



Quilts of Valor® 2018 Block Drive

The 2018 Quilts of Valor block drive features a beginner's Friendship Star with a pinwheel center. Once completed, please send your blocks to the Block Drive Coordinator for distribution nationwide. They will be made into Quilts of Valor to help State Coordinators with their waiting lists. If you wish to keep the blocks you make in your group, you may do so. Please report the number you make to suzanne.dicarlo@QOVF.org so we can publish the total number made after Conference, May 2018.

The purpose of the national block drive is to give individuals or groups who wish to make just a few blocks, but not assemble a quilt, to have their block(s) in quilts made across the nation. These blocks can be assembled many ways into a QOV. Our hope is to assist State Coordinators with blocks to help fill requests not covered by local groups. Blocks received by May 1, 2018 will be distributed at National Conference to State Coordinators based on the number turned in by their State.

Guidelines:

1. There are three colors needed: background – white or white on white; main color – red, blue or patriotic print; and accent – use a solid if your main color is a print or vice versa (see photos).
2. Use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and press carefully.
3. Block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " as sewn and will finish at 12" in a quilt.
4. Mail block to: **Block Drive Coordinator, Suzanne DiCarlo, 111 Minwood Street, Mineola, TX 75773-1122.**

Mailing instructions:

1. If mailing ONE block, fold it carefully and mail in a standard business size envelope with a "forever" stamp. It cannot be more than $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick.
2. If mailing more than ONE block, use a manila envelope (remove the metal clasp as that make it non-machine able and costs more) and take it to the post office to have postage attached.
3. If sending a lot of blocks, make sure they are in a Ziploc bag and put a label IN THE BAG.
4. Please be sure to attach the correct postage so your blocks don't arrive "postage due."

Questions? Email suzanne.dicarlo@QOVF.org

CUTTING:

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| Color 1 – Background (white or white-on-white) | 4 – 3 ½” squares 4 – 3 ½” x 6 ½” rectangles | 55006 (Go Die) 55005 (Go Die) |
| Color 2 – Main Color (red, blue or patriotic print) | 4 – 3 ½” x 6 ½” rectangles | 55005 (Go Die) |
| Color 3 – Accent (use a solid if #2 is print or a print is #2 is a solid) | 4 – 3 ½” squares | 55006 (Go Die) |

Step 1 – Star Points

Draw a line on the reverse side of all your squares, both color 1 and 3. Place color 1 square on right end of color 2 rectangle RST. Stitch from upper right corner to lower left of the white square. Trim the seam and press toward the rectangle (main color). Place color 3 square on left end of color 2 rectangle RST. Stitch from upper right corner (in the middle of the rectangle) to lower left of the accent square (lower left corner of the rectangle). Trim the seam and press. Make all 4 units.



Step 2 – Four Patches

Sew together a background rectangle and a star point unit. Do this 4 times.



Step 3 – Block Assembly

Take your 4 patch units and sew them together as illustrated.



Your finished block should measure 12 ½”.

BONUS:

If you wish, you can sew the halves you trim off together and you will have bonus 1/2 square triangle squares. You can use them or send them with your blocks. They make great borders.

