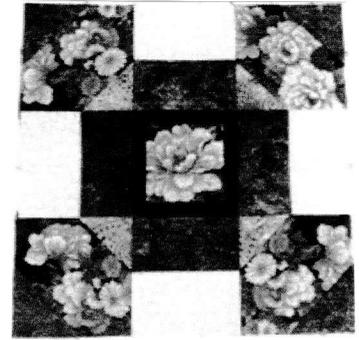


Block 5

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Lorraine 760-985-2227



12- $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished ~ $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance

TRIM to be sure each unit measures 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ " before assembling block.

Use fabric selection/pieces in any position you choose.

Fabric	Size	No. of pieces
A ~ focus	4- $\frac{1}{2}$ " square	1 block center

((Optional: cut center square 3- $\frac{1}{2}$ " + 1" dark strips to frame center. Note: For better accuracy, I cut the 1" strips at 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide; then, after stitching them to the 3- $\frac{1}{2}$ " center, I square the unit down to an exact 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ " square; it leaves the 1" dark strip at $\frac{3}{4}$ " unfinished ~ $\frac{1}{4}$ " is already attached to the 3- $\frac{1}{2}$ " square, and, the extra $\frac{1}{4}$ " on all sides will be used up when sewn into the 9-patch block. (The center of the square is now 3" with $\frac{1}{2}$ " + $\frac{1}{2}$ " dark finished strips on each side for a total of 4" finished center. There has been some difficulty with this process, so just thought I'd add this extra info incase anyone else is experiencing the same issue. ☺))

Four ~ corner units:

B ~ medium print	2-1/2" squares	4	draw diagonal lines on backs
C ~ background or light print	2-1/2" squares	4	draw diagonal lines on backs
A ~ focus	4-1/2" squares	4	use in corners with 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Four ~ strip-pieced units ~ outer block midpoint sections:

B ~ medium print	2-1/2" x 19-1/2" strip	1
C ~ background	2-1/2" x 19-1/2" strip	1

Stitching Instructions

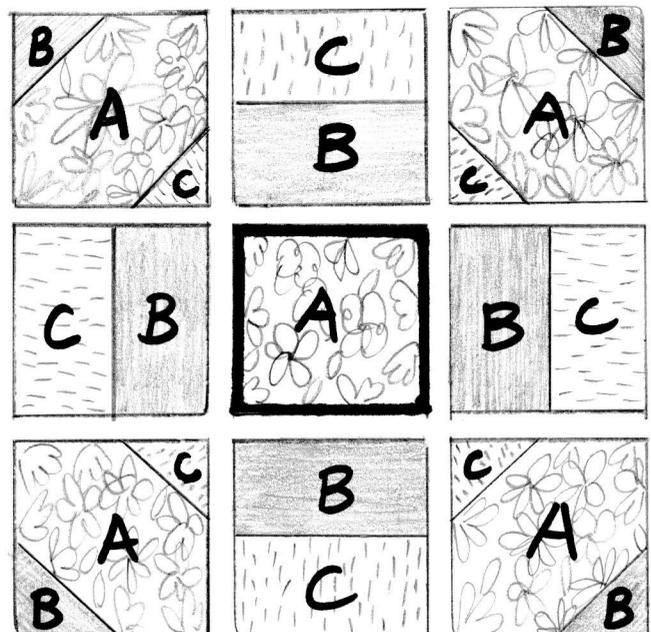
Four ~ corner units:

For each unit, stitch 1 fabric B and 1 fabric C 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares to each fabric A 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric.

Press each half-square triangle outward.

Trim inner excess fabric if you wish to

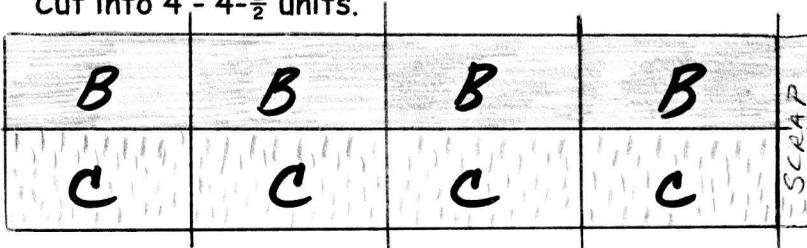
remove the bulk.



Four ~ strip-pieced units for midpoint sections:

Stitch fabric B and C 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 19- $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips together.

Cut into 4 - 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ " units.



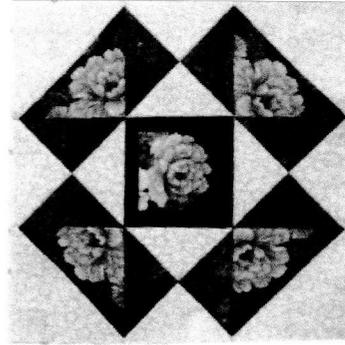
Block 6

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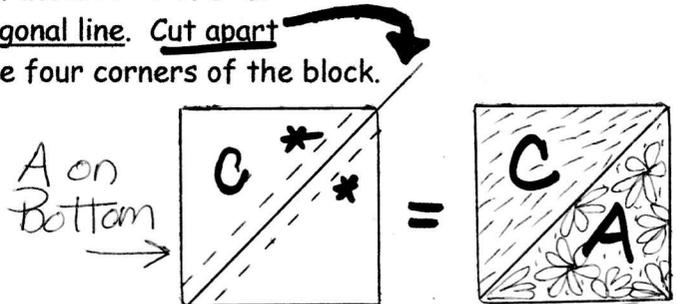
12 1/2" unfinished Be sure each unit is 4-1/2" before assembling block. Even scant trimming can make a positive difference.

Fabric color selection - your choice!

Fabric	Size	No. of pieces	
A focus	4-1/2" square	1	block center (optional: add 1" dark strips to frame center)
A* focus	4-7/8" square	2	(or cut 5" squares, trim unit to 4-1/2" when finished)
B** medium print	5-1/4" square	2	Cut diagonally twice: yields 8 small triangles
C** background	5-1/4" square	2	Cut diagonally twice: yields 8 small triangles
C* background	4-7/8"	2	(or cut 5" squares, trim unit to 4-1/2" when finished) ~ <u>DRAW DIAGONAL LINE on each square~layer on top of fabric A*</u>



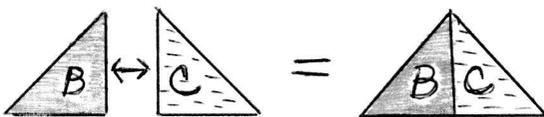
Layer Fabric C* 4-7/8" or (5") square on top of Fabric A* 4-7/8" or (5") square. *Stitch scant 1/4" on each side of diagonal line. Cut apart on line. Makes 4 half square triangle sets for the four corners of the block.



Make 4

Stitch Fabric B** & C** triangles together on short side. Press-makes 8. From these 8, layer and stitch matching center seam. Press-makes 4. Check size: should be 4 -1/2 with diagonal seams exactly at an equal 45 degree angle in the 4 corners.

Make 8 triangle sections



Then, stitch these 8 into 4 units.

