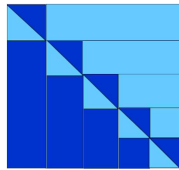


## May 2024 Quilt Block

Welcome to our seventh and final 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).

Our block pattern for May 2024 is the **Rick Rack block**.



We will use the Missouri Star Quilt Company's technique to make this block. Watch the video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JU77WTvqldY>. Block construction starts around 1:10 minutes into the video and goes to 10:45 minutes.

**Color Way:** your choice of colours/prints.

### **What you need:**

Colour #1 - One, 2 ½" x WOF\* light fabric (you do not have to use white as in the video)

Colour #2 - One, 2 ½" x WOF\* dark fabric

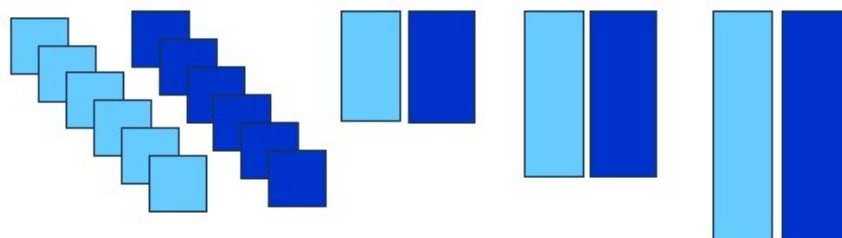
\*WOF = Width of Fabric

Use a scant ¼" seam. Your stitch line should fall just inside the ¼" line on your ruler when measuring the seam allowance.

### **Step 1.**

Open and layer the two strips (to make cutting faster) and sub-cut each strip into to following:

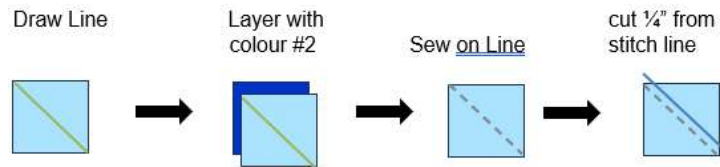
- Six, 2 ½" squares
- One, 2 ½" x 4 ½" strip
- One, 2 ½" x 6 ½" strip
- One, 2 ½" x 8 ½" strip



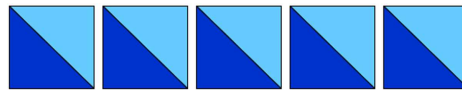
## Step 2.

Using five of the colours #1 and #2 - 2 ½" squares, make 5 half-square triangles.

- Draw a diagonal line on the back of the colour #1 squares.
- Layer a colour #2 square under the #1 square and sew on the line you marked.
- Cut off the excess fabric ¼" from the stitch line.



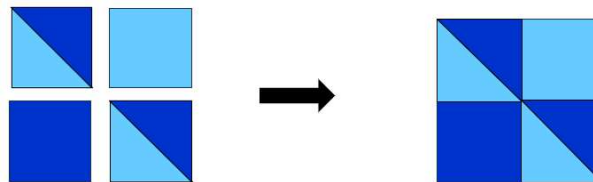
- Press open to the darker fabric.



## Step 3.

Make a 4 patch.

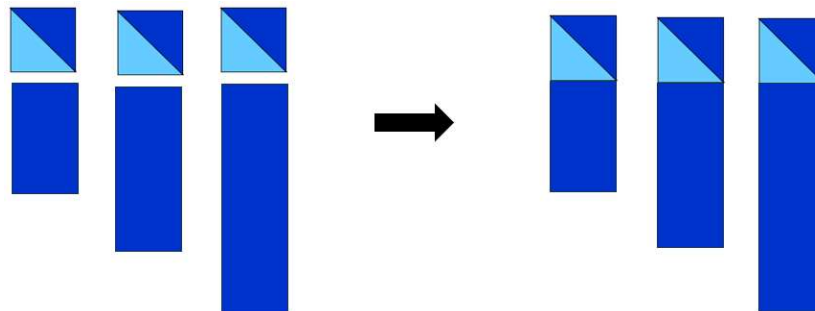
- Using two of the half-square triangle units made in step 2 and the remaining 2 ½" squares (one colour #1 and one colour #2) arrange the squares as in the diagram below and sew together to make a four-patch unit.



## Step 4.

Sew the remaining half-square triangle units to the ends of the colour #2 strips. Make sure the half-square triangles are all facing the same way. Refer to diagram below.

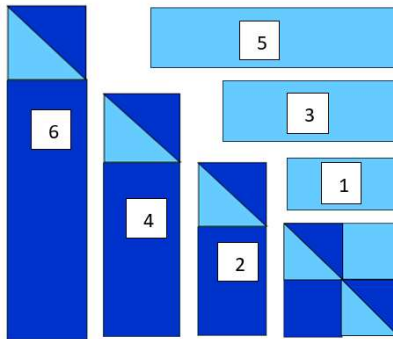
- press to the dark fabric.



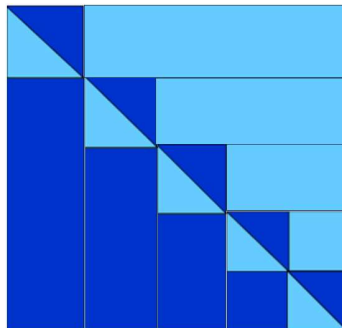
### Step 5.

Finishing the block

- Layout the units made in steps 2 – 4 as in the diagram below and sew together.
- Sew together in the order indicated in the diagram below, starting with the sewing the 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the four-patch and then continue in the order indicated.
- Press after each seam has been sewn.
- Square up to 10  $\frac{1}{2}$ " square when completed.



And that is the Rick Rack Block! Hope you enjoyed making this one.



Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in this series of blocks to help support our Sharing Gifts program.

If you missed a block and still want to contribute, visit the guild's Sharing Gifts – Quilt Blocks of the Month section at <https://ykquiltersguild.ca/resources-page-1> for the patterns.

Bring your completed block(s) to the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the May 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 May 8th for the May 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.

I will also check the basket in June for blocks, so if you are running behind, bring them to the June meeting or drop them in the basket no later than June 12<sup>th</sup> and I will get them to the June meeting for you.

Christine