

BLOCK PARTY: NOVEMBER 2011

How it Works: Anyone may participate by making one or more blocks—the more blocks you make, the better your chance of winning a “set” of the blocks. When you turn them in to the “Block Party” table at the guild meeting, you should have your name on each block twice. One of the names is removed and put into a basket for the drawing, and one is left on the block, so that the person who wins the blocks will know who made them. After the meeting begins, the blocks are counted and divided into sets, and names are drawn so that we may award the sets to the winners. These names are announced right after the break during the guild meeting.

Breakout Fabric Stash Block

(12-1/2 inch unfinished block)

Please be sure to read all of the instructions before starting to cut or sew this block! This block is a little more difficult because you are working with bias edges, so be careful not to stretch the edges!

WHAT YOU WILL NEED AND WHAT TO CUT:

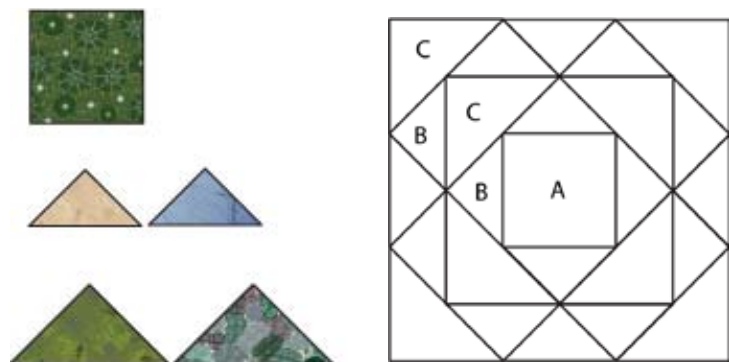
Using a “fall color” color scheme:

A Cut one 4-1/2 inch square of a “plain” complementary fall color

B Cut four 3-3/4 inch squares of each of the following: a light complementary contrast and a medium complementary contrast material.

Cut all squares in half diagonally to make 8 triangles of each print.

C Cut two 4-7/8 inch squares of each of the following: A dark complementary contrast and a focus fabric. Cut all squares in half diagonally to make 4 triangles of each print.



ASSEMBLING THE BLOCK:

1. Refer to the block picture and the block diagram. Sew a light contrast 3-3/4” (B) half square triangle to two opposite sides of the 4-1/2 inch square (A). Add the other two sides, then press.

In the same manner, sew the 4-7/8 inch (C) focus fabric half square triangles to the square you made in the previous step.

2. Stitch the short side of one light contrast (B) triangle to the short side of the medium contrast (B) triangle being sure that they are oriented in opposite directions. Sew another medium (B) triangle to the other side of the light (B) triangle. Make four of these units, then sew them onto the four sides of the center square that you made before.

3. Sew a dark contrast 4-7/8 inch (C) half square triangle to each corner, and you have completed the block!

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Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions.

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