

LQG Block of the Month March 2025

Card Trick

12" finished, 12.5" unfinished

Full disclosure – I have never made this block, thinking it was too complicated. But it's just another 9-patch!



The colour scheme for this block is bright rainbow – red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple. You only need four of those, your choice. If you choose yellow make sure it is a good intense shade to show up against the background. For the background, choose a “low volume” small coloured print on a white or off-white background. Do not use tone-on-tone.

I highly recommend using a starch-like fabric treatment before cutting. This will help stabilize the bias edges. I am providing exact measurements to cut the triangles needed, but I personally add extra to allow wiggle room. My measurements are in brackets. **Remember to trim each unit to 4.5" with diagonal seams to the corners!**

Lay your fabric pieces out and construct each unit of the 9-patch to keep orientation going the right way.

For half-square triangles: cut one square of each colour and two squares of background fabric at 4-7/8" (5.25"). Cut each square in half diagonally.

For quarter-square triangles: Cut one square of each fabric at 5.25" (5.75") and cut diagonally twice.

Pressing:

- Corner HSTs press seam towards background
- Split QST/HST units, press seams towards coloured triangles
- Center QST unit, press in opposing directions and spin the center.
- In rows, press seams to center on 1st and 3rd rows, out on row 2
- Joining rows, press seams open.



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