

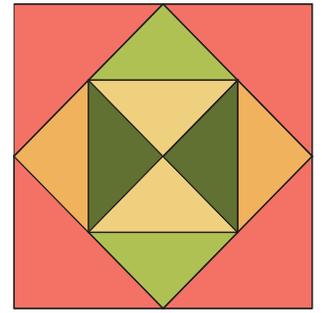
The traditional brown and red fabrics conjure up memories of coffee and chocolate, my two favourite vices. A perfect day includes sewing until midnight, sipping coffee and indulging in some chocolate. I named my block "Friends around the Square" because this block reminds me of the first mystery quilt I made at a quilt retreat. We played with this half-square triangle method of stitching around the block. While I might do more visiting than sewing, I love spending time with my quilting friends at a quilt retreat.

# Friends Around the Square

for the Splendid Sampler™

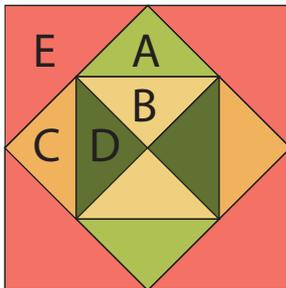
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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"



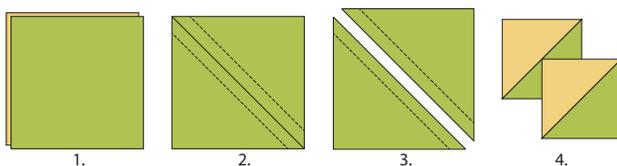
## Requirements

- # 1 square - 3 1/4" x 3 1/4" (A)
- # 1 square - 3 1/4" x 3 1/4" (B)
- # 1 square - 3 1/4" x 3 1/4" (C)
- # 1 square - 3 1/4" x 3 1/4" (D)
- # 2 squares - 3 7/8" x 3 7/8". Cut once on the diagonal (E)

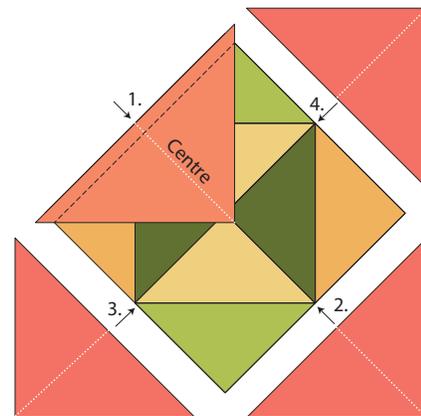


## Block Assembly

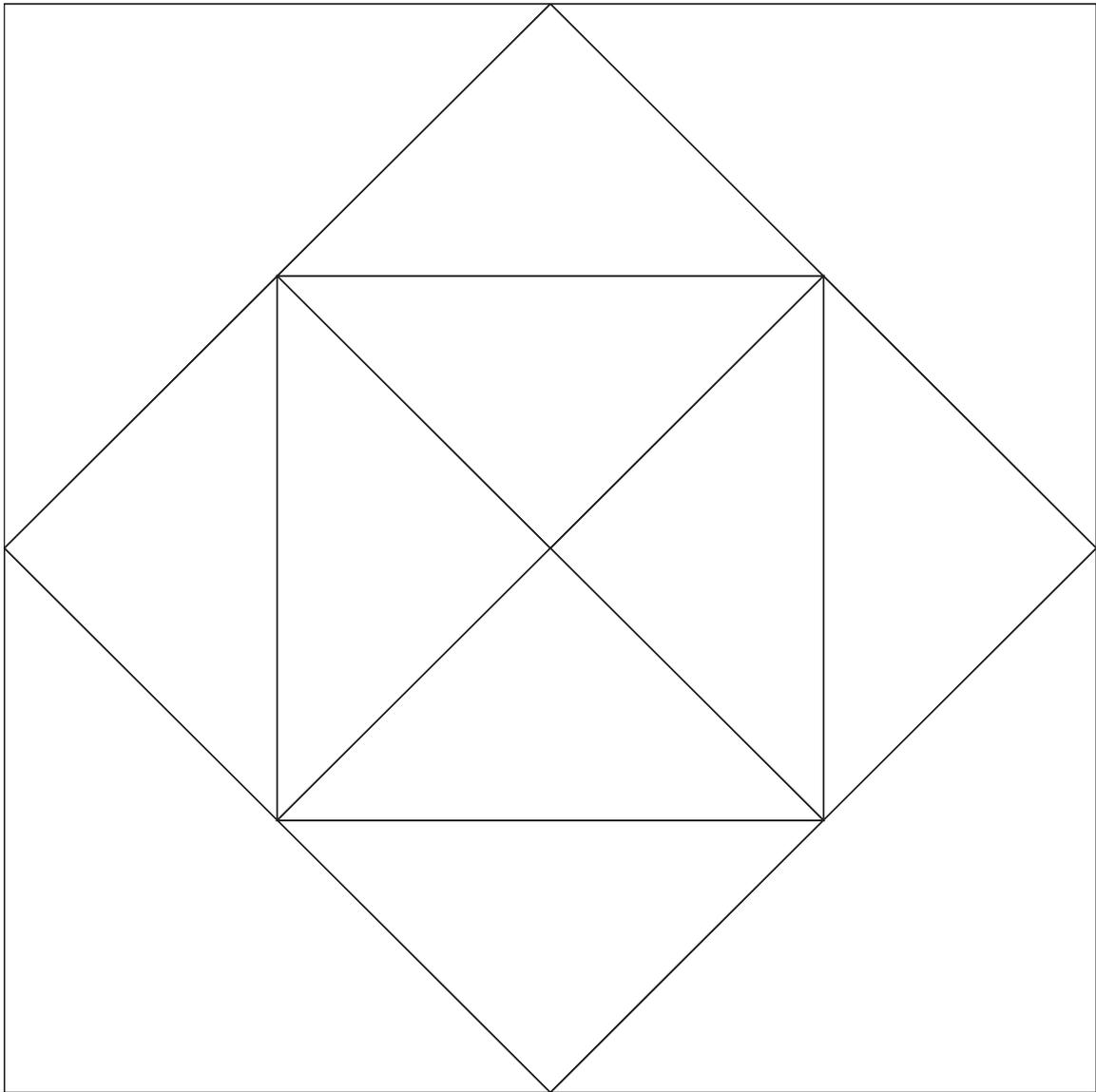
1. Place one square each from A and B right sides together.
2. Draw a diagonal line on the back of one square.
3. Sew 1/4" on either side of the drawn line. Cut on line.
4. Press seams open. Trim unit to 2 5/8" x 2 5/8" square.
5. Yields 2 half square triangles (HST).
6. Repeat for C and D.



