**Rockets Red Glare**  
Minnesota Quilters Block of the Month  
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This month we want everyone to think patriotic but reach for the dark blues, deep reds and lovely beige/tans. Our block will be more traditional so set aside the bright red, white and blues and pick out your reproduction fabrics. The design is fairly simple and won’t take too long to complete.

**Materials**  
Center block is 4” square (3 ½ “ finished)  
Dark blue strip – 1 ½” x 18”  
Medium blue strip – 1 ½” x 18”  
Cream & blue strip – 1 ½”x 18”  
2 squares in cream/tan – 5” ea.  
2 squares in deep red – 5” ea.

**Directions**  
1. Sew the dark blue strip to the medium blue strip. Press toward the dark side.  
2. Sew the cream/blue strip to the remaining edge of the medium blue strip. Press toward the medium blue strip.  
3. Cut the combined strip into 3-rail sections of 4” each.  
4. Attach two of the 3-rail sections to the red center square. Press the resulting seam outward toward the dark blue.  
5. Cut the tan squares in half on the diagonal.  
6. Attach the resulting triangles to the remaining 3-rail blocks as shown in the picture. Press the resulting seam inward toward the 3-rail section.  
7. Sew the sections together while being careful to match the inner blue corners. If you follow the directions for pressing the seams, these sections will nest together easily.  
8. After pressing the joined sections, you can trim the excess points from the tan triangles, as shown below.
9. Cut the 5" red squares diagonally to create 4 triangles. If using directional fabrics, think carefully about placement before you cut.

10. After stitching the block together, Press remaining seams toward the dark fabric. The block can be trimmed to 11" or left as is for the lucky winner to finish as she (or he) assembles the quilt.

BOM Basics:

1. Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
2. Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.
3. If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block for the winner’s use (a border or other finishing touches).
4. If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for the blocks to arrive before the meeting.

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5. To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 20 blocks (3 if we have 30+, 4 if we have 40+).
6. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.