

July Fourth Block,

having been slightly modified

In 1775 Benjamin was chosen as delegate to the Second Continental Congress; he was sixty-nine years old! The idea of independence from England is high on the list of business and by June 1776 five men, including Ben, were appointed to prepare and draft a copy of the declaration that would separate the British Colonies of North America from the motherland. On July 4th, 1776, the resolution is approved and a new nation is born...



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

Supplies

rotary cutter, 6 x 24-inch ruler, rotary cutting mat
sewing machine and matching thread, marking tool
scraps cut to the sizes below
spray starch or sizing (*not necessary, but helpful*)

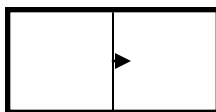
1/4-inch seams throughout; press seams in the direction that creates the least bulk; press seams opposite.

Cutting:

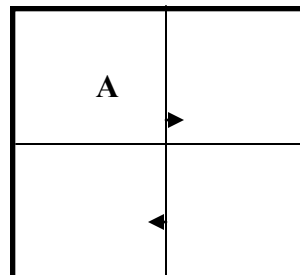
- Blue scraps: 4 3 1/2-inch squares, **A**, use 2 different scraps
 2 3 7/8-inch squares, for the **C** units, use 2 different scraps
- Beige scraps: 4 3 7/8-inch squares, for the **B** units, use 1 different scraps
- Red scraps: 6 3 7/8-inch squares, for the **B** and **C** units, use 3 different scraps

Constructing the block:

Sew together 4 **Blue** scrap 3 1/2-inch squares four-patch style for the center square; press. Set aside.



sew and press squares;
make 2



make 1 center **A** square

match seams opposite;
press

Make the **B** units: draw a diagonal line through all of the **Red** scrap 3 7/8-inch squares. Layer each prepared **Red** scrap square with a **Beige** scrap 3 7/8-inch square. Stitch 1/4-inch to each side of the drawn line, cut on the drawn line; press.