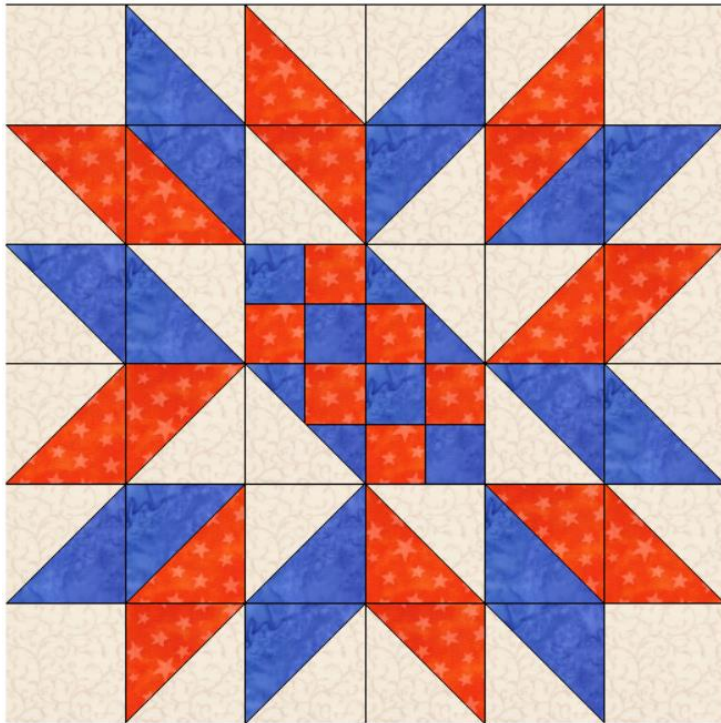


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Cutting:

Cream (4) 2 1/2" squares  
 (13) 2 7/8" squares  
 (1) 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangle

Blue (1) strip 1 1/2" x 7"  
 (8) 2 7/8" squares  
 (2) 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles

Orange (1) strip 1 1/2" x 7"  
 (9) 2 7/8" squares  
 (2) 1 1/2" squares

Half Square Triangles

Follow closely: (6) blue and cream pairs  
 (6) orange and cream pairs  
 (2) blue and orange pairs

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the cream (orange if it is the blue and orange pair). With each pair, stitch on each side of the diagonal. Cut on the drawn diagonal, press to the dark side and measure (should be 2 1/2" square).

Four Patches:

Using the blue and orange 1 1/2" strips, stitch along the long seam and press to the dark side. Measure the width, should be 2 1/2". Subcut strip to 1 1/2" squares (you will need 4 of them). Sew them in pairs to make the four patches.

Shaded Four Patch:

Next, let's assemble the Shaded Four Patch, using rectangles and squares. Gather the fabrics (orange, blue, and cream). We will sew the orange square and blue strip together on the 1 1/2" side and press toward the orange (step 4). Repeat step 4 for both pieces.



step 4

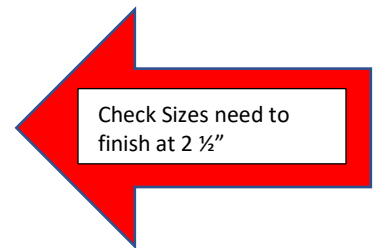
ORANGE: 1 1/2" square (2)

BLUE: 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" (2)

CREAM: 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" (1)



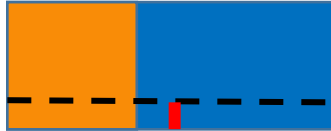
step 5



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Place the two strips from step 4 right sides together, with the orange square at opposite ends. Sew along one long side (step 5).

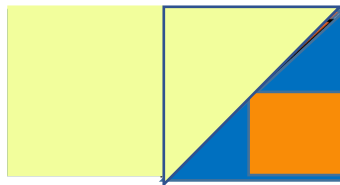
Read carefully! Make a snip in the center of the seam so that you can press the seams towards the orange. Look at the picture below and then read this part one more time.



Snip here. If you cut the threads, don't worry.

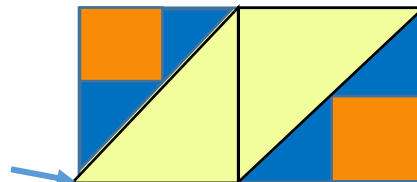
Now that you are breathing again, press the seams towards the orange. Measure this block: it should be 2 1/2" x 3 1/2". Gather the cream fabric and place it on top of your orange/blue rectangles, right sides together.

Pull back one corner of the cream fabric to expose the orange square and two blue triangles. Line up the edges to make a triangle and press. Repeat with other corner of fabric. See steps 6 and 7.



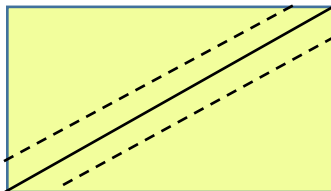
step 6

Fold back to this edge



step 7

Since you have pressed both triangles, you have created two stitching lines. Stitch on both pressed (dashed) lines, then cut in between them. Press open (step 8). Trim if needed to 2 1/2" square.



step 8

Putting it all together:

Using the picture at the top, lay out the squares. Sew together. Finished block should measure 12 1/2".