

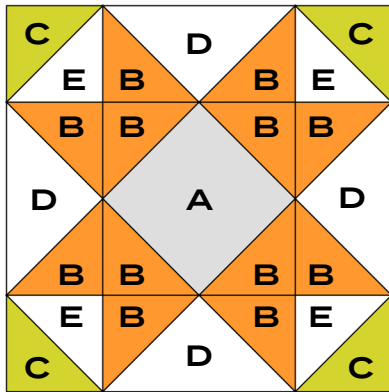
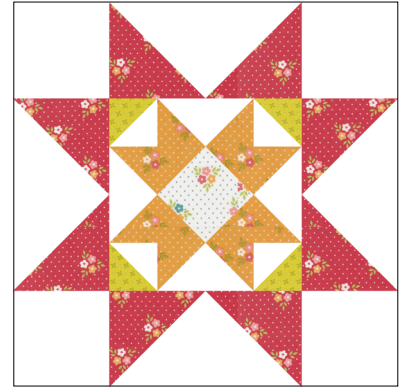
a Quilting Life

Block of the Month 2024

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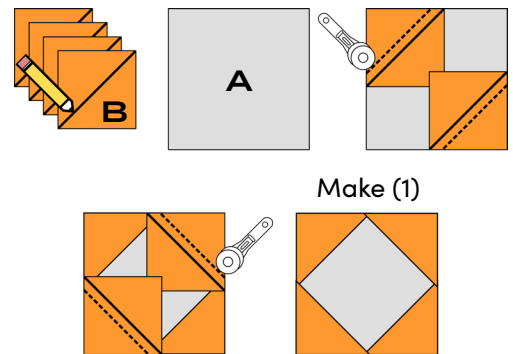
Cutting Instructions

	8" Block (8 1/2" unfinished)	16" Block (16 1/2" unfinished)
Light (A)	(1) 2 1/2" square	(1) 4 1/2" square
Medium (B)	(12) 1 1/2" squares	(12) 2 1/2" squares
Medium (C)	(2) 2" squares	(2) 3" squares
Light (D)	(4) 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles	(4) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles
Light (E)	(2) 2" squares	(2) 3" squares

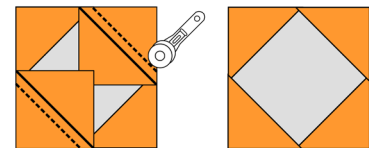
Designer Note: Follow the block guide shown for fabric placement. Units are labeled A-E.

Piecing Instructions

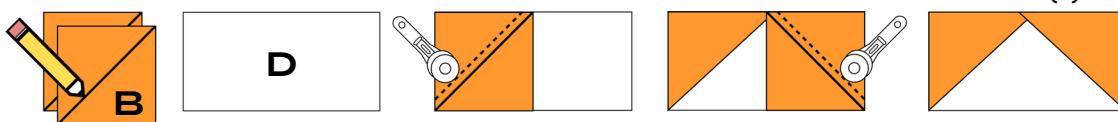
1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (12) B – squares using an erasable marker or pencil. Set (8) B – squares aside for Step 6.
2. Place (1) B – square onto (2) opposite corners of the A – square, right sides together and edges aligned. Reference the diagram for the orientation of the drawn diagonal lines.
3. Sew along the drawn diagonal lines on each square. Then, trim excess corner fabric to a 1/4". Press toward the corners.
4. Repeat stitch and flip techniques to attach the (2) remaining B – squares to the (2) remaining corners of the A – square to make (1) square-in-a-square unit.
5. Use the following guide for square-in-a-square unit sizes for 8" and 16" blocks:
 - a. 8" Block: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" unfinished.
 - b. 16" Block: 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" unfinished.
6. Repeat stitch and flip techniques to attach (1) B – square to both top corners of (4) D – rectangles to make (4) flying geese units. Reference the diagram for the placement of B – squares.
7. Use the following guide for flying geese unit sizes for 8" and 16" blocks:
 - a. 8" Block: 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" unfinished.
 - b. 16" Block: 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" unfinished.



