Rhode Island Block

Cutting Requirements:

Fabric 1: (Dark)

- A. One 5 ¼ inch square, cut twice on the diagonal
- B. Four 1 7/8 inch squares
- C. Two 2 7/8 inch squares, cut once on the diagonal



Fabric 3: (Multi-color) *

G. Four 4 ½ inch squares

| 4 1/2 | 4 1/2 X |
|------------|------------|
| 41/2 | 4 1/2 |
| 4 1/2 x | 41/2 |
| X | X |
| 41/2 | 41/2 |

Fabric 2: (Light)

- D. Two 5 ¼ inch squares, cut twice on the diagonal
- E. Two 3 ¼ inch squares, cut twice on the diagonal
- F. One 3 3/8 inch square

| 33/8 33/8 | 31/4 × 31/4 | 314 × 314 | |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| 514 | | 514 | |
| X | | Х | |
| 51/4 | | 51/4 | |



This block is 12 1/2 inches unfinished.

Notes

This square is fun to make! It is pieced on the diagonal, with three main strips – a center strip and two outer strips.

*This fabric is just big enough to cut into four squares - no extra!

Step 1: Make the Center Star

Make four flying geese:

Use the eight triangles that were cut from the E squares and the four triangles that were cut from the C squares. Right sides together, place one E triangle on top of a C triangle, as shown in photo 1. The bottom edges should line up, and the top corner of the E triangle should extend beyond the C triangle. Stitch and press toward the E triangle.

Line up another E triangle on the other edge of the C triangle, as shown in photo 2. Again, the top corner of the E triangle should extend beyond the C triangle. Stitch and press toward the E triangle. Repeat with the other sets of C and E triangles, for a total of four flying geese.

Using these flying geese, piece F, and the four B pieces, arrange them as shown in photo 3. Right sides together, sew one B square to each of the flying geese, and one flying geese piece to the middle F piece. Stitch and press the seams toward the solid pieces. See photo 4.

Repeat on the other side, sewing a B square to each of the side strips and the other flying geese piece to the middle strip. Then seam together the three strips, nesting the seams. Press the seams toward the middle strip.









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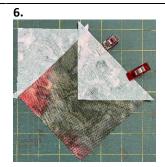
Step 2: Make the End Pieces for the Center Strip

To finish the center diagonal strip you need two of the G squares and four of the triangles cut from the D squares. Place a D triangle on one edge of a G square, with the points of the triangle extending equally on both ends of the square, as shown in photo 5. Stitch and press toward the triangle.

Line up another triangle on an adjoining side of the square, as shown in photo 6. Stitch and press toward the triangle.

Repeat with the other square and two triangles. Set aside.

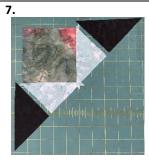




Step 3: Make the Outer Diagonal Strips

To make the two outer diagonal strips, use the remaining two G squares, four triangles cut from the D squares, and the four triangles cut from the A square. Repeat step 2 as shown above to make two more units.

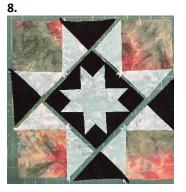
Next, line up an A triangle at each end of the G/D unit as shown in photo 7. Place the triangles on top of the center unit, right sides together. The bottom sides of the triangles should line up with the center unit, and the tails of the triangles should extend beyond the square. Stitch, and press the seams toward the black triangles. Repeat with the remaining G triangles, D triangles and the A square so that you have two outer strips.



Step 4: Finish the block

Line up the pieces as shown in photo 8. Right sides together, line up the upper right and lower left corner units with the sides of the center star. Stitch, making sure to line up the corner points of the A squares and the star points. Press the seams toward the center star. See photo 9. With right sides together, attach the upper left corner unit to the center unit, nesting seams and lining up corners and star points. Press the seam toward the corner unit.

Repeat with the lower right corner unit.





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