

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Mystery Quilt



### CLUE #1

**You will make FIVE of these blocks!!**

#### **The BLOCK!**

You will no doubt start by struggling with fabric selection. But you will find that each block is beautiful no matter what fabrics are selected. I found myself experimenting and trying not to be conscious about color or fabric design. I used an eclectic mixture of Japanese taupes, prints, and wovens along with select Civil War reproductions, some modern (like Marcia Durse!) prints and vintage fall color prints! Eclectic, vintage retro – and FUN!!!!

**To make ONE block:**

**For the INNER section, CUT:**

**8 – 3” squares (two each of four fabrics – Fabric #1, 2, 3, 4)**

**For the next “round”, CUT:**

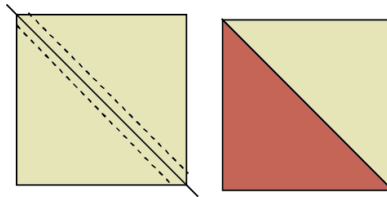
**12 – 3” squares (six of Fabric #5 and six of Fabric #6)**

#### **The INNER Section:**

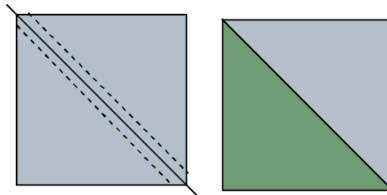
Pair up the two Fabric #1 squares with the two Fabric #2 squares face-to-face. Draw a pencil line from corner to corner on the back of the top square.

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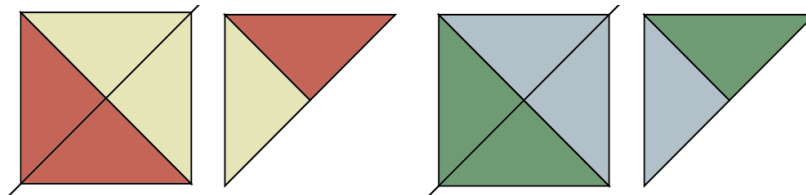
Sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of the pencil line.  
Cut through both fabrics directly on the pencil line.  
Press open to end up with four half square triangles.



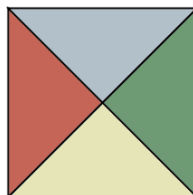
Pair up the two Fabric #3 squares with the two Fabric #4 squares.  
Follow the same procedure to end up with four more half square triangles.



You now have a total of eight half square triangles. Cut all half square triangle units from corner to corner as shown below:



Pair up face-to-face the Fabric #1 & #2 triangles with the Fabric #3 & #4 triangles.  
Sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along the diagonal and press open to create your quarter square triangle units.  
You'll have quarter square triangle units.



### **VERY IMPORTANT HINT!!!! PLEASE READ THIS TWICE!!!!!!**

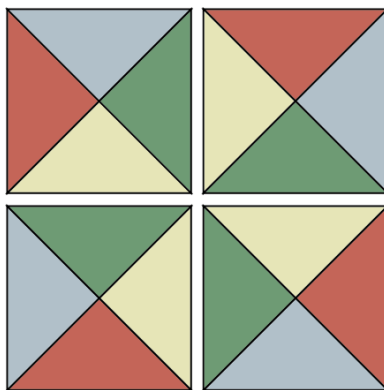
You must trim all quarter square triangle units to 2" square!!

This is the BIGGEST and BEST hint I can give you to guarantee your blocks are accurately sized!

It is time consuming, but if you want your quilt square, you MUST trim all the quarter square triangle units to 2" square!!!! :)

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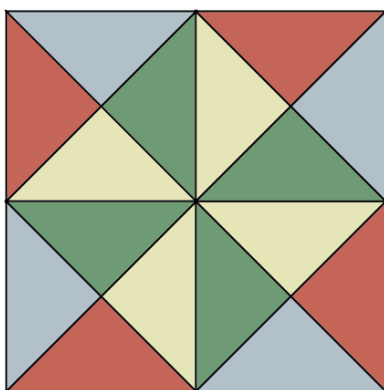
Take your four quarter square triangle units and lay them out.



### NOTE:

Take your time with placement of these four quarter square triangle units. You'll see a pinwheel emerge in the center of your Inner Section!

Sew these blocks together to complete your Inner Section.



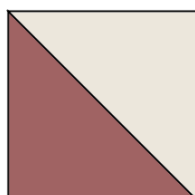
The remaining four quarter square units will make a SECOND Inner Section which you will use in another of your five blocks.

### **The Next "Round":**

Pair up the 12 - 3" squares (six of Fabric #5 and six of Fabric #6 face-to-face. These will become the quarter square triangle units for your next "round." Use the same procedure to make these twelve quarter square triangle units.

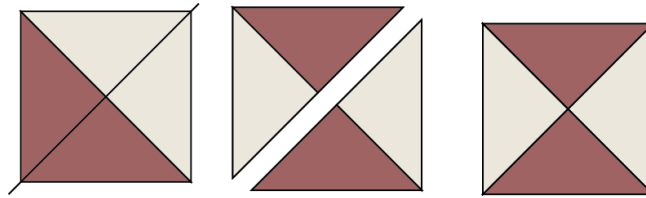
Draw a pencil line from corner to corner on the back of the top square. Sew a 1/4" seam on both sides of the pencil line. Cut through both fabrics directly on the pencil line.

