

Month 6 – Center Block

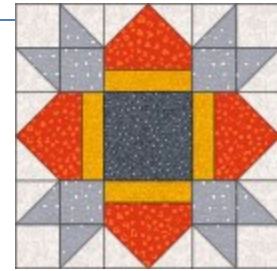
From Gold cut four (4) $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangles.

From Light Grey, cut four (4) $2\frac{1}{2}''$ squares, and four (4) $3''$ squares.

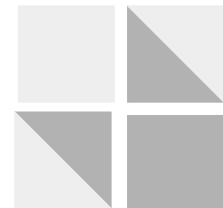
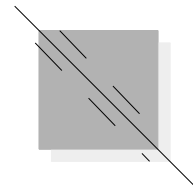
From Dark grey, cut one (1) $4\frac{1}{2}''$ square.

From Red, cut four (4) $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangles.

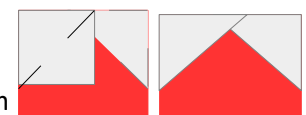
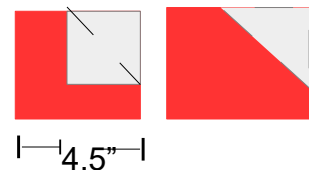
From background cut twelve (12) $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ squares, four (4) $3''$ squares.



1. Draw a diagonal line on the back on the back of the background $3''$ squares.
2. Layer a light grey $3''$ square right sides together with a background $3''$ square.
3. Sew $\frac{1}{4}''$ on each side of the diagonal line you drew.
4. Cut along line, between the two rows of stitching.
5. Press to dark side.
6. This makes 2 HSTs. Repeat 3 times to make 6 more and trim each HST to to $2\frac{1}{2}''$ square.
7. Using a background $2\frac{1}{2}''$ square, light grey $2\frac{1}{2}''$ square, and two HSTs made above, lay out a unit as shown here. Sew the top and bottom rows, pressing towards the squares, then sew the center seam and press to the dark side.
8. Make 3 more of these, for a total of 4.



9. Using a $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ red square, and two $2\frac{1}{2}''$ background squares, mark a diagonal line on the backside of each $2\frac{1}{2}''$ square.
10. Place a square right sides together with the red rectangle, aligning one edge and the top. Stitch along the marked line. Trim the outer corner $\frac{1}{4}''$ from your stitching line. Press the seam towards the small triangle.
11. Now place a second square right sides together with this unit. Make sure your marked diagonal line crosses the earlier seam at the top of the block. Stitch along the marked line. Trim the outer corner $\frac{1}{4}''$ from your stitching line. Press the seam towards the small triangle.



12. Add a 1 1/2" x 4 1/2" gold strip to the bottom of this block. Press to the gold. This block should now be 4 1/2" square. Make 4.



13. Lay out your squares as shown and sew into a block. Sew the top & bottom rows, and press the seams out. Sew the middle row and press towards the center square.

Then sew the 3 rows together, pressing out towards the edges of the block.

You only need 1 this month.

