

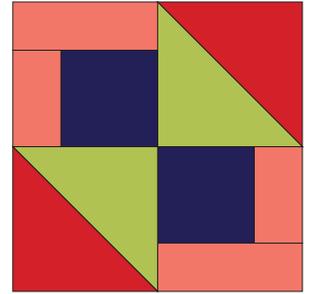
I'm a big fan of quilts and quilt blocks that look more complicated than they actually are. Taking beautiful pieces of fabric and sewing them together in a way that creates movement and depth within a quilt is always rewarding. Having a secondary design element is even more rewarding! My favorite way to create - chain piecing! I love to be able to sew and sew without breaking my thread, and look to create patterns that are best done by chain piecing.

Simple Surprises

for the Splendid Sampler™

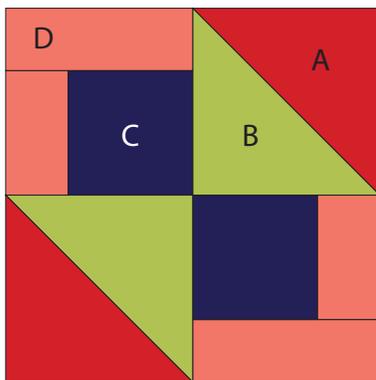
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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"



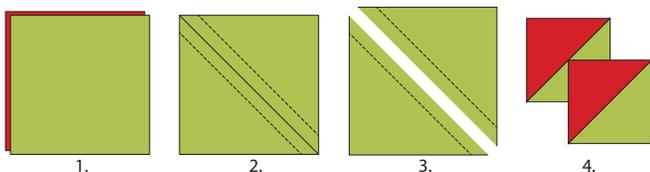
Requirements

- # 1 square - 4" x 4" (fabric A)
- # 1 square - 4" x 4" (fabric B)
- # 2 squares - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (fabric C)
- # 2 rectangles - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" (fabric D)
- # 2 rectangles - 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" (fabric D)

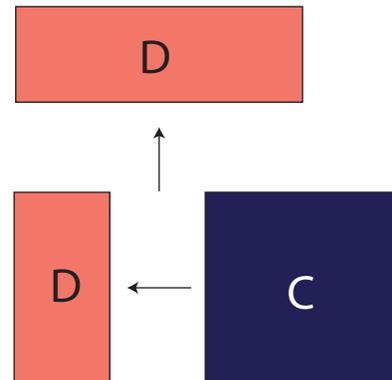


Block Assembly

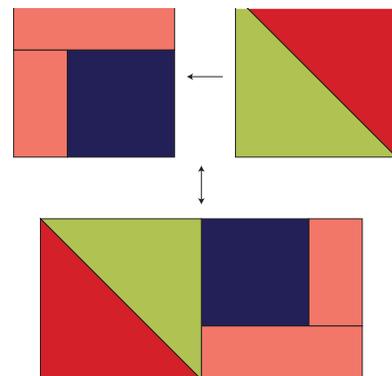
1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the lighter 4" x 4" square (A).
2. Place 4" x 4" squares (A) right sides together. Sew 1/4" away from line on both sides.
3. Cut on the marked line. Trim to 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" square. Press to the darker fabric. Makes 2 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" half square triangles (HST).



4. Sew the 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" (D) rectangles to one side of each 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (C) square. Press seam in direction of arrows.
5. Sew the 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" (D) rectangles to the top of each unit. Press seams in direction of arrows.



6. Sew the block together in two rows. Press seams in direction of arrows.
7. Nest the seams and sew the rows together to complete the block. Press seam open.



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