

Block of the Month for September 2023

These instructions will make a beautiful mosaic tile, resulting in a 12" block.

You will need five colors in the same color family, ranging from dark to light. You will have a choice of making your block dark in the middle and gradually lightening the fabrics or making your block light in the middle and darkening the fabrics as you build your block. Or you can make one of each!

Be sure to starch all your fabrics because nearly everything is cut on the bias. Fabric needs:

Color A: (lightest or darkest color): Two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares, cut once diagonally



Color B: (second lightest or second darkest): Four rectangles, $2\frac{5}{8}$ " x $9\frac{3}{4}$ "

Color C: (middle color): One $7\frac{1}{4}$ " square, cut twice diagonally

Color D: (second darkest or second lightest): Two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares, cut once diagonally

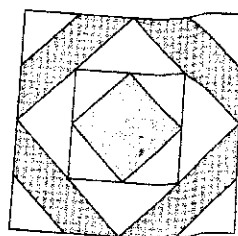
Color E: (darkest or lightest): One $4\frac{3}{4}$ " square

Step 1: Create the AB pieces.

1. Cut the ends off the Color B rectangles. **Be sure to cut trapezoids, not parallelograms!**
Uh oh, that sounds like math. It isn't really, just be sure to cut like this: 
And not like this: 
2. Center and stitch the long side of the A triangles to the short side of the B trapezoids, forming a large triangle. Trim the "ears," then press to the A triangle. Set aside for now.

Step 2: Build the block

1. Stitch a D triangle to one side of the E square. Stitch a second D triangle opposite the first one. Press out toward the D triangles. Stitch the third and fourth D triangles to the other sides of the E square and press outward.
2. In the same way, stitch a C triangle to one side of the square formed by the D triangles. Again, stitch a second C triangle opposite the first, then press both outward. Stitch the third and fourth C triangles onto the other sides and press outward.
3. Once again in the same way, stitch an AB triangle along one side of the square formed by the C triangles. Stitch a second AB triangle opposite the first, then press outwards. Stitch the third and fourth AB triangles to the two other sides and press outwards. And you're finished! Don't do any trimming.



4-Grid

