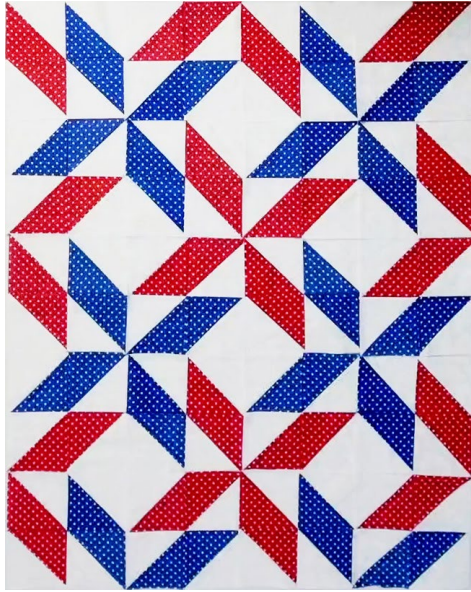




# Brita Nelson The Questioning Quilter

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## Fireworks! A Super Easy Patriotic Quilt



July 4th is just a few days away so here is a beautiful patriotic quilt for the occasion.

Watch me make this on YouTube:  
<https://youtu.be/xofG2mXWJZM>

This quilt is not a disappearing block, instead it is a super simple quilt made from a block I am calling a Harlequin Block.

This quilt measures 36" X 45". It is made it with 1/2 yard red, 1/2 yard blue and 1 yard of white fabric.

There are only 20 blocks in this quilt arranged 4 by 5 and each block is 9" X 9" finished.

I will show how to make a block I am calling a Harlequin Block. If you know of another name for this block, please let me know.

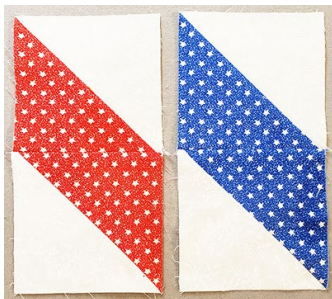


Each block takes:  
2 - red and white Half Square Triangles (HST) and  
2 - two blue and white HST's

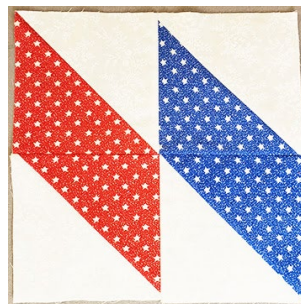
Each HST block is 5" X 5" (unfinished)

Arrange the blocks as shown on the left.

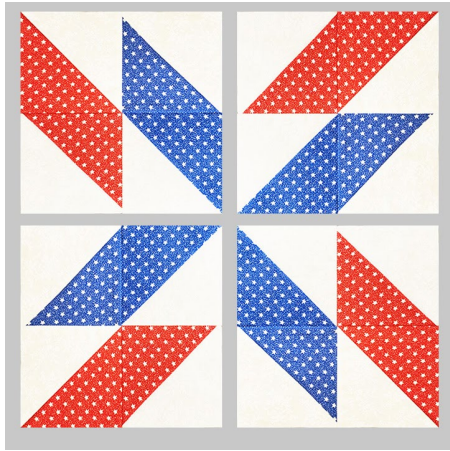
Because we are not cutting the Harlequin blocks apart, you can make this quilt with any size HST block that you like.



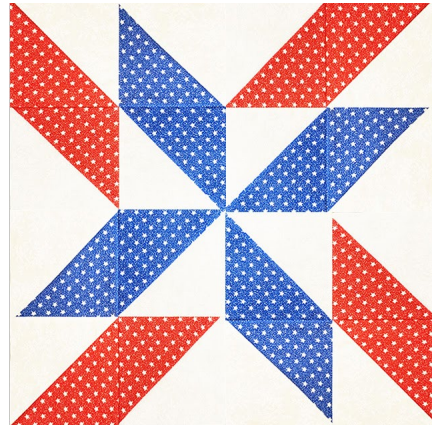
Sew the two Red HST's into a diamond that slants to the left.  
Sew the two Blue HST's into a diamond that slants to the left.



