

# QUILTS *happen* – Block of the Month #3

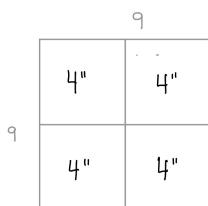
## Fabrics:

	<u>*Fabric Color</u>	<u>*Size Provided</u>
C	Blue / Teal dots	9" x 9" square
I	Light apricot	9" x 9" square
L	Dark Blue	5" x 9" rectangle
BG	White/green circles	9" x 13" rectangle

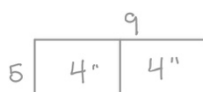


## Cutting Directions:

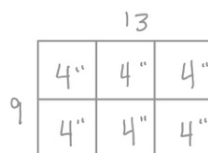
- Cut (4) 4 inch squares each from fabrics **C** (blue / teal dots) and **I** (light apricot)



- Cut (2) 4 inch squares from fabric **L** (dark blue)

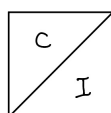


- From **BG** (background) cut (6) 4 inch squares.

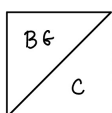


## Piecing Directions:

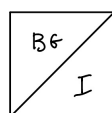
- To make Half-Square Triangle (HST) units, make the following combinations with your squares – right sides together (RST):



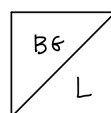
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- a. Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of BG (background fabric).



- b. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch along BOTH sides of drawn line – on all sets.



- c. Cut squares apart on drawn line, creating 2 half-square triangles (HST) from each block set, for a total of 12.

- d. Open and *press* toward the colored fabrics.

- e. TRIM to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches square, if needed.

2. Layout pieces according to the diagram above. Piece together each row.

- a. *Press* all seams in row 1 to the right. *Press* all seams in row 2 to the left.

- b. Repeat for rows 3 and 4. (This will allow you to be able to “nest,” or lock together the points where the squares come together so the finished product will be lined up.)

3. Sew the rows together – lining up the points where the squares meet. Pin. Since the rows were pressed in opposite directions, you will now be able to “nest” them together with no gaps, so they will line up when you sew!

4. Press your seams over, or open, whichever is your preference. Press the block flat – try to press up and down or side to side to avoid stretching the block!

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## **Finishing:**

1. Square and trim your finished block to 12.5 inches.
2. Sit back and admire your beautiful block! :)