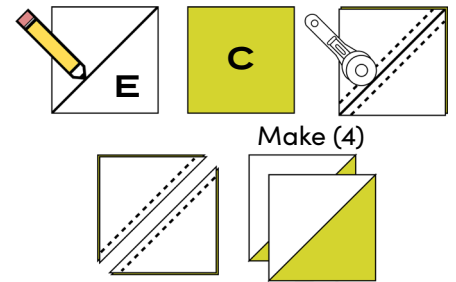
Make (1)



Make (4)



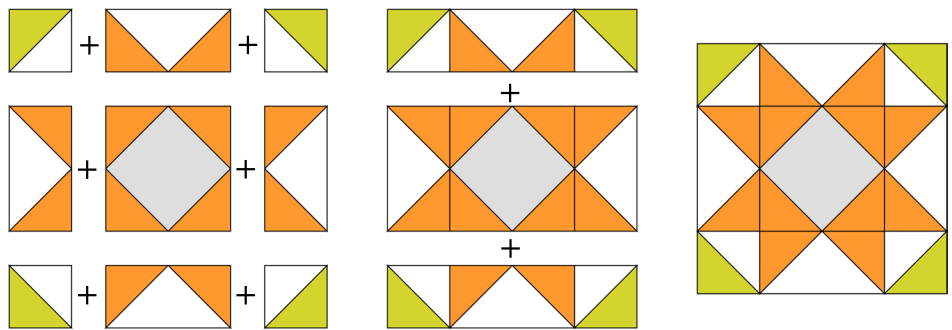
8. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (2) E – squares using an erasable marker or pencil.
9. Place (2) E – squares with (2) C – squares, right sides together.
10. Sew a ¼" away from both sides of the drawn diagonal lines.
11. Cut along the drawn diagonal lines, making (4) HST units.
12. Trim HST units using the following guide for 8" and 16" blocks:
 - a. 8" Block: 1 ½" x 1 ½" unfinished.
 - b. 16" Block: 2 ½" x 2 ½" unfinished.



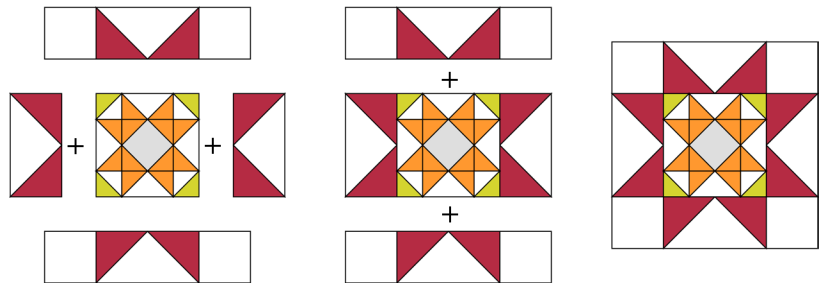
13. Arrange the square-in-a-square unit, (4) flying geese units and (4) HST units to form the October block center. Ensure HST units are rotated correctly. Sew together, pressing seams away from the flying geese units.

14. Use the following guide for October block center sizes:

- a. 8" Block: 4 ½" x 4 ½" unfinished.
- b. 16" Block: 8 ½" x 8 ½" unfinished.



15. Arrange the prepared Star Border pieces around the October block center and assemble as shown. Reference the Cutting Chart for unfinished block sizes.



Pattern of the Month...

The best types of quilt patterns feature designs that can be transformed depending on what type of fabric you select! The **Berry Baskets Pattern** would create the perfect Halloween themed quilt with the right selection of fabrics! Imagine these Berry Basket Blocks transformed into spooky Trick-or-Treat Bags or sweet Halloween Candy Dishes! Tackle this fun project today!

