

## block construction

RST=right sides together
use a $1 / 4$ " seam allowance
read through all instructions before beginning

* If you are opting to make the simplified block, skip to step 3.

1. Draw a diagonal line across the back of 4 background $(E)$ squares. Place one ( $\mathbf{E}$ ) square RST on the corner of an $x$-print (A) square.

Orient the diagonal as illustrated. Sew on the marked line. Press away from the center.

Make sure all raw edges align. Trim out the bottom two layers leaving a $1 / 4$ " seam allowance.

2. Repeat step 1 on the remaining corners as illustrated to create the center unit.

The center unit will measure $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.

3. Draw a diagonal line across the back of $8 x$-print (B) squares. Place one (B) square RST on the corner of a red print (C) square.

Orient the diagonal as illustrated. Sew on the marked line. Press away from the center.

Make sure all raw edges align. Trim out the bottom two layers leaving a $1 / 4$ " seam allowance.


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4. Repeat step 3 on the adjacent corner.

5. Repeat steps $3 \& 4$ on the remaining corners using background $(E)$ squares in place of the $x$-print
(B) squares. The completed square in a square units will measure $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.

square in a square unit
Make a total of 4 square in a square units.
6. Sew together a background (E) square and a red print (D) square to make a 2-patch. Press toward (D). The 2-patch will measure 2" x 3 ½". Make a total of (4) 2-Patch units.

7. Sew a background $(F)$ rectangle to the bottom of each 2-patch to make a corner unit. Press toward (F). The corner unit will measure $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. Make 4 .


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8. Lay out the block pieces as shown below. Sew together and press as illustrated. The block now measures $91 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
, If you are making the simplified block, substitute the $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ background square in place of the center unit made in step 2 .

9. Sew (G) borders to the sides of the block and $\mathbf{( H )}$ borders to the top/bottom. Press all seams away from the center. The completed block measures 12 " x 12 ".

Note: This measurement is correct. It is not the standard $121 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ measurement we often see.



Simplified Version

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