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Block of the Month 2022

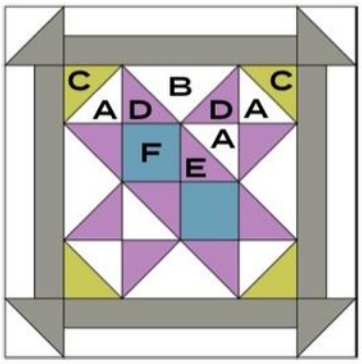
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March



Cutting Instructions



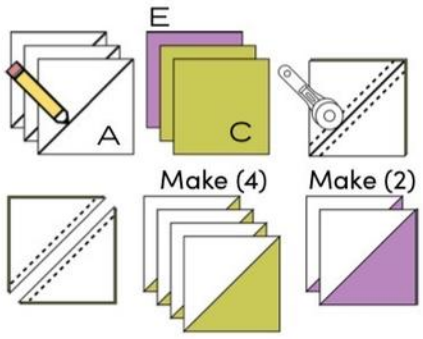
	6" Block (6 ½" unfinished)	12" Block (12 ½" unfinished)
Light (A)	(3) 2" squares.	(3) 3" squares.
Light (B)	(4) 1 ½" x 2 ½" rectangles.	(4) 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles.
Medium (C)	(2) 2" squares.	(2) 3" squares.
Medium (D)	(8) 1 ½" squares.	(8) 2 ½" squares.
Medium (E)	(1) 2" square.	(1) 3" square.
Medium (F)	(2) 1 ½" squares.	(2) 2 ½" squares.

Designer Note: Follow the block guide shown for fabric placement. Units are labeled A-F.

HST = Half Square Triangle

Piecing Instructions

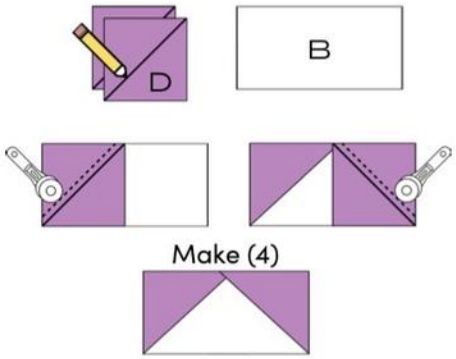
1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (3) A squares using an erasable marker or pencil.
2. Place (2) A squares with (2) C squares, right sides together. Then, place (1) A square with (1) E square, right sides together.
3. Sew a ¼" away from both sides of the drawn diagonal line on each square combination.
4. Cut along the drawn diagonal lines, creating (4) A/C HST units and (2) A/E HST units.
5. Trim HST units using the following guide for 6" and 12" blocks:
    a. 6" Block: 1 ½" x 1 ½" unfinished.
    b. 12" Block: 2 ½" x 2 ½" unfinished.



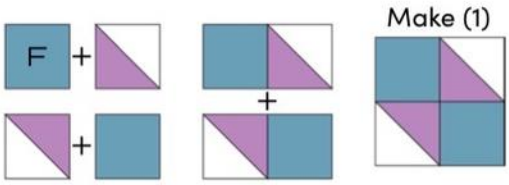
6. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (8) D squares using an erasable marker or pencil.
7. Place (1) D square onto the corner of (4) B rectangles, right sides together.
8. Sew along the drawn diagonal lines as shown. Trim the excess corner fabric to a ¼" and press toward the corners.

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9. Repeat stitch and flip techniques to attach an additional D square to the remaining B rectangle corners to complete (4) flying geese units.
10. Use the following guide for flying geese unit sizes for 6" and 12" blocks:
    a. 6" Block: 1 ½" x 2 ½" unfinished.
    b. 12" Block: 2 ½" x 4 ½" unfinished.

