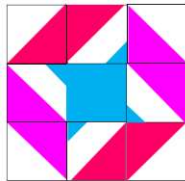


## January 2024 Quilt Block

This is our third block in our series to continue support of our Sharing Gifts Program. If you are unfamiliar with the Sharing Gifts program, please review the policy on our website at <https://ykquiltersguild.ca/about-us-1> (see bottom of the web page for the Sharing Gifts link).

If you missed the blocks for November and December and are interested in making them, visit the guild's website at <https://ykquiltersguild.ca/resources-page-1> to download the instructions.

Our block pattern for January 2024 is the **Sidekick block**.



We will be using the Missouri Star Quilt Company's technique to make the block. You can watch the video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oahqzxvUuDs>. Block construction starts around 1:05 minutes into the video and goes to 12:10 minutes.

**Color Way:** white for the background and your choice of three colors/prints

### **What you need:**

Color 1 – two 5" squares (This will be the centre star color)

Color 2 – two 5" squares

Color 3 – two 5" squares.

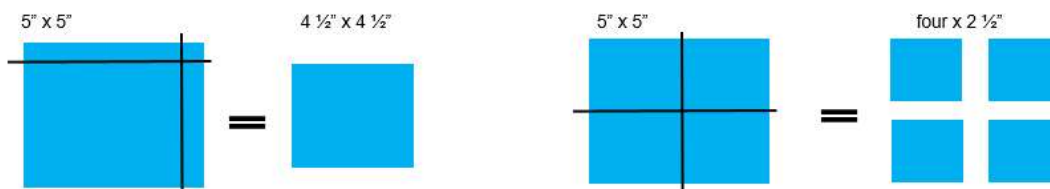
Background – four 5" white squares

Use a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Your stitch line should fall just inside the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " line on your ruler when measuring the seam allowance.

### **Step 1.**

Using Color 1,

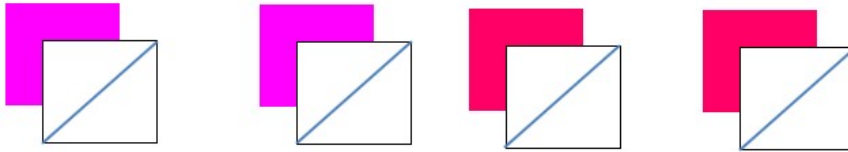
- Cut one of the 5" squares down to a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
- Cut the remaining 5" square in to four  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.



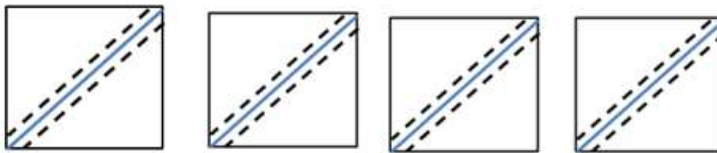
## Step 2.

Using color 2, color 3 and the background white squares, make eight half-square triangles.

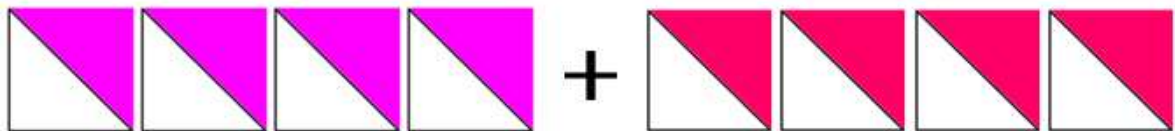
- Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the background squares.
- Place a background square on each of the color 2 & 3 squares (right sides together).



- Sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on each side of the drawn diagonal lines.



- Cut the squares on the diagonal lines. Press open to the color fabric. You will now have eight half-square triangle blocks.
- Square these blocks up to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ."



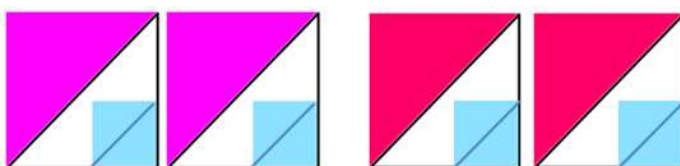
## Step 3.

Take the four  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares created in step 1 and draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each square.

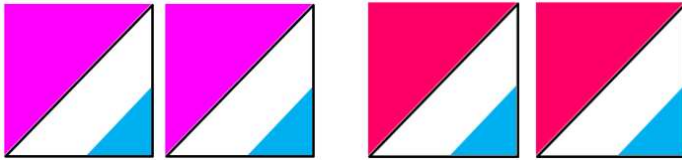


## Step 4.

Using two of each color of the half-square triangle units created in step 2, sew a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " color 1 square to the corner of the background triangle.



Cut off excess fabric leaving a ¼" seam allowance and press the color 1 triangle open.

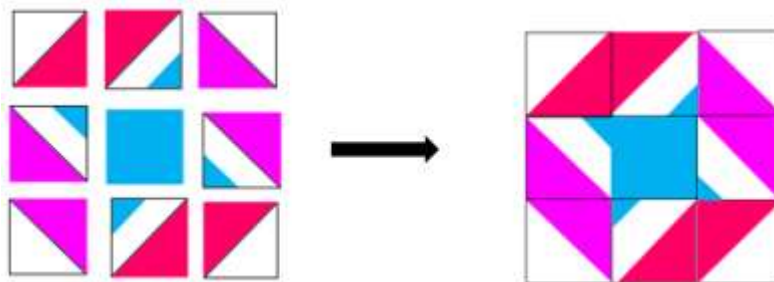


**Step 5.**

You've now completed all the component blocks.



Arrange your component blocks as below and sew together to form the Side Kick block. Press seams as you go. Your finished block should measure 12 ½" x 12 ½".



I hope you had fun making the Side Kick block.

Bring your completed block(s) to the January meeting. If you're unable to attend the meeting you can have a friend, bring them on your behalf. You can also drop them off in the guild's basket at the Quilted Raven (top of the library shelf) no later than January 10<sup>th</sup> for the January meeting and I will pick it up and bring to the meeting. If dropping off blocks, please put your name on them so I can announce who made them.

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