

## Block of The Month 2022: Block #4

To get started, here are the fabrics you need: your focus fabric, two coordinating fabrics based on the colors in the focus fabric, and a white fabric. Pick ones that contrast with each other. Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block.) Use the block layout show to understand fabric placement.

Also, the Guild's website and Facebook page should have a post directing you to the YouTube instructions for this block.



### Cut list -- For one block

**Fabric A & D** -1<sup>st</sup> coordinating fabric:

- Two 4" squares, cut into two pieces by cutting on the diagonal
- One 28" strip (the combined width of strips B, C & D should be between 5.75" and 6" & each strip at least 1.5" wide.)

**Fabric B & E** -2<sup>nd</sup> coordinating fabric:

- One 36" strip
- Two 4" squares, cut into two pieces by cutting on the diagonal

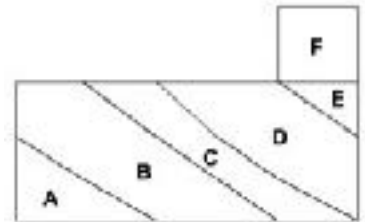
**Fabric C** - white fabric: One 38" strip

**Fabric F** - focus fabric: One 3.75" square

### Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam

The first thing to do is to cut a 45° angle at one end of strips B, C, & D. You can do them one at a time or stack them as in photo 2.

- Start with strip D, place the hypotenuse of a triangle of fabric E so the tip extends ¼" above the 45° cut on fabric D. Sew together. Press to triangle. Trim by cutting a straight edge with the triangle right side up, under the top edge of the ruler. See photo 3 (yours may look reversed if you started with a 45° angle in the other direction.) Now take the next triangle and place it on the opposite edge of the strip. Repeat sewing on triangles as above, alternating sides of the strip and trimming after each addition.
- Next sew a triangle A to strip B following the same method as above. After completing these four units, there is an extra step. Use a ruler to measure over 5" from the left edge, trim off excess portion of strip B that extends past the 5" mark. (See photo 4.) Do this for each of the units. This makes the top corner of the rectangle.
- Now using strip C, place a D/E unit so tip of the hypotenuse of the unit extends ¼" above the 45° cut on fabric C. Sew together and then immediately place the next unit on against the same edge next to the first unit, overlapping the points ¼". Sew on and repeat with remaining two units. Press toward the strip. Trim as shown in photo 5. Be careful to have right sides up and start the trimming with the first unit sewn together. Triangle E of first unit should be above strips C & D on the left. Line up with the next unit and cut straight between



Block piece layout



Photo 2

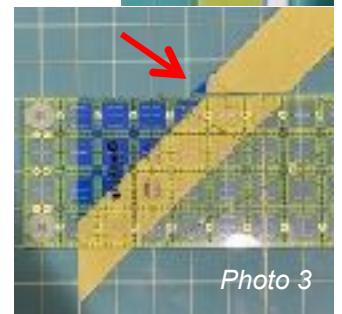


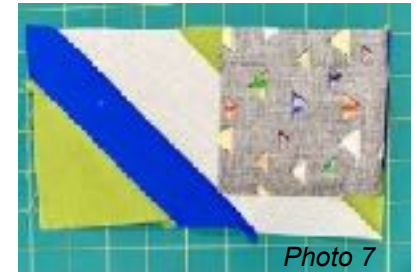
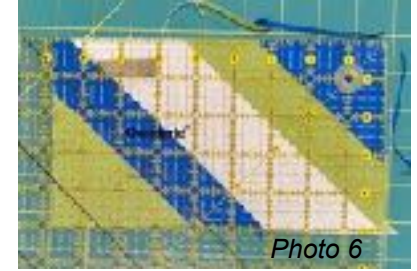
Photo 3



Photo 4

the two units only cutting strip C. Repeat with the remaining three sections.

- Add the A/B units to the C/D/E units with A & E in opposite corners. Set pieces in front of you with A at the bottom left and E at the top right. This orientation is what we use in the next few steps. Flip the C/D/E unit on top of the A/B unit. Have the tip of C sticking above  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and sew that seam. Repeat to get four rectangles.



- Press and return pieces to the same orientation as describe in last step. Trim the top and right side of each unit straight. See photo 6.

- Now with center piece F, align one corner of F with the top right corner of a rectangle (photo 7) and sew a partial seam along top edge from the corner to about halfway across the focus fabric square. Press to the rectangle. Align the next rectangle along the fully sewn edge, matching corner E to center square and sew. Press and repeat with last two rectangles. Finish the partial seam and press.



YouTube instructions

- Now to square it up. Use your  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square up ruler, place it over the block. Make sure there is fabric under all parts of the ruler and trim to  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

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