

2026 MAQ Lottery Block

8" Patriotic Quarter Star

It's time to let those patriotic prints shine! Add white or cream plus red or blue solids or blenders to create these blocks.

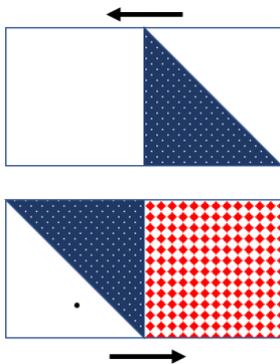
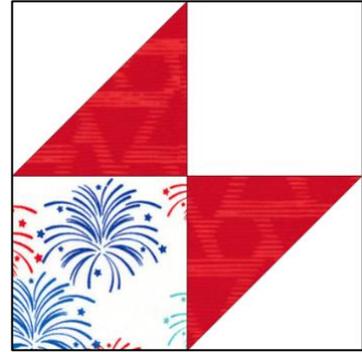
You may enter as many blocks as you wish in the lottery. Blocks must measure 8.5" square.

For each block, you will need (2) half square triangle (HST) units for the star points. Your star points can be either red or blue. The HST's must measure 4.5" before assembling the block.

To make your HSTs from slightly oversized squares, cut (1) 5" white square and (1) 5" red or blue square. Place them right sides together. Draw a pencil line along the diagonal of the white square. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line. Press to the dark side. Trim to 4.5".

NOTE: Feel free to use your favorite method to make the HSTs so long as they measure 4.5". Please DO NOT use the 4-at-a-time method that results in bias on the outside edges.

For each block, you will also need to cut (1) 4.5" white or cream square and (1) 4.5" patriotic square.



Assemble the unit as pictured. Press away from the HSTs.

Use Bonnie Hunter's instructions for spinning the seam allowances of the 4-patch units. <https://quiltville.blogspot.com/2005/06/spin-those-four-patch-seams.html>

You will have $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance beyond the tips of the star points as seen in the photo above.

If you win the lottery, units may be combined to make a variety of star blocks. Diane Harris, the [Stash Bandit](#), calls this unit a Star Quar. Visit her website for more setting ideas.

