

# The Best of All Block

Turned (& slightly modified)

Will make a quilt block of aprox. 50"x50"



Instructions for assembling  
The "Best of All (Turned)" Block<sup>©</sup>  
One Block Only Beginner Quilting<sup>©</sup>  
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Mini-Blocks Used:  
"Square-in-a-Square"  
"Spinning Tops"  
"X" Squares

Refer to pages 11, 13, 15 & 16 in the  
Mini-Block Booklet  
for the basic instructions

## MATERIALS NEEDED

Center fabric (use a large striking print)	1/2 Yard	(18 inches)
Background (light colored fabric or solid)	1 1/2 Yard	(54 inches)
Fabric #1 (for "cat's ears" triangles)	1 Yard	(36 inches)
Fabric #2 (for "Spinning Tops")	2/3 Yard	(48 inches)
Backing	2 yards	(72 inches)
Thread to match	1	300 yard spool
If you want a border for this quilt	2 yards	
Batting enough to cover finished quilt	up to 60"x 60"	

*(For demonstration purposes only—diagrams shown on opened fabric!)*

## Cutting & Sewing Instructions

### Center Square:

Cut 1	Center Fabric	16 1/2" square (use this as the guide for the specified size of all the mini-blocks.)
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### All the "Spinning Tops":

Cut 4	Fabric #2	11" squares (for big "goose" block)
Cut 8	Fabric #2	5 1/2" squares (for the "tail" block)



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## Cutting & Sewing Instructions (cont.)

### All the Center "Tail of the Goose"—"Star" blocks:

- Cut 4 Background 7½" squares
- Cut 4 Background 6" squares for small triangles
- Cut 4 Fabric #1 8" squares for large triangles

(Small "Fabric #2" squares already cut in directions on previous page.)



**SEWING:** Follow the instructions on pages 15 and 16 for "Flying Geese" and "Spinning Tops" to make this section of the quilt. You will make two short pieces and two long pieces. Attach the short pieces on opposite ends of Center Square as you would in a Square-in-a-Square block (page 11). Then attach the long sides to the other sides of the Center Square. Press all seams toward center.



### All the "Corner" pieces:

☞ *First, assemble the larger Corner piece, make two.*

*Then make two of the smaller Corner pieces. ☞*

### Balance of cutting instructions for the Corner Pieces:

- Cut 8 Background 10½" squares
- Cut 4 Background 6" squares (for small triangles in the "tail" block)
- (brown) Cut 4 Fabric #1 8" Squares (for big triangles in "tail" block)
- (red) (Fabric #2 is already cut in the directions on previous page.)



**SEWING:** Follow the instructions on page 15-16 for "Spinning Tops" to make this section of the quilt. For the "X" square portion, *review instructions on page 13 but return here for the assembly.* Since only half of the "X" square will be used, you need to take two triangles (background and Fabric #1) and sew along "short" sides (see illustrations above). For the Larger Corner Piece: You need FOUR "Spinning Tops" and FOUR half-"X" squares. (For the Smaller Corner Piece: you only need the Fabric #1 triangles.)

**A suggestion:** Lay the pieces out to match illustrations, then you will easily see how to sew them together.

**TO ASSEMBLE THE LARGER CORNER:** Once the half-"X" squares are assembled, then sew a background square to each half-"X" square (as illustrated above). Press seams to dark fabric and sew the "Spinning Top" to one of the strips just made. Sew the "Goose" triangle to the other strip. Press seams towards darker fabrics, Finally, matching seams carefully, sew the two pieces together, press and make the other large corner piece.

**TO ASSEMBLE THE SMALLER CORNER:** Sew a background square to each Fabric #1 triangle (see the above illustration). Press seams to dark fabric and sew the "Spinning Top" to one of the strips just made. Sew the "Goose" triangle to the other strip. Press seams towards darker fabrics, Finally, matching seams carefully, sew the two pieces together, press and make the other small corner piece.

Let's put it all together.



## Assembling the "Block" Quilt (see illustration)

This quilt will be assembled much as a "Square-in-a-Square" block, instead of solid triangles, though, you will be using the corner blocks as the "triangles". The first step is to attach the Small Corner Pieces to the main "Star" Square. Sew small corner pieces to opposing sides (see center of illustration below). Press seams toward the corner blocks.

*It is important to match your seams to get precise points and joints.*

### **Finishing the quilt top:** (see illustration)

Sew the Large Corner Pieces onto the middle strip, matching seams and pressing the seams toward the darker fabrics.

Now you are ready to put the batting and back on. Then it can be tied, hand quilted or machine quilted.



⇒ For a larger quilt, just add borders until you have your desired dimensions.