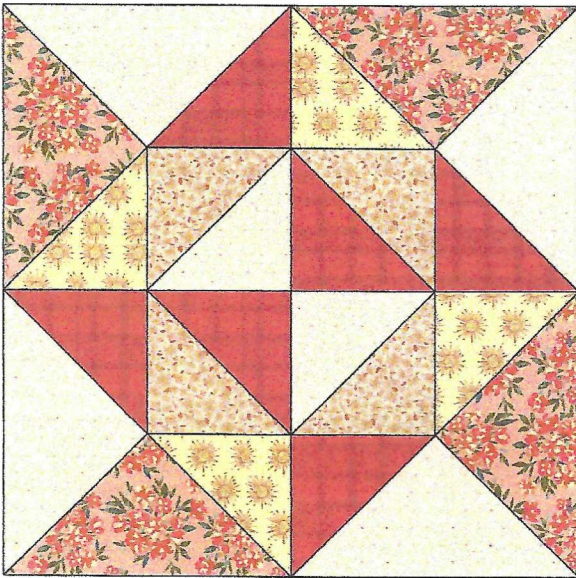


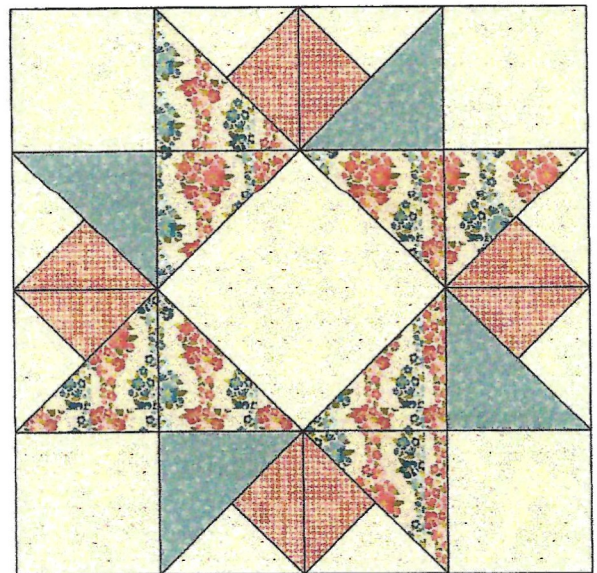
2025 Block of the Month

July Blocks

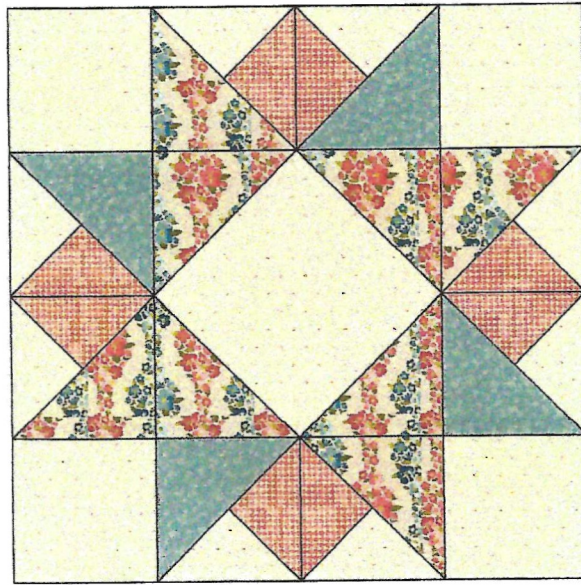
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Home Grown



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Fabric:

