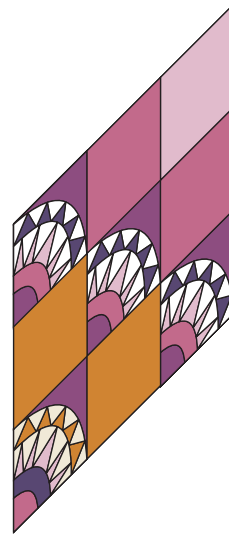


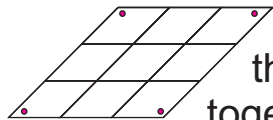
Suzie's Quick Tip: Piecing a Modified Lone Star

Lone Stars are beautiful, and when they're combined with Paper Pieced Stars, the results are stunning! Traditionally, Lone Stars are strip pieced, but this doesn't work when a pieced block is inserted. If you've yet to make a Lone Star, here are some tips:

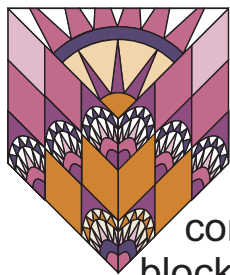


1. Piece all of the Paper Pieced blocks, and press the seams. Cut out the remaining pieces, and sew them into rows, using the instructions given in the pattern. **Press all of the seams open.**

2. **Making the Star Diamonds:** Carefully pin the rows together prior to sewing. Remember that the seam intersections need to be exact. I find that pinning at the seam intersections will give the best results.



3. Carefully mark the $\frac{1}{4}$ " points on all 4 corners of the Star Diamonds. Sew two Star Diamonds together. First pin at the seam intersections, then at the marked corner points. Sew from the outside towards the center.



4. **Adding the Center Block:** Sew two Star Diamonds together. Adding the Center Block requires a Y-seam. Mark the $\frac{1}{4}$ " point on the Center Block's inside corner. First pin this point to the inside corner of the star, and then pin the remainder of star and block together on one side. The Center Block should be on top, and the star on the bottom. Sew from the outer edge toward the middle. Stop sewing at the marked point. Leave the needle in the down position. Lift the presser foot (needle down) and adjust the seams by moving the pieces counter clockwise. Pin the new seam at the intersections, and sew. Do this for all 4 Center Blocks.

5. **Adding the Corner Block:** Sew the pieces made in Step #4 together, and then add the Corner Blocks in the same manner that the Center Blocks were added. Press the seams toward the Corner Block.