

2022 Block of the Month: It's Christmas All Year Long

Block #4: Cardinal

Instructions:

You will need four fabrics:

Fabric A: Background fabric

Fabric B: Bird

Fabric C: Leaves

Fabric D: Beak



Cutting:

From Fabric A: Cut the following

Seven - 3" squares

Four - 2 1/2" squares

One - 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle

One - 3 1/4" square

Two - 1 1/2" x 10 1/2" rectangles (Side Borders)

Two - 1 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangles (Top/Bottom Borders)

From Fabric B: Cut the following

Four - 3" squares

One - 1 1/2" x 7" rectangle

Two - 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles

From Fabric C: Cut the following

Four - 3" squares

From Fabric D: Cut the following

One - 1 1/2" x 7" rectangle



Additional Cutting:

From Fabric A:

Cut the 3 1/4" square on the diagonal. Cut one of the triangles on the 90 degree to make two 1 1/2" 45 degree triangles.

From Fabric B:

Cut one 3" square on the diagonal for two triangles.

Using a 45-degree ruler, cut the 1 1/2" x 7" rectangle (which is slightly longer than needed) into two 1 1/2" 45-degree triangles.

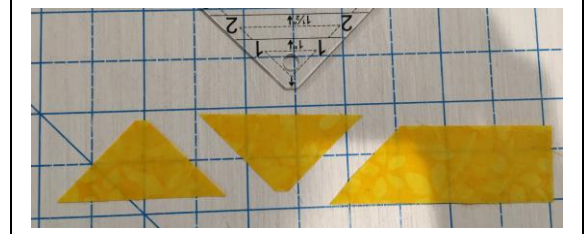
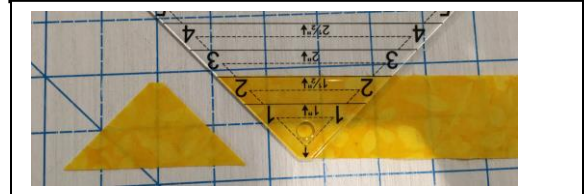
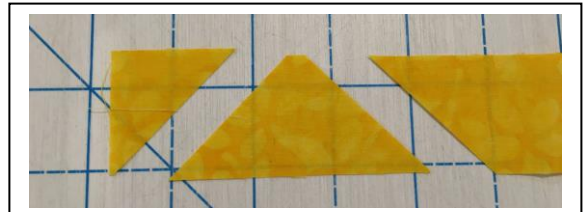
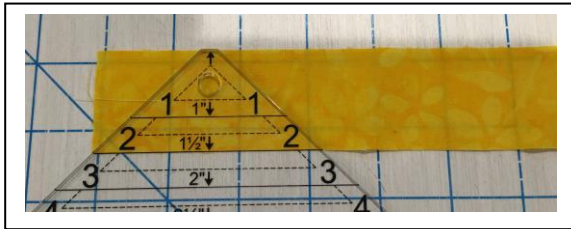
From Fabric D:

Cut the 1 1/2" x 7" rectangle (which is slightly longer than needed) into two 1 1/2" 45-degree triangles.



Cutting using the 45-degree Ruler:

Put the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " line on the bottom of the rectangle, cut on each 45-degree side. Turn the ruler upside down. Cut the second triangle.



Sewing:

Step 1: Use $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams throughout.

Step 2: Using the Half Square Triangle (HST) method, take four 3" squares each of Fabric A and Fabric C to make eight Fabric A/C units. Trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square. With three 3" squares each of Fabric A and Fabric B, make six Fabric A/B units. Trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square. You will have one extra of each fabric combination left over.

Step 3: To make what I will call the Half Hour Glass units for the beak and the wing of the bird, sew two small triangles together. See photos for fabric (color) combinations. Sew one large triangle to the small triangle unit. Trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square. There are two Half Hour Glass units for the beak and one for the wing.



Step 4: Per the photos, lay the squares, HSTs and rectangles out in rows. Sew the rows together. Press the even rows in one direction and the odd rows in the opposite direction. Join the rows.

Add the two side and two top/bottom borders.





Block #4, Cardinal, will measure 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished and 12" by 12" in the quilt.