7. Sew 4 HST's together into a 4-patch.
8. Sew E to each side of the 4-patch. Start with opposite corners. With right sides together centre an E triangle. The corners of the triangle should overlap the centre unit by 1/4" each side. Sew a 1/4" seam.
9. Press away from centre unit. Repeat for opposite side.
10. Sew remaining E triangles to centre unit. Press away from centre unit.



11. Unfinished block measures 6 1/2" x 6 1/2".



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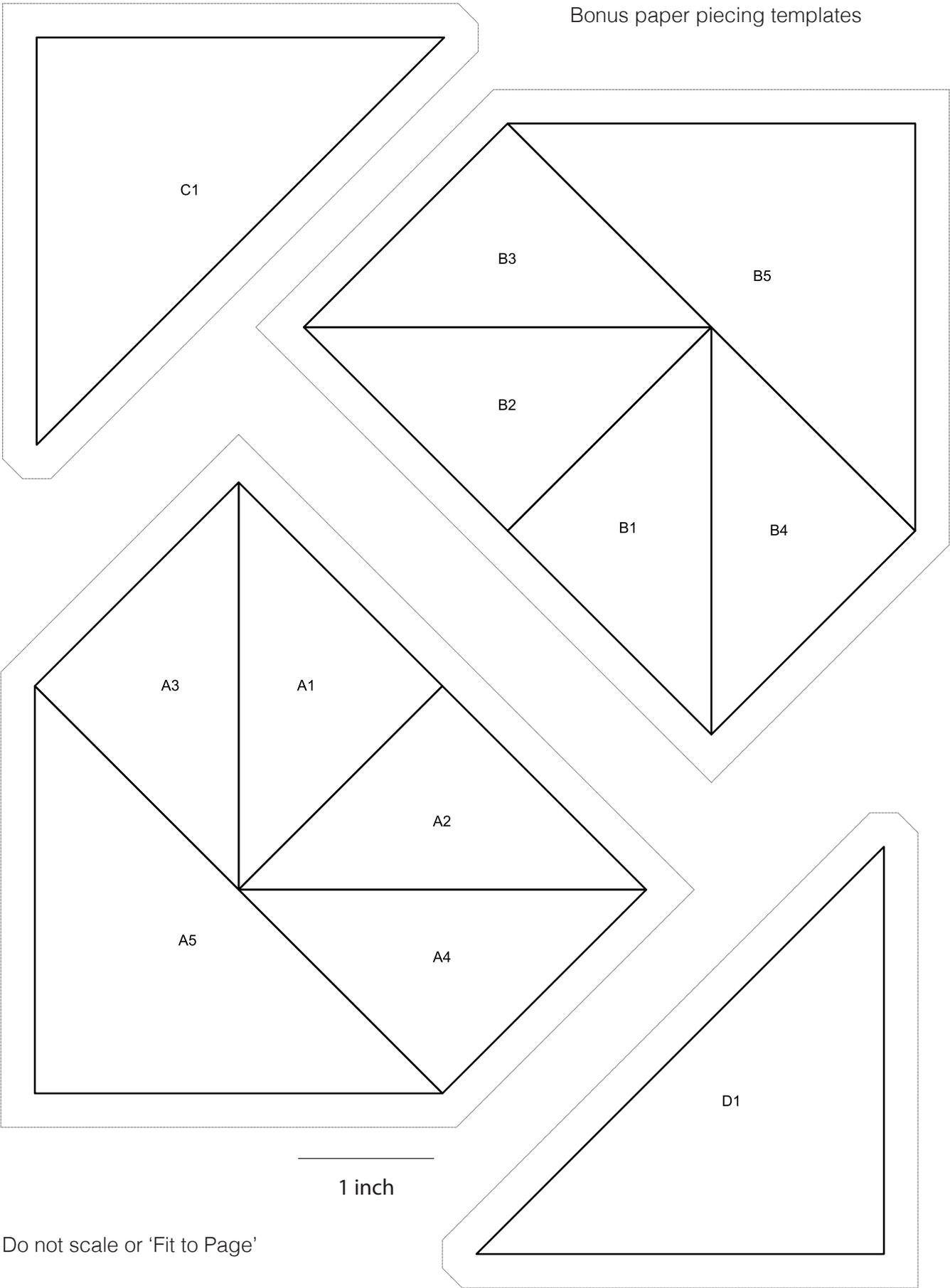
1 inch

#TheSplendidSampler

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