

## November 2023 Block of the Month

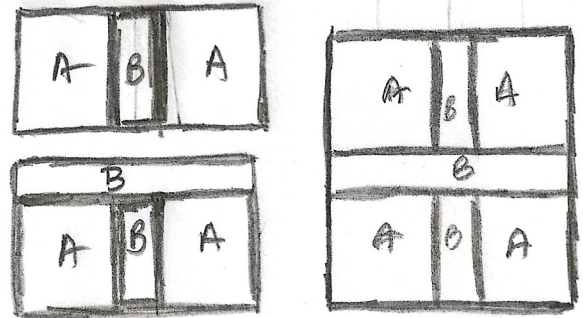
### Christmas Presents

For this block you will need:

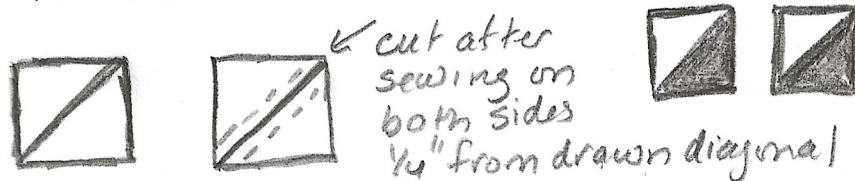
- A. Four 3 1/2" by 4" gift box fabric (for sale at Guild. If not at the meeting you may make the gift box with Christmas print in **traditional** red, green, gold fabric) but trying to make the blocks match.
- B. Ribbon Fabric: Two 1 1/2" by 4" rectangles, one 1 1/2" by 7 1/2" rectangles, and one 3" square
- C. Background Fabric (white or contrast to your gift box): One 3" white square, two 2" by 2 1/2" white rectangles, two white 11" by 1 1/2" (side sashing-oversized) and two 10" by 1 1/2" (top and bottom sashing-oversized)

Sew the 3 1/2" by 4" A fabric lengthwise to opposite sides of 1 1/2" by 4" fabric B. Make 2 units.

Sew the units to both sides of the 1 1/2" by 7 1/2" B fabric.



To make the bow: Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 3" white square. Pair the square right sides together with the 3" B square. Sew 1/4" on each side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line and press the half square triangles open. **SQUARE** to 2 1/2".



Lay out the two 2" by 2 1/2" rectangles and two half square triangles to make the bow unit. Line it up on top of your gift box so it is centered. Sew the box to the bow piece. The box should finish about 10 1/2" by 7 1/2". Don't worry if it is a little off.



Frame your gift box with the sashing pieces from your cut white background fabric. Sew the side pieces 11 by 1 1/2" on first. Cut to fit your square. Then sew on the top and bottom 10" by 1 1/2" pieces, and again trim to fit your block. The winner will do the final squaring so that all the blocks match.

