

# Massachusetts State Block

## Materials Needed:

Fabric 1 and Fabric 2 have the same cutting requirements:

- A. Two 5 1/2 inch squares
- B. Two 5 1/8 inch squares
- C. One 4 1/2 inch square

5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/8	5 1/8	4 1/2
x	x	x	x	x
5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/8	5 1/8	4 1/2



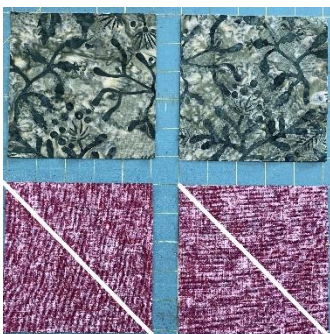
Block measures 12 1/2 inches unfinished.

### Step 1: Half Square Triangles

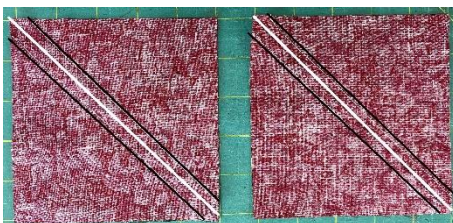
Select all the B blocks from both colors. Draw a diagonal line on each of the cranberry squares, as shown in photo 1. Then pair them up with the green squares, right sides together. Stitch 1/4 inch from each side of the line, as shown in photo 2. Cut on the diagonal line to make two pieces from each set of squares. Open and press the seams toward the cranberry. You now have four half square triangles.

**TRIM** the triangles to 4 1/2 inches each, being sure to keep the the diagonal line aligned with the corners. See photo 3.

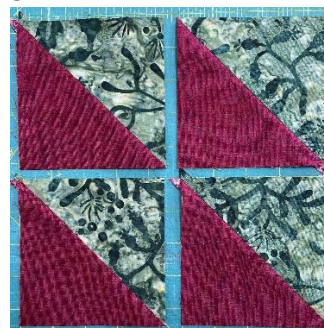
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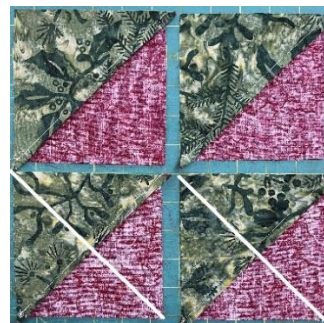
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### Step 2: Quarter Square Triangles

Select all the A blocks from both colors. Follow the steps in Step 1 above to make four half square triangles, but **do not** trim them. Draw a diagonal line on two of the half square triangles, as shown in photo 4. Pair one marked HST with one unmarked HST, right sides together, alternating the colors so that they are opposite. Be sure that the center seams are nested. Stitch 1/4 inch from each side of the drawn line. See photo 5. Cut on each drawn line to make two pieces from each set of squares, as shown in photo 6. Open and press the seams to one side. You now have four quarter square triangles, as shown in photo 7. **TRIM** the squares to 4 1/2 inches as needed, being sure that the diagonal seams stay at the corners of the squares.

4.



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5.



6.



7.



### Step 3: Finish the block

Arrange all the squares as shown in photo 8. Stitch the squares in each row together. Be sure to match the corner seams when needed. Press the top and bottom rows toward the end squares, and press the middle row seams toward the middle square. See photo 9. Next stitch the top and bottom rows to the middle row. Be sure to line up the seams, and to line up the points of the triangles when needed. Press the seams to one side.

8.



9.

