

Benjamin Franklin Mystery Quilt **quilt** craft cook create  
**Strength in Union Block,**

*having been slightly modified*

After Ben's passionate testimony to Parliament, the debt-ridden British government decided to repeal the Stamp Act even though it reserved the right to tax the North American Colonies. Ben now felt that reconciliation with England was most important. After all, no colony had ever successfully split with its mother-country and survived...at least not in 1760-something, and Ben feared deeper trouble was brewing.



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

**Supplies**

rotary cutter, 6 x 24-inch ruler, rotary cutting mat, marking tool  
 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*)

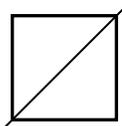
1/4-inch seams throughout, press seams to the dark or to the side that creates the least bulk

**Cutting:**

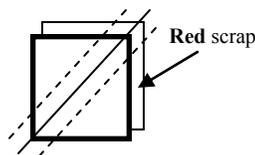
- Red scraps:           7 2 5/8-inch squares, *for the A units*
- Blue scraps         12 2 5/8-inch squares, *for the B units*
- Beige scraps         7 2 5/8-inch squares, *for the A units*  
                           2 2 1/2-inch by (at least) 9 1/2-inch strips, *for the top and bottom borders*  
                           2 2 1/2-inch by (at least) 13 1/2-inch strips, *for the side borders*

**Constructing the block:**

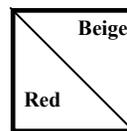
With marking tool, draw a diagonal line across the back of *all* 7 2 5/8-inch **Beige** scrap squares. To make the **A** units: layer **1 Beige** 2 5/8-inch square on top of **1 Red** scrap 2 5/8-inch square. Sew 1/4-inch to each side of the drawn line as shown. Cut on the drawn line; press seam to the **Red** scrap. Repeat for a total of **14 A** units. Each **A** unit should measure 2 1/4-inch square.



for **Beige** scrap squares, draw line as shown



Sew 1/4-inch on each side of the line, cut on drawn line



Make **14 A** units that measure 2 1/4-inch square

There will be one **A** unit left over after laying out the block! Set this extra piece aside.