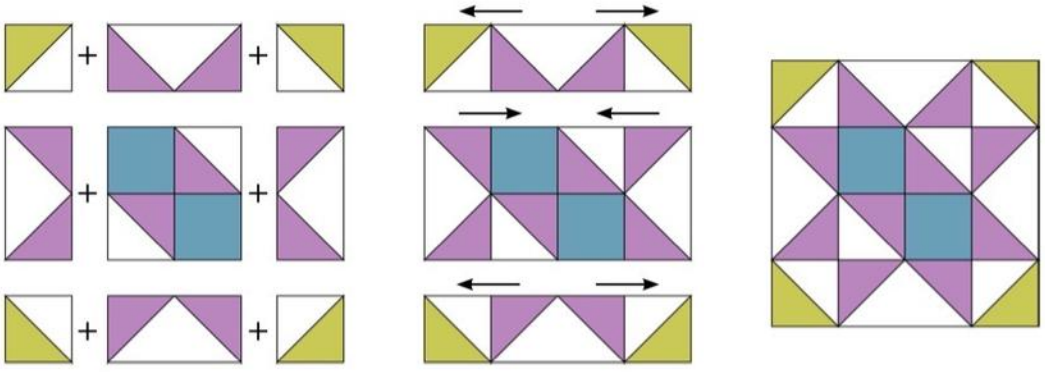


11. Arrange (2) A/E HST units and (2) F squares to form the block center. Sew together as shown, pressing seams toward the F squares.
12. Use the following guide for block center sizes for 6" and 12" blocks:
    a. 6" Block: 2 ½" x 2 ½" unfinished.
    b. 12" Block: 4 ½" x 4 ½" unfinished.

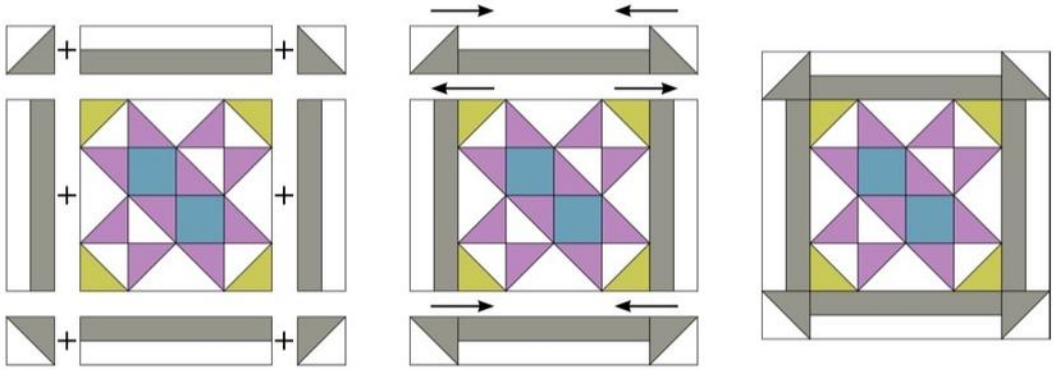


Assembly

13. Arrange the A/C HST units, flying geese units, and the block center as shown. Sew the March block center together, pressing seams away from the flying geese units.
14. Use the following guide for March block center sizes:
    a. 6" Block: 4 ½" x 4 ½" unfinished.
    b. 12" Block: 8 ½" x 8 ½" unfinished.



15. Arrange the prepared Churn Dash Border pieces around the March block center and assemble as shown, pressing seams toward the rectangle units.



Pattern of the Month...

Spring Break is upon us! Are you going anywhere special? How does a trip to the beach sound? Featuring Seashore Drive, Sherri's quilt pattern ***Sand Castles*** *is fun, scrappy and full of beautiful sandcastle inspired blocks! Build sandcastles with Sherri using either a paper or PDF pattern. Both can be found on Sherri's Etsy site.*



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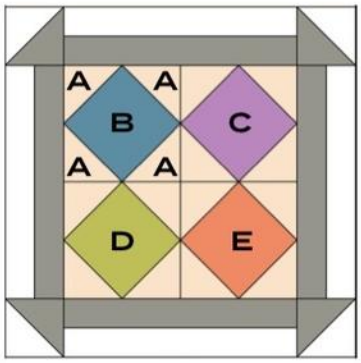
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Cutting Instructions

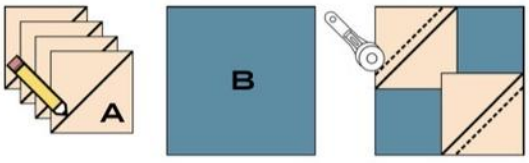


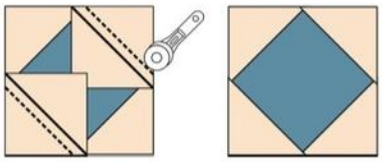
	6" Block (6 ½" unfinished)	12" Block (12 ½" unfinished)
Light (A)	(16) 1 ½" squares.	(16) 2 ½" squares.
Medium (B)	(1) 2 ½" square.	(1) 4 ½" square.
Medium (C)	(1) 2 ½" square.	(1) 4 ½" square.
Medium (D)	(1) 2 ½" square.	(1) 4 ½" square.
Medium (E)	(1) 2 ½" square.	(1) 4 ½" square.

