

October Block of the Month

Square in a Square

Use Amish colors. Black for the center square and cornerstones (A and C), use two different jewel tones for pieces B and D.

There are four different templates to cut:

Center square A, cut one $3\frac{3}{4}$ " square of black

Triangles B, around center square, cut two 4"x 4" squares in jewel tone one

Cornerstones C, cut four pieces $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ " of black

Side pieces D, cut four pieces $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5" of second jewel tone

Take square B, using ruler and rotary, cut squares diagonally in half. Fold each triangle in half and mark the center of the longest side.

Take square A, fold in fourths, marking center of each side.

Take a B triangle, and square A. With right sides together, match up the center markings. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Do the same with the opposite side. Press seams open. Do the same with the remaining triangles and sides. Press seams open. Square up the center unit to 5" square, with the points of the center square at $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Allow $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance when trimming.

Take two pieces of square C, stitch one to each end of piece D. Repeat. Press seams towards the center (or piece D).

Pin and stitch the two remaining pieces of D to opposite sides of the center unit. It is helpful to stitch on the side of the center unit, so you can more easily have the point in the proper position. Press the seams towards piece D.

With the remaining strips, pin to center section, matching the seams and keeping the seam allowances in opposite directions. Stitch seams and press seams open.