

# May Challenge BOTM 2019

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## OHIO CHAIN STAR

Just like the colors of May popping out around us we're curious to see what color or colors you all come up with. This is a different way of piecing and cutting this block together that makes it much easier to construct, so don't be afraid to try a this approach for making your block or blocks and if you have any questions or need help please feel free to give us a call.



This block consists of Nine (9) 4" Finished (4-1/2" Unfinished) smaller squares: Five (5) 4-patches and Four (4) Hour-glass blocks.

**COLORS:** Choose one color and find 3 fabrics in that color way – 1 LIGHT – 1 MEDIUM – 1 DARK  
Background Fabric – white on white

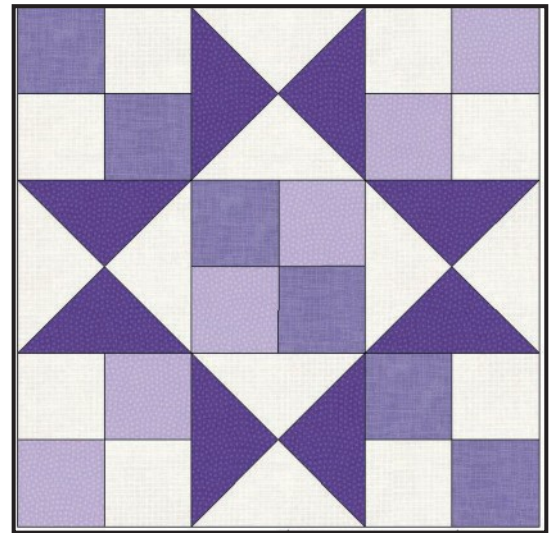
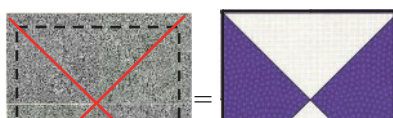
### FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

Background (White on White) – One (1) 9" square & One strip 2-1/2" x 20" cut into (4) 5" lengths  
DARK – One (1) 9" square  
LIGHT – One (1) strip 2-1/2" x 25" – cut into five (5) 5" lengths  
MEDIUM – One (1) strip 2-1/2" x 25" – cut into five (5) 5" lengths

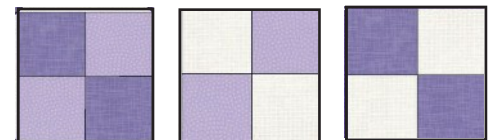
### HOURLASS BLOCKS – 4 Blocks

1. Stack the Background 9" square and the DARK 9" square and cut into four (4) 4-1/2" squares. Take 2 DARK and 2 Background squares to make a 4-patch – repeat with the other four squares.
2. Stack both of the 4-patch blocks rights sides together, placing a white square on a DARK square to alternate colors. (White on DARK and DARK on White)
3. Matching corners and center, pin layers together and sew 1/4" in on each side – sewing to the end of each side.
4. Remove pins and cut diagonally corner-to-corner each way to create 4 squares.
5. Open and press seams – trim to 4-1/2" squares, being sure to center. NOTE: Avoid stretching white edges, which will be on the bias. If you have a different, preferred way to make hour-glass blocks, do so – just make sure to square up to 4-1/2".

Four patch blocks that measure 4-1/2" square.  
Red lines indicate cutting &



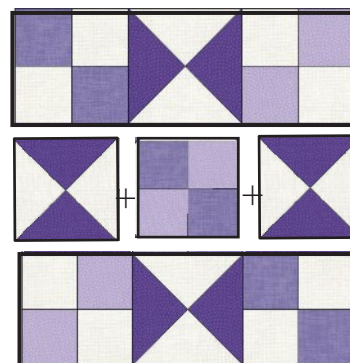
12" Finished – 12-1/2" Unfinished  
Use a "Scant" 1/4" seam\*



Make 1      Make 2      Make 2

### 4-PATCH BLOCKS – 5 Blocks

1. Cut the WHITE Background 2-1/2" strips into four (4) 5" lengths.
2. Cut the LIGHT & MEDIUM 2-1/2" strips into five (5) 5" lengths.
3. Sew a LIGHT & WHITE together (twice) to form two (2) squares. Press to dark side. Cut the square(s) in half to give you two 2-1/2" x 5" rectangles, flip one side to alternate color and sew together to make your 4-patch. Repeat with the other square to get two (2) 4-patches.
4. Repeat using the WHITE & MEDIUM to make two (2) WHITE & MEDIUM 4-patches.
5. Repeat with the LIGHT & MEDIUM to make one (1) 4-patch. This will be the Center square.



Pay attention to 4-patch color placement