

Benjamin Franklin Mystery Quilt **quilt** craft cook create

# Independence Square Block

It wasn't trouble that was brewing, it was separation! In England, Ben saw parliamentary acts repealed and worse acts instated. Most North American colonists no longer believed reconciliation was the way...Independence from England and King George III was what was needed and Ben vehemently agreed. Events would occur, battles would be fought, and wise old Ben would be elected to the Continental Congress...



12-inch square finished (12 1/2-inch unfinished)

## Supplies

rotary cutter, 6 x 24-inch ruler, rotary cutting mat  
12 1/2-inch square ruler (*for trimming the final measurement*)  
sewing machine and matching thread  
scraps cut to the sizes below  
spray starch or sizing (*not necessary, but helpful*)

1/4-inch seams throughout, press seams to the dark or to the side that creates the least bulk

## Cutting:

- Red scraps:           **9** 1 1/2-inch squares, *for the A and C units*  
                              **4** 1 1/2 by 3 1/2-inch rectangles, *for the B units*
- Blue scraps           **4** 2 1/2-inch squares, *for the C units*  
                              **4** 1 1/2-inch by 3 1/2-inch rectangles, *for the B units*
- Beige scraps          **4** 1 1/2-inch squares, *for the A unit*  
                              **8** 1 1/2 by 2 1/2-inch rectangles, *for the C units*  
                              **4** 1 1/2 by 3 1/2-inch rectangles, *for the B units*  
                              **2** 2 1/2 by (at least) 9 1/2-inch strips, *for the top and bottom borders*  
                              **2** 2 1/2-inch by (at least) 13 1/2-inch strips, *for the side borders*

## Constructing the block:

Sew together 5 **Red** scrap 1 1/2-inch squares and 4 **Beige** scrap 1 1/2-inch squares into a classic nine patch as shown, for the center **A** unit.

Red	Beige	Red
Beige	Red	Beige
Red	Beige	Red

Make 1 **A** unit  
that measures  
3 1/2-inch square

Press seams in each row  
opposite