

Year's Favorite Block

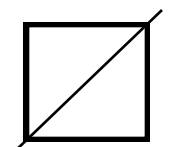
12 x 12-inch Block

Make it a year to remember with this easily pieced traditional block! Use your favorite colors, resolve to use your scraps, or plan it out perfectly! Sew with 1/4-inch seams pressed opposite; we put our colors in brackets! This block is 12 1/2-inch *unfinished*.

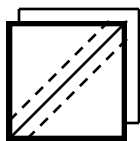
You will need:

4	3 1/2-inch squares A	[Green Leaves/Background]
6	3 7/8-inch squares B	[Green Leaves/Background]
2	3 7/8-inch squares C	[Dark Blue Floral]
2	3 7/8-inch squares D	[Dark Blue Vines]
2	3 7/8-inch squares E	[Turquoise Floral]

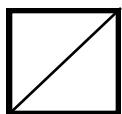
Draw a diagonal line across all 3 7/8-inch (Background) B squares. Layer on top of a colored C square. Sew 1/4-inch to each side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line to make two half square units. Press seam to one side. Repeat for a total of four B/C half square units. Using remaining prepared B squares, layer on top of remaining D, and E squares; stitch, cut, and press to make the required number of half-square units. Lay out block as shown below and stitch together in rows as indicated by thick lines, pressing seams opposite.



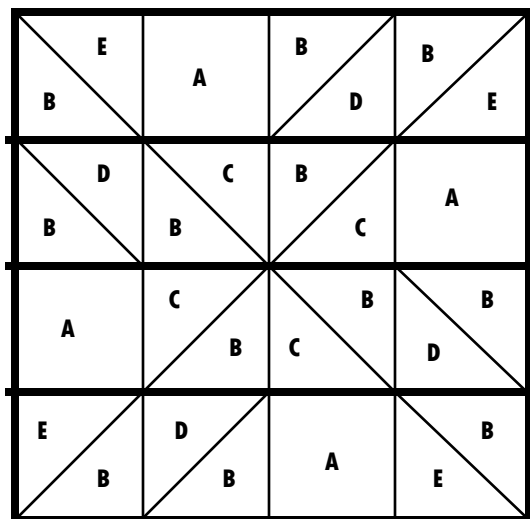
Draw a diagonal line



Layer, stitch, cut, press



Make each number of required units that measure 3 1/2-inches square.



Erik's Tip: Press your half-square units opposite the background fabric (towards the 'florals').



Lay out the units in rows, as shown, paying careful attention to the orientation of each unit.

Assemble the block row by row (four-patch style) matching seams in each row and pressing opposite; sew the rows together.

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