



## Quilts of Valor® 2019 Block Drive

The 2019 Quilts of Valor block drive features a floating Ohio Star. 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. Also you may mail them to your State Coordinator. Find your state coordinator [here](#). Please report the number you make to [suzanne.dicarlo@QOVF.org](mailto:suzanne.dicarlo@QOVF.org) by 8/1/2019. We will publish the total number during Conference.

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, have their block(s) in quilts made across the nation. These blocks can be assembled many ways into a QOV. We will try to post samples on Facebook. If you make a top or quilt, please post a picture. These blocks will assist State Coordinators. They will help fill requests not covered by local groups and ease their backlogs. We thank you for your help with our mission! The deadline for this drive is August 31, 2019.

### Guidelines:

1. There are two colors needed: background – red or blue solid or patriotic print; main color – white or white on white (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, place them in a Ziploc bag and put a label with your name and address 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](mailto:suzanne.dicarlo@QOVF.org)

## CUTTING:

<b>Color 1</b> – Background (red or blue solid or a patriotic print)	8 – 4 ½” squares	55060 (Go Die)
<b>Color 2</b> – Main Color (white solid or white-on-white)	1 – 4 ½’ square	55060 (Go Die)
	8 – 3 ½” squares	55006 (Go Die)

**Step 1:** Picture 1 below shows your cut pieces. Take your eight 3 ½” small squares and mark 4 of them corner to corner as shown in picture 2. If you feel confident, you do not have to mark. Place each on the bottom left edge of 4 background squares (picture 3). Sew them (picture 4). Trim them at ¼” (picture 5). Press back (picture 6).



**Step 2:** Repeat with the other 4 small squares. See pictures below. You will end with 4 squares with star points.



**Step 3:** Layout your 9 squares like a 9 patch block. Sew it together your favorite way. The pictures show how I like to do it. Take your center row and lay it right sides together with the left row. Chain piece these 3 together. Do NOT cut apart. Lay open your 2 columns. Lay the the right row on top of the center row and chain piece them together. When you finish, it will look like the 4<sup>th</sup> picture.



**Step 4:** Final step is to turn top row down and sew row horizontally. Turn bottom row up second and sew it horizontally. Press it open (see last picture). Your finished block should measure 12 ½”.

