

Quilts of Valor® 2017 Block Drive

The 2017 Quilts of Valor block drive features not one, but two blocks that play well together. You may make one or both. Once completed, send your blocks to the Block Drive Coordinator; they will be distributed nationwide to be made into Quilts of Valor. If you wish to keep the blocks you make in your group, you may do so, or make enough for a quilt and award it as you wish.

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 across the nation. These blocks can be assembled many ways into a QOV. Blocks received by June 1, 2017 will be distributed at National Conference. After that, they will be distributed to new Group Leaders to help them get started.

Guidelines:

1. Use any combination of traditional QOV colors. The Snowball block provides a great place for those larger patriotic prints. Use the best quality fabric you can afford.
2. Use a ¼" seam allowance and press carefully.
3. Block should measure 12 ½" as sewn and will be 12" in the quilt.
4. Mail blocks to: **Block Drive Coordinator, Karen Demaree, PO Box 628, Platteville, WI 53818**

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 ¼" thick.
2. If mailing more than ONE block, use a manila envelope (remove the metal clasp as that makes 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 Karen.demaree@QOVF.org



Snowball Block

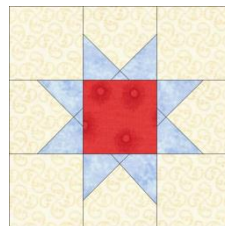


1 – 12½” square print

4 – 4” squares for corners

On the wrong side of the 4” squares draw a diagonal line. Place right sides together on the corner of the large square, carefully aligning the edges. Sew a thread width away from the drawn line towards the corner.

Repeat for all corners. Press toward the corner. It should line up. If not, check your stitch for straightness and placement. Cut away the print and one triangle leaving a ¼ inch seam allowance. Must measure 12 ½”.



Floating Star

1 – 4½” square center of star

8 – 4½” squares background

8 – 2½” squares star points

On the wrong side of the 2½” star point squares draw a diagonal line. Place right sides together on the corner of a background square, carefully aligning the edges. Sew a thread width away from the drawn line towards the corner.

Repeat on the opposite corner of the block as shown in the diagram. Repeat for a total of 4 squares. Cut away the background and one triangle leaving a ¼” seam allowance.

Assemble using the diagram as a guide. Press carefully. Must measure 12½”.

Below is just one way to assemble these blocks. Have fun and use your imagination.