Designer Note: Follow the block guide shown for fabric placement. Units are labeled A-E.

Piecing Instructions

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (16) A squares using an erasable marker or pencil.
2. Place (1) A square onto (2) opposite corners of (1) B square, right sides together. Please note the orientation of the drawn diagonal lines.
3. Sew along the drawn diagonal lines. Trim excess corner fabric to a ¼" and press toward the corners.
4. Repeat stitch and flip techniques to attach (1) A square to the remaining B square corners to complete a square-in-a-square unit. Use the following guide to trim square-in-a-square units:
    a. 6" Block: 2 ½" x 2 ½" unfinished.
    b. 12" Block: 4 ½" x 4 ½" unfinished.
5. Repeat Steps 2-4 to make (3) additional square-in-a-square units using C, D and E squares.

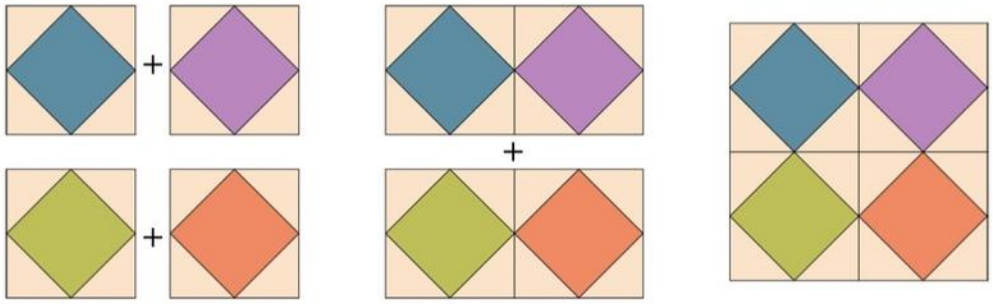




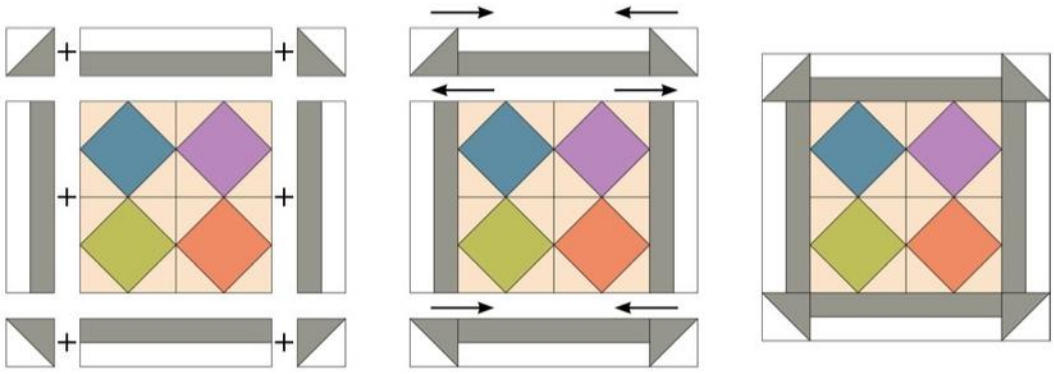


Assembly

6. Arrange the square-in-a-square units as shown. Sew the April block center together. Either alternate the direction in which you press the seams, or press open to reduce bulk.
7. Use the following guide for April block center sizes:
    a. 6" Block: 4 ½" x 4 ½" unfinished.
    b. 12" Block: 8 ½" x 8 ½" unfinished.



8. Arrange the prepared Churn Dash Border pieces around the April block center and assemble as shown, pressing seams toward the rectangle units.



Pattern of the Month...

*Are you looking for a super quick decorative spring or Easter table topper for your dinner table? The fast and easy **Churn Dash Table Topper** would make a great center piece for any spring time gathering! The table topper measures 18" x 18" and is available as a PDF download.*

