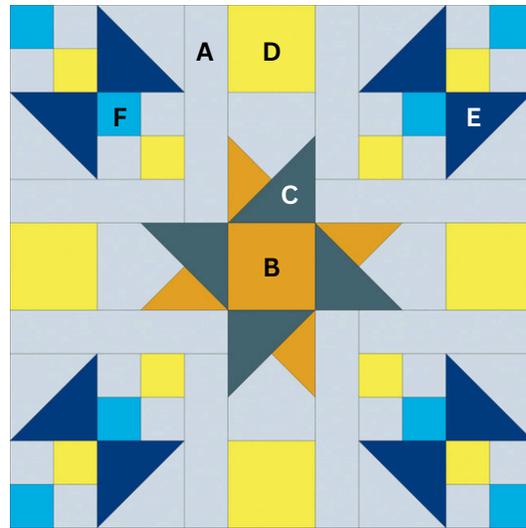
Block Requirements and Cutting

The blocks in this Block Hop are great for using scraps/stash. I have the requirements for my block listed as the number of pieces you need to cut for each size piece in all 6 colors.

I have the color names and SKUs from the [Benartex website](#) listed in case you want to use my color scheme.

Refer to the block diagram for color/fabric placement.

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|--|----------|-------------------------|
| | A | 3000B-52 Water |
| | B | 3000B-37 Gold |
| | C | 3000B-11 Medium Gray |
| | D | 3000B-33 Yellow |
| | E | 3000B-56 Violet |
| | F | 3000B-94 Topaz |



Piece Breakdown Per Block

| | |
|----------|---|
| A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (16) 1 ½" squares • (4) 3 ¼" squares • (4) 1 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles • (4) 1 ½" x 5 ½" rectangles • (4) 2 ½" x 3 ½" rectangles |
| B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (5) 2 ½" squares |
| C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (4) 2 ½" squares |
| D | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (8) 1 ½" squares • (4) 2 ½" squares |
| E | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (4) 3 ¼" squares |
| F | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (8) 1 ½" squares |

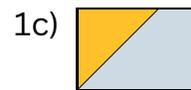
*** These requirements are for my block only. Requirements and instructions for sashing, corner squares, and finishing will be sent out near the end of the Block Hop.

Make Blocks

Make Unit 1

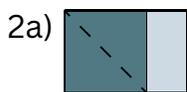
1) Snowball 1

- Draw a line on the wrong side of a 2 ½" **Color B** square. Mark lightly or use a washable marker.
- Stack it right sides together to the left hand side of a 2 ½" x 3 ½" **Color A** rectangle. Be sure the drawn line is going in the direction shown in the diagram. It matters!
- Sew just a hair to the outside of the drawn line. (Diagram 1a)
- Use your ruler and rotary cutter to cut a ¼" seam allowance to the outside of your stitchline as shown. (Diagram 1b)
- Flip the background piece up so that it looks like the diagram.
- Press the seam away from the **Color A** rectangle to make the piece shown. (Diagram 1c)



2) Snowball 2

- Draw a line on the wrong side of a 2 ½" **Color C** square. Mark lightly or use a washable marker.
- Stack it right sides together to the left hand side of a 2 ½" x 3 ½" **Color A** rectangle. Be sure the drawn line is going in the direction shown in the diagram. It matters!
- Sew just a hair to the outside of the drawn line. (Diagram 2a)
- Use your ruler and rotary cutter to cut a ¼" seam allowance to the outside of your stitchline as shown. (Diagram 2b)
- Flip the background piece down so that it looks like the diagram.
- Press the seam away from the **Color A** rectangle to make the piece shown. (Diagram 2c)



3) Finish Unit 1

- Sew a 2 ½" **Color D** square to the piece from Diagram 2c as shown.
- Press as desired. (Diagram 3a)



This completes **Unit 1**. Repeat Steps 1-3 to make (4) of **Unit 1**.

Make Unit 2

4) Make HSTs

The measurements are generous to give you plenty of wiggle room for trimming your HSTs.

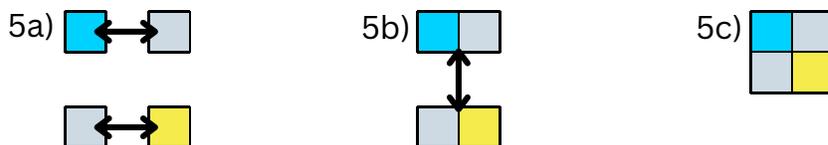
- Stack a 3 ¼" **Color A** square right sides together with a 3 ¼" **Color E** square.
- Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of one of the squares (Diagram 4a)
- Sew a ¼" seam allowance to each side of the drawn line. (Diagram 4b)
- Cut the stack in half along the drawn line. When you open them up, you will have 2 HSTs. (Diagram 4c)
- Press as desired. I like to press these towards the darker fabric.
- Trim to 2 ½" squares. You can watch my demo for trimming HSTs [HERE](#).



Repeat this process to make (8) HSTs.

