Thank you for purchasing my pattern! Hidden Gems was created as part of The Bee Hive event with Alyce of Blossom Heart Quilts. Be sure to visit Blossom Heart Quilts to see all of the beautiful blocks that have been shared throughout the year!

If you have any questions, please email me at fromblankpages@gmail.com

Interested in some tutorials before you begin? You can find them on my blog.


**Color & Design:** [http://fromblankpages.blogspot.com/2014/07/celestial-star-qal-color-design.html](http://fromblankpages.blogspot.com/2014/07/celestial-star-qal-color-design.html)

**What You’ll Need:** Basic paper piecing tools and supplies. Here's what I use: paper, printer, fabric, rotary cutter and mat, straight edge or ruler, glue stick, Elmer's washable glue with fine tip, light source, sewing machine, thread, etc. You can find a full list of the supplies I use in the Paper Piecing link above.

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**Tips:**

**Planning Your Design:** When picking fabrics and colors for your pattern, take into consideration the value (lightness or darkness) of your fabric, as well as the placement of color in relation to similar/different colors. Adding variety in color AND value will ensure your final project has a strong design. That doesn't mean you can’t make a monochromatic design (using only one hue/color), because you can. But adding a variety in the value of the prints you use, will make it a successful design. See the link above under Color & Design for more details and examples. The design possibilities are endless depending on where and how you place your fabric.

**Save Time:** I like to cut all my fabric out at the same time. When working on multiple blocks at once I also like to chain piece everything. See the link on page one under Paper Piecing for more detail on how I save time while paper piecing.

Using the cutting templates speeds up the cutting process tremendously! Haven't used them before?? Give them a try! I think you'll be surprised!
Instructions:

1. Coloring pages are a great way to determine your design and color placement before cutting into your precious fabrics. Print the pages you want to color and color away.

2. Print one copy of pattern templates “A” through “F”, six total pattern templates, for one finished block. Print only one copy of the cutting templates (I print my templates on card stock), as you can use them over and over again.

3. Print the pattern and cutting templates at 100%, or No Scale (this setting is found in the printing dialog box when printing the file).

4. Cut out your fabric using the cutting templates. See the page with the cutting templates for exact instructions on how to orient cutting templates and fabric. See the link above for more detailed instructions on using cutting templates, and how to make your own.

5. Piece the pattern templates by number. Trim exactly around the shaded area (seam allowance).

6. Line up the “B” and “C” pattern templates, right sides together, matching the corners.

7. Sew on the inside line, creating a 1/4” seam allowance. Remove paper from the seam allowance only and press seams to one side.

8. Line up the “A” pattern template to the other side of the “B” template, matching the corners.

9. Sew along the inside line, creating a 1/4” seam allowance. Remove paper from the seam allowance only and press seams to one side.
10. Repeat steps 6-9 with pattern templates “D”, “E”, and “F”. Press seams in the opposite direction as with the “ABC” section. You now have two halves of the block.

11. Line up both halves, right sides together, matching seams. Baste using your preferred method to keep pattern pieces together (glue baste, pin, etc.) and sew together. Remove paper from seam allowance only and press seam to one side. You now have one finished block.

12. Optional: Repeat steps to create more blocks. Arrange blocks to create the desired layout and piece together to create a quilt top.

13. Layer quilt top, or block, with batting and backing to make a quilt sandwich, and quilt.

14. Bind or finish as desired.

You can find many different methods for quilting, binding, and finishing quilt blocks. You can do a google search, or look on pinterest! Try different methods until you find the one you like best!

15. You’re FINISHED!

16. Share a picture of your project on

- Instagram: #fbpPatterns
- Craftsy: submit a project and link to the pattern
- Flickr: http://Flickr.com/groups/fromblankpages
- My blog: http://fromblankpages.blogspot.com/2014/01/share-your-projects-event.html

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Thank you for supporting me by purchasing my patterns and directing others to my shop to purchase their own copy!! This ensures that I will be able to continue to create and share my patterns with you!
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