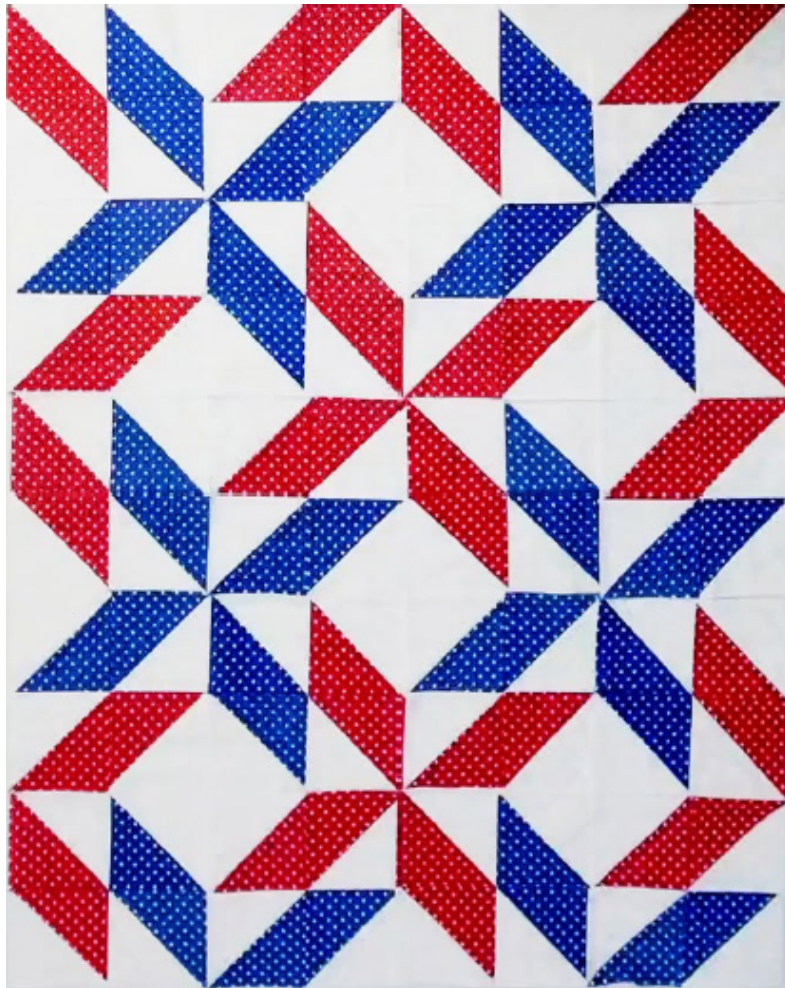
Sew the two diamond blocks together to create a Harlequin block.  
If there is another name for this block, please let me know.



Arrange 4 Harlequin Blocks with the blue corners to the center.



Sew the 4 blocks together to make a Pinwheel Star Motif.



When you sew the multiple motifs together, the Red Pinwheel Stars emerge.

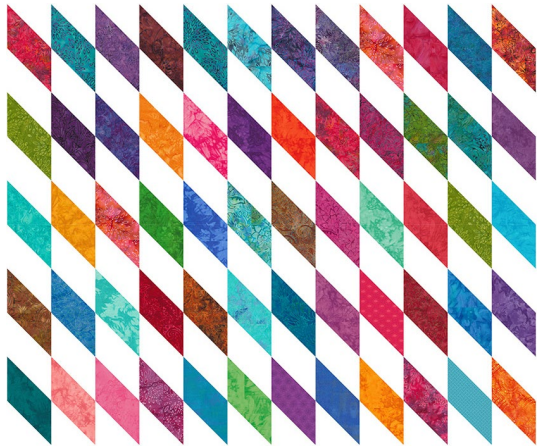
You can expand this quilt to make it as big as you like.

This reminds me of fireworks. I see red and blue stars exploding in the sky.

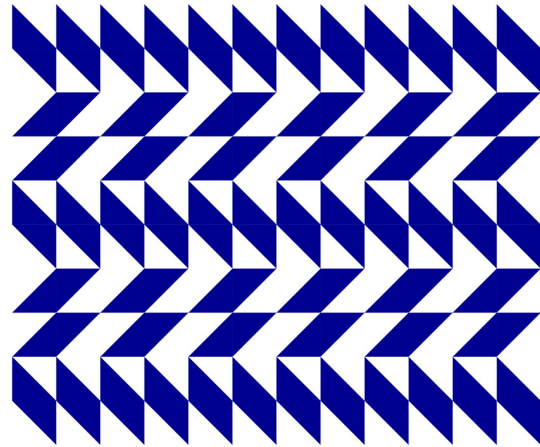
If you make this quilt, I would love it if you sent me a picture.

Please feel free to share this pattern with any QOV or Veteran's Quilt maker groups.

In the video <https://youtu.be/xofG2mXWJZM>, I show two other ways to arrange these blocks.



This is layout 1 in the video, shown with scraps.



This is layout 2 from the video shown with only 2 colors

I will be making another Harlequin Quilt in the future and will eventually show you the amazing quilts that can be made by "Disappearing" the Harlequin Block.

I hope that you will share this with your friends and tell me if you have any suggestions or requests for future newsletters.

I have even more disappearing videos on my channel: <https://www.youtube.com/questioningquilter>

Stay Well and Happy Quilting,

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