



## Rising Star Quilters September 2017 Block of the Month

Please return your finished block(s) at the  
[October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting](#).

(If you cannot finish your block by the due date,  
please return the unfinished kit. Thanks!)



## String Diamonds

Single Finished Block Size: 6.5" x 9.5" (4 blocks needed to make diamond 12" x 18")

Quick and easy string piecing on a muslin foundation

Make two mirror-image rectangle blocks to form half a diamond.

Please use quality 100% cotton quilting fabric and 1/4 inch seams.

### For this pair of blocks you will need:

- two muslin foundation rectangles cut 7" x 10", *provided*
- two black strips 2" x 15", *provided*
- strips of various widths from your scraps. Anything goes!

### You will make two blocks that are mirror images of each other:

One block with the black center strip going from **bottom left to top right**. (pic A)

One block with the black center strip going from **bottom right to top left**. (pic A)

### Instructions:

- Fold the black strip provided in half lengthwise. This crease will allow you to center the strip on the diagonal.
- Place the 2" black strip right side up on the diagonal of the foundation, aligning two corner points of the foundation with the center crease.
- Lay a random strip right-side down along one edge of center strip and one edge of random strip. Pin, then sew strips to foundation using a 1/4" seam. Press new strip open. This is often called *stitch and flip*.
- Sew strip to the other edge. Press open. Continue to sew strips along each edge, making sure the strips fully cover the foundation, pressing open as you go. (pics C & D)
- When you get to the corners, use an oversized triangle or a wide strip to avoid having tiny pieces on the corners when the blocks are trimmed down.
- When your foundation is completely covered, you are ready to trim.
- Place your block face down on the cutting mat and trim using the foundation as guide. The block will measure 7 inches x 10 inches.

If you have any questions, please email us at [blockmonth@risingstarquilters.org](mailto:blockmonth@risingstarquilters.org)

picture A



picture B



picture C



picture D

