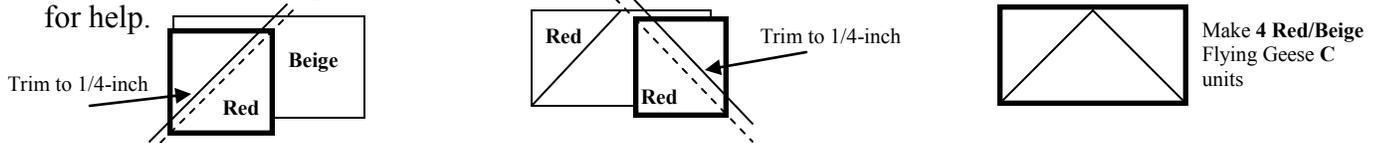


Constructing the block, cont:

For the Flying Geese **C** units, make the same as the **B** units using 8 **Red** 2 1/2-inch squares and the remaining **Beige** scrap 2 1/2 by 4 1/2-inch rectangles. Draw the diagonal lines across the **Red** scrap 2 1/2-inch squares; stitch on the drawn line, trim; press. Repeat for unstitched side; make 4 **Red** and **Beige** **C** units that measure 2 1/2 by 4 1/2-inches. Refer to our on-line tutorial for help.



For the **D** units, draw a diagonal line across the **Blue** scrap 2 7/8-inch squares. Layer a prepared **Blue** scrap square on top of a **Red** scrap 2 7/8-inch square. Stitch 1/4-inch to each side of the drawn line, cut on the drawn line; press. Repeat with remaining **Blue** and **Red** scrap 2 7/8-inch squares for a total of 8 **Blue/Red** **D** units.



Assemble the block center in five rows following the diagram on page 2, using the remaining **Blue** scrap 2 1/2-inch squares. Your block should measure 12 1/2-inches square.

Erik's tips:

This block goes together in nine-patch style. Careful use of the 1/4-inch seam will ensure that the Flying Geese **B** and **C** units will fit nicely into the block and that all of the corners will match. Press your seams opposite...repress if necessary to get a proper fit. Be sure and check our on-line tutorial if you need extra guidance.

Notes about our (slightly modified) Gentleman's Fancy Block:

Named by the Ladies Art Company in 1897, this block is also known as Twenty Four Triangles (Farm Journal and Farmer's Wife, 1945) and Colonial Patchwork or Mary's Block by N Cabot (1937). The block almost seems to sport bow ties worthy of a gentleman! We felt this block was pretty enough on its own and needed little modification. If a scrappier look is desired, the Flying Geese units (**B** and **C**) could be made of 2 7/8-inch squares, like the **D** units, thus spitting the **Beige** scrap triangles in half where more scraps could be used: we felt this was unnecessary leaving only to cut the **A** unit into four equal squares; you may use a 4 1/2-inch square in its place, if you prefer.

This block is a challenge but well worth the effort once complete. We hope you find this block as much as a pleasure to make as we did...and that you are enjoying this mystery so far...there are still more surprises to come... in the meantime, see if you can find the 'Twenty Four' triangles claimed in this block!