

## May 2015 Block of the Month: String Block

Block finishes at 12" (unfinished at 12 1/2").

### Materials:

Muslin square or a square cut from a light-colored fabric, the base fabric will be completely hidden: 13"

Red, white and blue fabric strips: Width isn't important, but they need to be long enough to overhang the 13" base square by a least 1"

### Construction:

Draw a diagonal line down the middle of the muslin square. Position a red strip face up, centered on this line. Lay a white strip on top of the red one, matching along the long edge, right sides together and pin in place. Sew a 1/4" seam along the matched edge. Fold the white strip out and press. Choose a blue strip and lay it on top of the white strip, matching an edge, right sides together and pin in place. Sew a 1/4" seam along the matched edge. Repeat these steps using a different color with each addition until you reach the corner.

Repeat the steps on the other side of the original red strip. Press finished block really well. Using a 12 1/2" ruler, if available, align center diagonal line on ruler with center of the original red strip. Carefully trim all around block, leaving a 12 1/2" square.

\*\*\*Remember your 1/4" seam allowance.\*\*\*

You can choose to make a complete quilt top by repeating these instructions or you can set this block aside and make a sampler quilt. We look forward to seeing everyone's blocks.