Background fabric



Contrast fabric 1



Contrast fabric 2



Contrast fabric 3



Cutting Instructions

Background fabric

4- 3 1/2" squares

4- 4 1/2" squares

1- 4 3/4" square

Contrast fabric 1

4- 4 1/2" squares

Contrast fabric 2

4- 4 1/4" squares

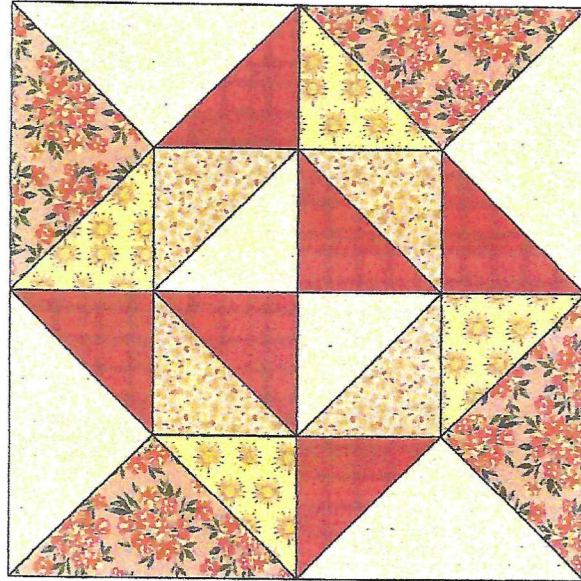
Contrast fabric 3

6- 4 1/4" squares

Assembly Instructions

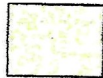
1. Make split quarter square triangle units. Pair 4- 4 ½" background pieces with 4- 4 ½" contrast fabric 1 pieces. Place RST and draw a diagonal line from one corner to the other. Sew ¼" on both sides of the line. Cut on the drawn line and press open. You will have 8 half square triangles. Pair 4 half square triangles with 4- 4 ¼" contrast fabric 2 pieces, and the other 4 half square triangles with 4-4 ¼" contrast fabric 3 pieces. Place each pair RST and draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. This time- **sew on the diagonal line**. To determine which side to trim, open each side to match the order of fabrics on the finished block. It is directional. For the contrast fabric 2 units, if you have contrast fabric 2 facing you, contrast fabric 1 will be on the left, and the background fabric will be on the left. Choose that side and trim ¼" from the seam on the other side. Do the same with contrast fabric 3 facing you and the background fabric on the left, and contrast fabric 1 on the right. Refer to the picture of the finished block to confirm. Trim each unit to 3 ½" square (a bias ruler will help with trimming; line up the center seam with the 1 ¾" mark on the bias ruler to make the triangles even).
2. Make the square in a square center unit. Cut the last 2 contrast fabric 3 squares (4 ¼") in half diagonally. Sew triangles to the 4 ¾" background square. Center triangles on opposite sides of the squares and sew. Press. Sew the other two triangles on the other two opposite sides. Press. Trim to 6 ½" square.
3. Sew together the split quarter square triangle units. Lay out the 3 ½" units, split quarter square triangle units, and the center square in a square unit as shown in the picture. Sew the 3 horizontal rows together, and then sew each of the completed rows together to form the block. Square to 12 ½".

Solitaire



Fabric:

Background fabric



Contrast fabric 1



Contrast fabric 2



Contrast fabric 3



Contrast fabric 4



Cutting Instructions

Background fabric

1- 4" square

2- 7" squares

(added and revised 7/29/25)

Contrast fabric 1

1- 4" square

2- 5 1/2" squares

Contrast fabric 2

2- 4" square

Contrast fabric 3

2- 5 1/2" squares

Contrast fabric 4

2- 7" squares

(added and revised 8/12/25)

Assembly Instructions

1. Before cutting, number the contrasting fabric 1-4 in order to keep the combinations straight. Note that this block requires a consistent scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance because of the trimming throughout the block assembly. Make the center 4 half square triangles in the following combinations. Pair 1-4" background piece with 1-4" square of contrast fabric 2. Place RST and draw a diagonal line from one corner to the other. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of the line. Cut on the drawn line and press open. You will have 2 half square triangles. Do the same process with the other 4" square of contrast fabric 2 and the 4" square of fabric 1. You will have 2 more half square triangles. Trim each half square triangle to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
2. Lay out the half square triangles as shown in the center of the block above, being careful to follow the fabric/color orientation for each square. Sew the 4 half square triangles together to make the center square. Trim to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
3. Pair each of the 2- 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares from contrast fabric 1 with the 2- 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of contrast fabric 3. Follow the same process as above by placing RST and drawing a diagonal line from one corner to the other. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of the lines. Cut on the drawn lines and press open. You will have 4 half square triangles. Cut each of these half square triangles in half diagonally. Refer to the picture to choose the correct cut $\frac{1}{2}$ to sew to each side of the center square. Line up the center seam with the seam of the square. Attach to the center square by first sewing triangles on opposite sides of the square and then sewing the other 2 triangles to the remaining 2 opposite sides. This will form a bigger square. Trim to a 9" square.
4. Follow the same process as in Step #3 by pairing the 2- 7" square back ground pieces with the 2- 7" squares of contrast fabric 4. Trim to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".