

## Block of the Month: August 2016

### \*Chinese Coin\*



The block for this month is called Chinese Coin or Four-Patch Friendship Star depending on where you look up information for this block. It calls for the use of one of those beautiful **Asian prints**. I made three very different blocks in quick succession as I had so much fun choosing fabrics.

#### FABRICS NEEDED:

Check your stash for some great Asian fabric. The “coordinating” fabric can be Asian or not but should be a high contrast color that you can find in the Asian fabric.

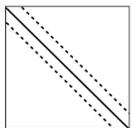
Center Square: One 4” square of Asian print.

Half Square Triangles (HST): Two 4 1/2” squares of the Asian print. And two 4 1/2” squares of the coordinating fabric (see above).

Corner Four-Patches: One 2 1/4” x 18 1/2” strip of the coordinating fabric and one 2 1/4” x 18 1/2” strip of a low-volume fabric.

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Start by making the corner four-patches. Sew together the two 18 1/2” strips (coordinating fabric and light fabric). Press seam to darker fabric. Cut into eight (8) 2 1/4” x 4” strips with a bit extra to account for skewing. Sew two each together rotating one of them to create four sets of 4-Patches.



Now construct the half square triangles (HST). Place right sides together of the two sets of 4 1/2” squares (Asian print and “coordinating” fabric). Draw a diagonal line on the back and sew 1/4” from both sides of the line (see picture left). Cut on the line to produce two sets of half square triangle blocks each. Trim to 4” squares.



Carefully arrange the 9 sections as shown in the photo since it’s easy to twist one of them in the wrong direction. The block will measure 11”x11”.

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Remember, we appreciate DIFFERENT blocks. So if you make multiple blocks, please use different fabrics. This BOM is due at the guild meeting on August 1, 2016. More info on the BOM on our [web site](http://www.mpqg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/) at [www.mpqg.org/activities/block\\_of\\_the\\_month/](http://www.mpqg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/)

