Block # 11

1. Cut fabric as shown.



Main Fabric 1
Cut 2 - 5 ½" squares

Main Fabric 2
Cut 1 - 5 ½" square
Cut 2 - 2 ¾" x 7" strips

<u>Coordinating/Contrast Fabric</u> Cut 2 - 5" x 6" rectangles

Background Fabric
Cut 1 - 5 ½" square
Cut 1 - 4 ½" square
Cut 2 - 3 ¾" x 7" strips

2. Quarter Square Triangle units. Gather the two Main 1, one Main 2 and the background 5 ½" squares. On the wrong side of the two Main 1 squares, mark two diagonal lines 1/4" away from either side of one diagonal. (Quilter's Magic Wand) Match each with an unmarked square. Stitch on, or just inside the marked lines.

Mark Stitch





3. Cut between the diagonal lines. Press seams open. Don't trim them yet!!!!





4. On the wrong side of both Main 1/Background squares, mark a line $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from both sides of the diagonal, crossing the center seam line. Pair the marked square with an unmarked one with seams matching and the opposite colors right sides together.





5. Cut between the diagonal lines. Press seams open.





6. Trim all four units to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Tucker Trimmer 1.........





7. Shaded Four Patch units. Gather both Main 2 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 7" strips and the background 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 7" strips. Stitch each narrow strip to a wide strip. Press toward the wide strip.

Stitched and Pressed



8. Place these two strips, right sides together with the narrow strips on opposite sides. Do not match the seams. Subcut these strips crosswise 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Keep the pieces together. You will need two cuts (four pieces).





9. Stitch both pairs together along one long side. Snip seam allowance (for pressing purposes) at the halfway mark between the two squares. Press each half of the seam allowance away from the square.



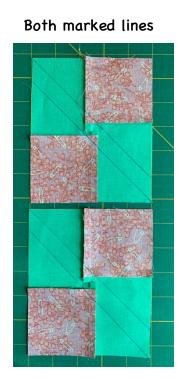


Wrong side

Right side

10. Use a ruler with a 45 degree angle line. Place the 45 degree line along the side of the unit. Mark a line from top to bottom of the unit passing through the intersection of the stitching lines on the corner. Do this again with the other corner. Make sure that you are marking the lines on the rectangle pieces, only nipping the squares.

Marking the lines



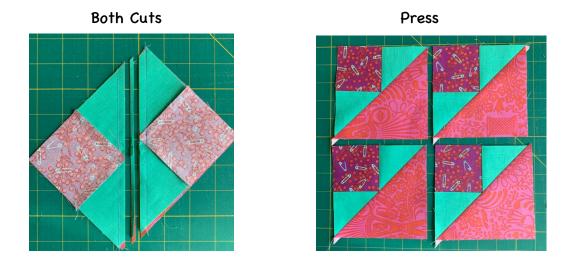
11. Center each marked piece, right sides together, over the coordinating $5 \times 6''$ rectangles. They won't be the same size, but that is just fine, they will be trimmed down. Stitch on both marked lines.

Center the pieces

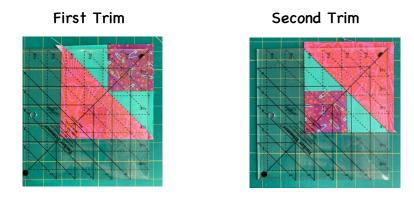


Stitch on the lines

12. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from <u>each line</u>. If you just cut down the center, your seam allowances will be quite large. Press to large triangle.



13. Trim all four squares to 4 1/2". Tucker Trimmer 1 is the way to go!! ©



14. Assemble block as shown. Press seams open. It should measure 12 1/2".



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