

“Simple Solstice”

block pattern by Robin Pickens

The “sun” square and the 2 types of rays should be different complementary tints of the same color. You will need:

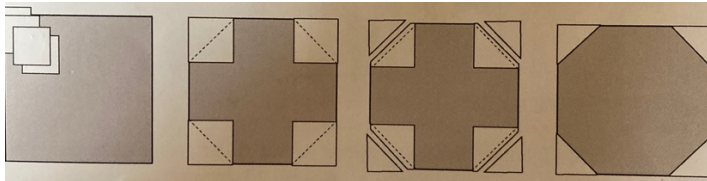
- 1 5-inch square for the sun center
- 1 4 ¼-inch square for the (larger) flying geese side rays
- 4 2 ½-inch squares for the (smaller) corner rays

The background fabric should be cream colored:

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| 4 1 ½-inch squares | 4 4 ¼ x 2-inch strips |
| 2 2 ½-inch squares | 4 2 ¾ x 2-inch strips |
| 4 2 ³ / ₈ -inch squares | 4 5 x 2-inch strips |

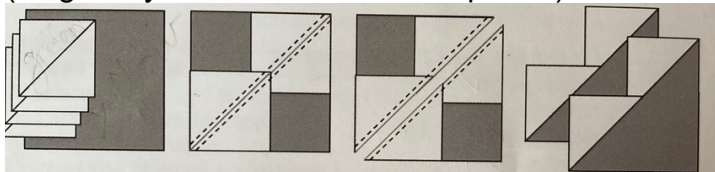
1. Stitch-and-flip corners on sun center: use four 1 ½-inch cream squares and one 5-inch sun center square.

Draw a line diagonally on wrong side of cream squares; line them up on the four corners of the sun center squares as shown, right sides together. Sew on the lines; trim ¼ inch to the outside of the sewn line on all 4 corners.

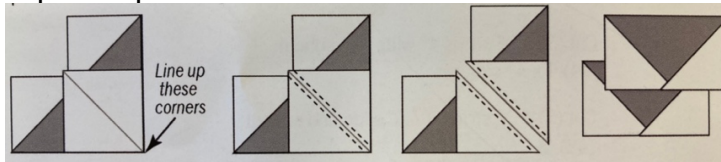


2. Flying geese side rays, using a no-waste, 4-at-a-time method: uses one 4 ¼-inch color square and four 2³/₈-inch cream squares.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 4 cream squares. Lay 2 of the squares as shown on opposite corners of the color square. Sew a scant ¼-inch seam on either side of the line (diagonally across both cream squares). Cut on the line into 2 halves; press open.

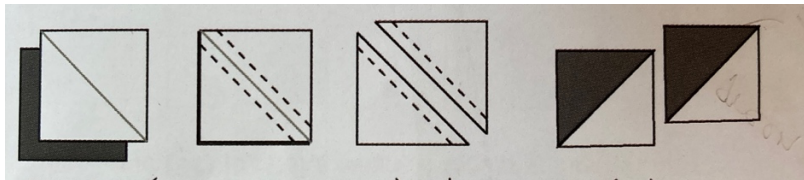


Place 1 of the remaining cream squares on each half created above, as shown; sew a scant ¼-inch seam on either side of the line. Cut on the line into 2 halves; press open. Repeat on other half. Square up to 3 ½ x 2 inches:



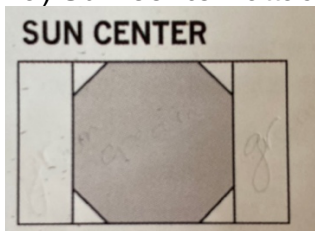
3. Half-square triangles for corner rays: use two 2 ½-inch cream squares and two 2 ½-inch color squares.

Pair up a corner ray color square with a cream square, right sides together. Draw a line diagonally. Sew ¼-inch seam on either side of the line. Cut on the line into two halves as shown below. Press open. Repeat with other squares. Square up to 2-inch squares.

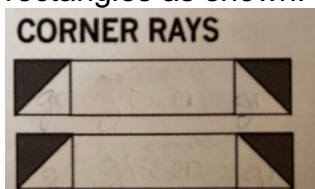


4. Assembly:

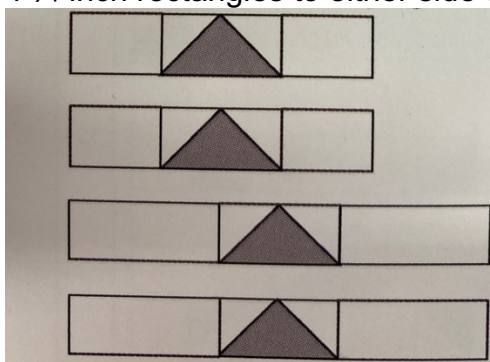
a) **Sun center:** attach 5x2-inch cream rectangle to either side of sun center as shown:



b) **Corner Color Rays:** Attach two 2-inch HST corner rays to each end of two 5x2-inch cream rectangles as shown:



c) **Side Color Rays:** Attach 2 3/4-inch rectangles to either side of two of the side rays. Then attach 4 1/4-inch rectangles to either side of the two remaining side rays as shown:



d) Sew the pieces together as shown:

