



Disappearing Hour Glass

Finished Size 71 x 81

Finished Block Size 10 ½ x 10 ½

Pattern Design based on Missouri Star Quilt Company's You Tube Video:
The Disappearing Hourglass Quilt- Easy Quilting with Layer Cakes!

Cutting Redesign By Linda Dufresne - HobbyStash.com

The above picture is an illustration of my first Quilt of Valor made using Missouri Star's Disappearing Hour Glass video as my guide. I love the look but hated wrestling with the blocks. A layer cake friendly pattern, utilizes two 10-inch squares to make four half-square triangle blocks. The result is the fabric bias is on the outer edge. Frankly, it was a wrestling match to get everything to line up. No matter how carefully I pressed those blocks, I had stretching issues. Since I want to use this pattern again, I set out to redesign it using HST blocks made the traditional way (straight fabric grain on the outer edges of the block).

No matter which way you decide to make your blocks, I highly recommend watching the video. She does an excellent job illustrating how to cut and reassemble this block. The pattern is also fat quarter friendly. As you can see above, I used multiple prints of the reds, creams, and blues to make the QOV quilt.

Figure 1: Fabric Requirements

Background Fabric – 3 ½ yards*		
	13 ½ x 13 ½	14
	6 ¾ x 6 ¾	4
Middle border	3 ½ x width of fabric	8
Blue Fabric/Red Fabric – 2 ¼ yards each color*		
	13 ½ x 13 ½	7
	6 ¾ x 6 ¾	2
Inner red border	3 ½ x width of fabric	7
Outer blue border	3 ½ x width of fabric	8
*yardage is based on 40-inch wide fabric		

Piecing/Assembly

Match one 13 ½ inch background square to each of the blue and red 13 ½ inch squares, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner twice on the wrong side of the background square. Stitch ¼ inch on each side of the drawn lines (Figure 2). To make 8 half-square triangle blocks (HST blocks), cut as indicated in Figure 3.

Figure 2: Making Half Square Triangles

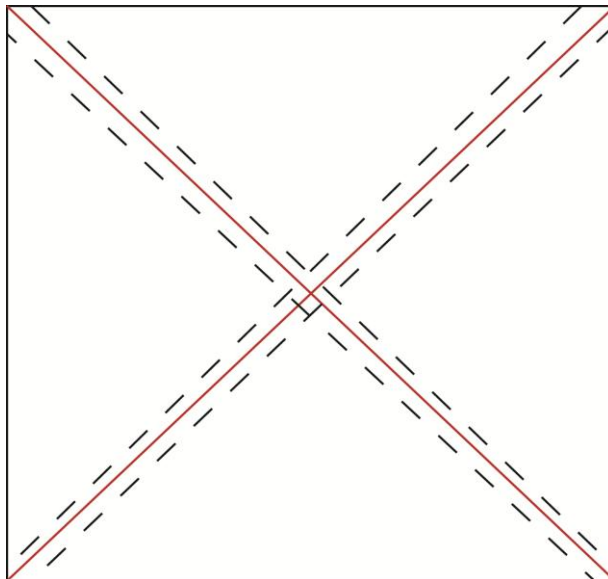
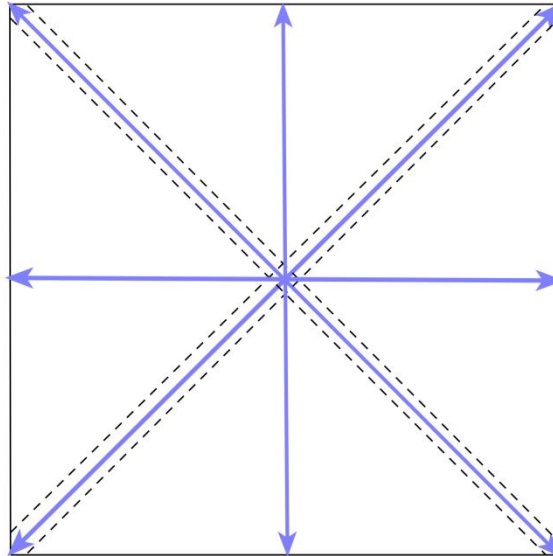
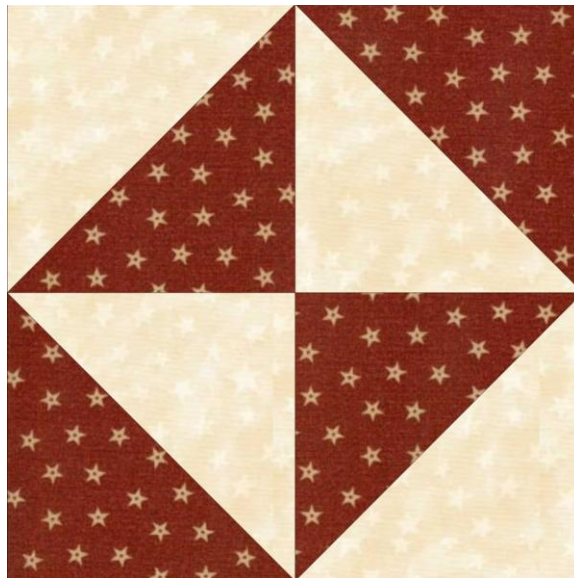


