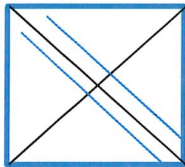Ohio star

The origin of the OHIO star quilt dates back to the mid 1800 in Oberlin, Ohio. Oberlin was a place that welcomed freed slaves and liberal thinkers. This is exactly why Oberlin, Ohio attracted John Brown, an anti-slavery fighter who was recruiting soldiers to help him in an operation to take over a federal arsenal in Harper's Ferry. John Brown ended up recruiting Lewis Sheridan Leary, who left behind his family to help John Brown and his cause. Both men were ultimately killed for these anti-slavery efforts, leaving them and those working alongside them to be remembered as heroes. Lewis Sheridan Leary's wife, Mary, learned of her husband's death when a shawl she had sewn for him was returned, riddled with bullet holes. Mary was remembered by her son and grandson as often sitting in a rocking chair, sewing. An Ohio Star quilt was reproduced in her honor, and is now in the International Quilt Museum to honor those left behind by soldiers who met their demise during the Civil War.

Cut 4 squares 3 1/2" x 3 ½" (light background)

Cut 1 square 3 ½" x 3 ½" (star center)

Cut 2 squares of one dark fabric for star points and 1 square of light background fabric and one medium or dark fabric 4 ¼" x 41/4"

Mark both diagonals on the wrong side of your light and medium fabric squares. Place both marked squares with right sides onto the star point fabric squares. Sew a scant 1/4" on both sides of one diagonal. Cut along both diagonals. Check size to be 3 ½' x 3 1/2" Assemble 9 patch

The assembled block should measure 9 ½" x 9 ½"

Note: If you want to change up your design, here is a good chance to replace the Ohio star block with your favorite 9 ½" x 9 ½" block