5) Make 4-Patches

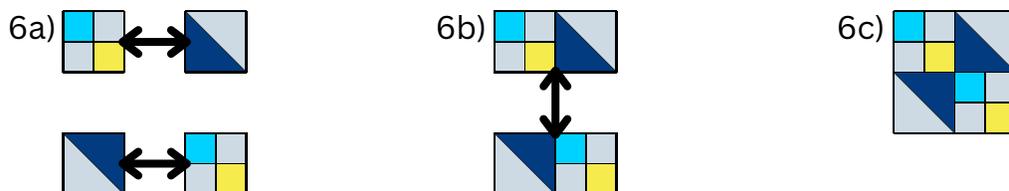
- Lay out (2) 1 ½" **Color A** squares, (1) 1 ½" **Color D** square, and (1) 1 ½" **Color F** square as shown.
- Sew your rows together as shown by the arrows.
- Press seams to the sides towards the darker fabric. (Diagram 5a)
- Sew the two rows together as shown by the arrow. (Diagram 5b)
- Press the cross section seam as desired to complete the 4-Patch as shown. (Diagram 5c)



Repeat this process to make (8) 4-Patches.

6) Make the Corners of the Block

- Lay out (2) HSTs from Step 4 and (2) 4-Patches from Step 5, rotating pieces as shown.
- Sew your rows together as shown by the arrows.
- Press seams to the sides away from the HSTs. (Diagram 6a)
- Sew the two rows together as shown by the arrow. (Diagram 6b)
- Press the cross section seam as desired to make the piece shown. (Diagram 6c)

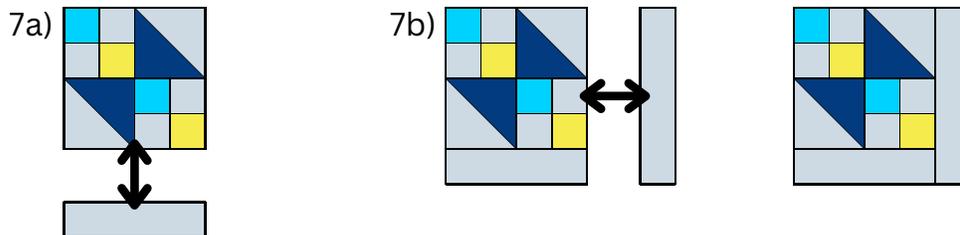


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7) Finish Unit 2

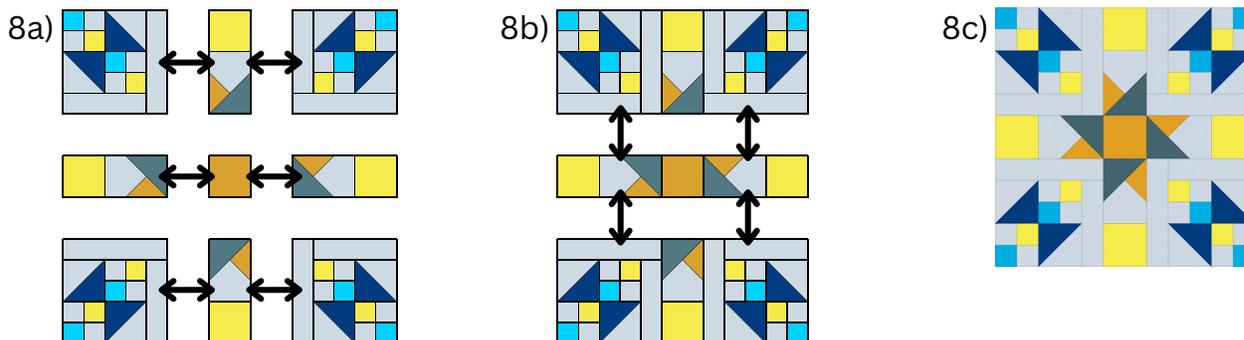
- Sew a 1 ½" x 4 ½" **Color A** rectangle to the bottom of the piece from Step 6.
- Press as desired. (Diagram 7a)
- Sew a 1 ½" x 5 ½" **Color A** rectangle to the right side of the piece as shown.
- Press as desired. (Diagram 7b)



This completes **Unit 2**. Repeat Steps 6-7 to make (4) of **Unit 2**.

Assemble Your Block

- Lay out (4) of **Unit 1**, (4) of **Unit 2**, and (1) 2 ½" **Color B** square, rotating pieces as shown.
- Sew your rows together as shown by the arrows.
- Press seams in opposite directions so that they will nest. (Diagram 8a)
- Sew your rows together as shown by the arrows. (Diagram 8b)
- Press the cross section seam as desired to complete your block. (Diagram 8c)



I hope you enjoyed my block! Stay tuned for some more fabulous blocks from some of the other BenartExperts!

I'd love to hear from you! If you have any questions, you can contact me at snugglebugstitching@gmail.com. If you want to see what I'm up to, you can find me at <https://snugglebugstitching.com/>

I'd love to see what you made!

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