Figure 3: Cutting HST block



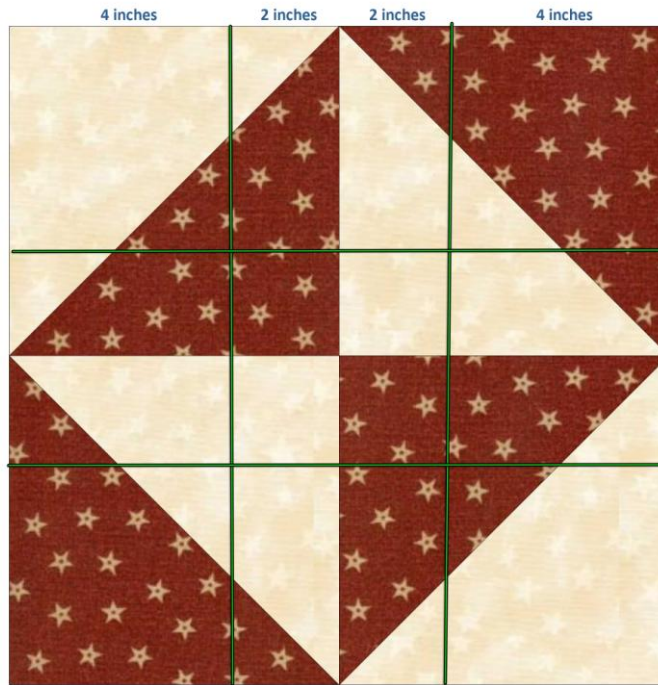
Square each HST block to 6 ¼ inches. Using 4 HST blocks arrange as indicated in Figure 4 and sew together. Your unfinished block size should now be 12 inches.

Figure 4: Hour Glass Block



You will be making 4 cuts to this block: 2 inches from the center sewing lines horizontally and vertically (Figure 5).

Figure 5: Cutting Hour Glass Block



Rotate each **outer** section 180 degrees (Figure 6). Rotate **center** section 90 degrees. (Figure 7)