Press open to end up with twelve half square triangle units.

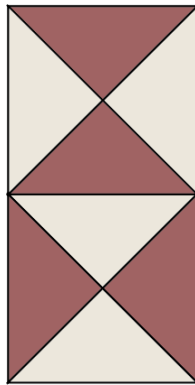


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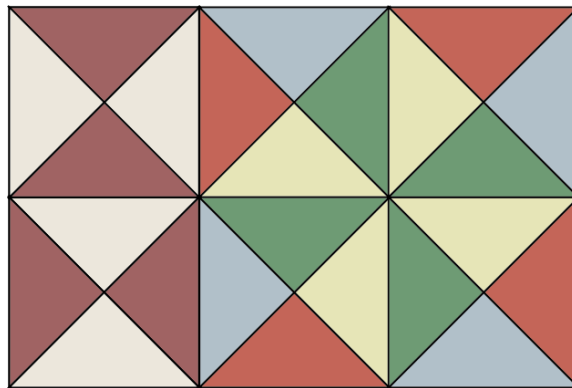
Cut these squares from corner to corner. Sew these units back together as shown to create twelve quarter square triangle units.



These twelve quarter square triangle units will form the next “round” for your block. Sew two of these quarter square triangle units together as shown – flipping the direction of the fabrics:

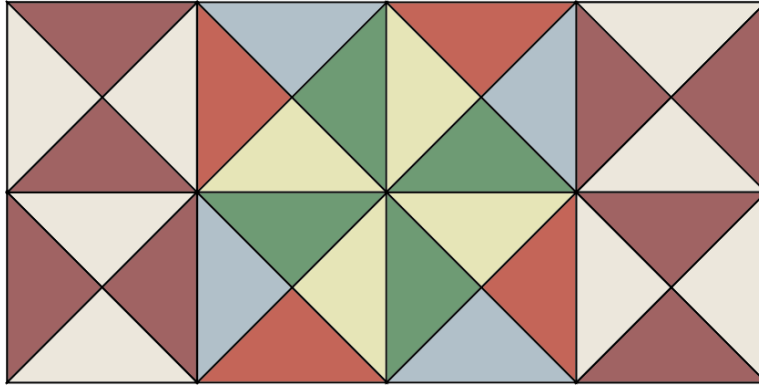


Sew the remaining ten quarter square triangle units together – two units each to make five more units like the above diagram. Sew one of these units to the left side of your block – look at the diagram to ensure you are keeping the “flipping” integrity of your block!!!



Sew another of these units to the right side of your center unit. Take care and make sure your placement is correct – this strip is “flipped” from the one you just sewed to the left side of your center unit.

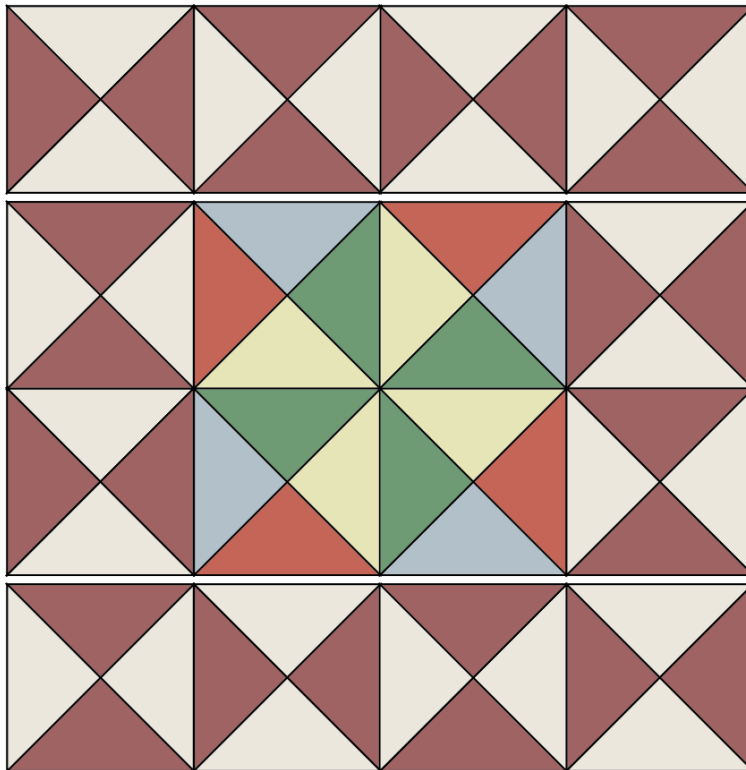
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Sew the four remaining two-unit quarter square triangle strips together to make two strips of four quarter square triangle units each.

Sew one to the top of your block. Sew the other strip to the bottom of your block.

**AGAIN, MAKE SURE YOUR QUARTER SQUARE TRIANGLE UNITS ARE GOING THE "RIGHT" WAY! :)**



Square up your block to 6 1/2" square.

You did it!!!! Now, make four more of these GREAT blocks!!! CONGRATS! :)