Figure 6: Outer Sections Rotated – Inner Section Unchanged

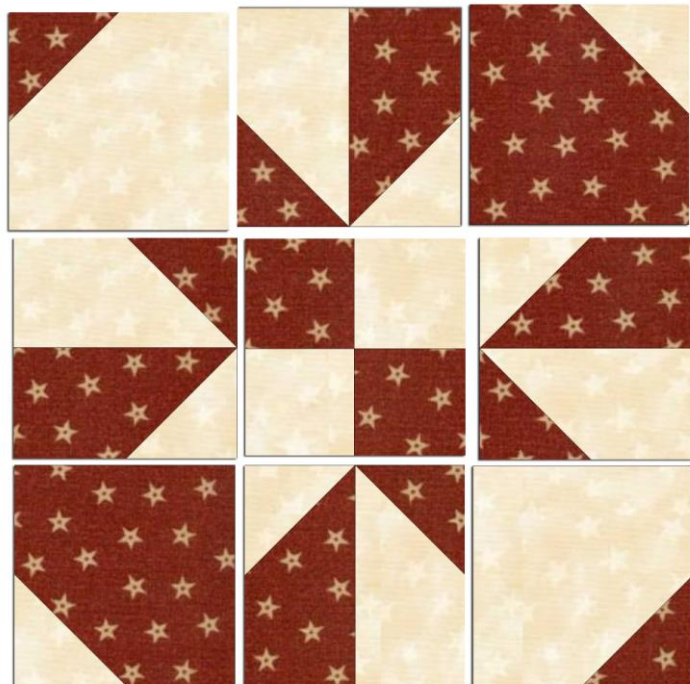
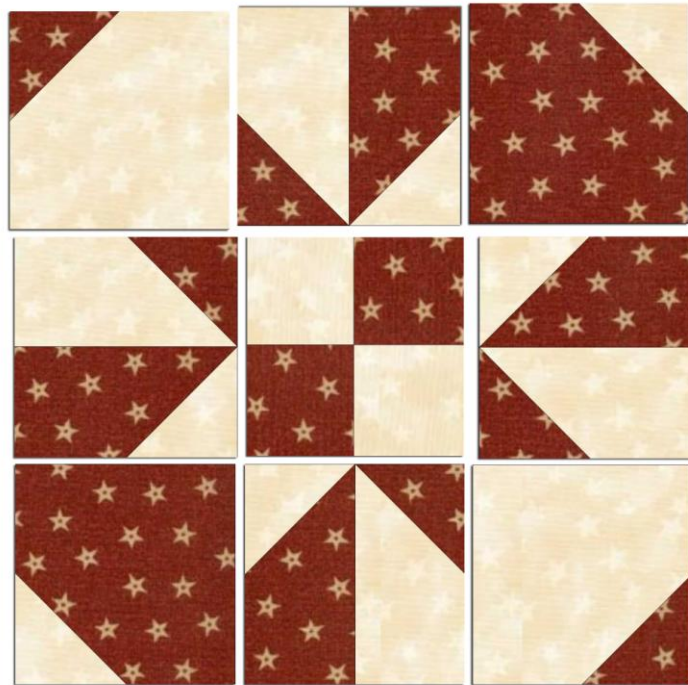
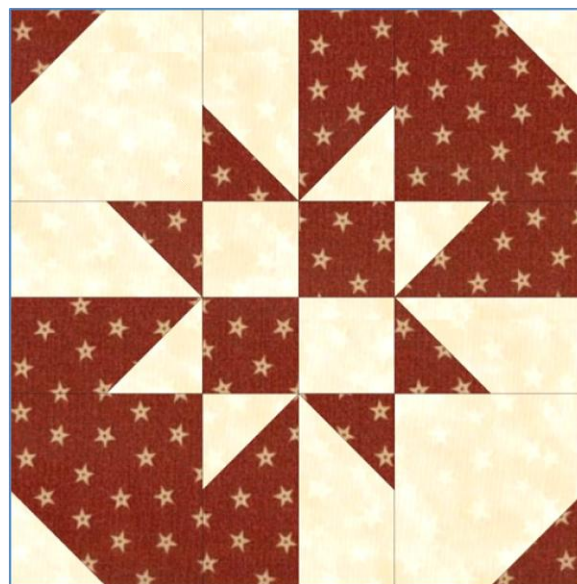


Figure 7: Inner Section Rotated



Sew the nine sections of the block together (Figure 8). Your unfinished block size should now be 11 inches. Make 15 red blocks and 15 blue blocks.

Figure 8: Completed Block



Assemble blocks in 6 rows of 5 blocks each, alternating between red and blue blocks (Figure 9).

Border

With red fabric, piece together strips to make the two side borders 63 ½ inches long. Sew to sides of quilt top. Piece together strips to make top and bottom borders 59 inches long. Sew to top and bottom of quilt top.

With background fabric, piece together strips to make the two side borders 69 ½ inches long. Sew to sides of quilt top. Piece together strips to make top and bottom borders 65 inches long. Sew to top and bottom of quilt top.

With blue fabric, piece together strips to make the two side borders 75 ½ inches long. Sew to sides of quilt top. Piece together strips to make top and bottom borders 71 inches long. Sew to top and bottom of quilt top.

Figure 9: Quilt Layout

