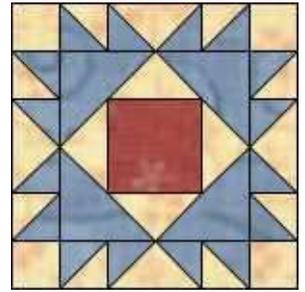


Block of the Month ~ October 2016

Block Size: 12 1/2" x 12 1/2"

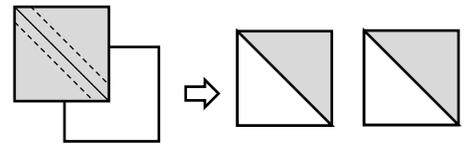
"Union Square"

Directions make one block.



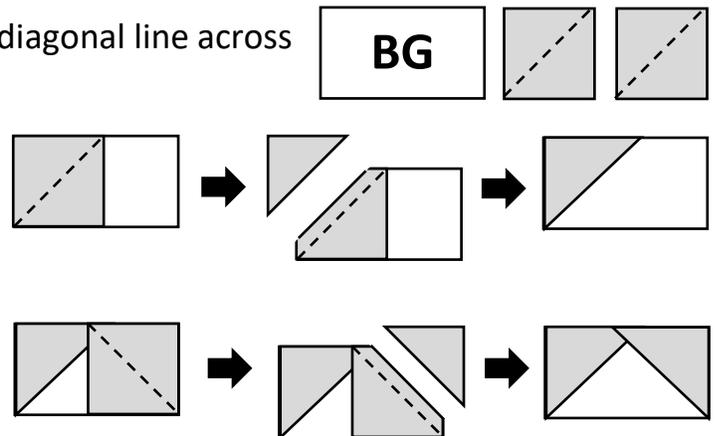
Fabric	Amount	Cuts
Red (R)	Fat eighth	One 4 1/2" square
Blue (BL)	Fat quarter	Four 2 7/8" squares; eight 2 1/2" squares; two 5" squares
Background (BG)	Fat quarter	Four 2 7/8" squares; four 2 1/2" squares; four 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" strips; two 3 3/4" squares

Step 1: Make eight half-square triangles using the blue and background 2 7/8" squares. HSTs will measure 2 1/2" square.



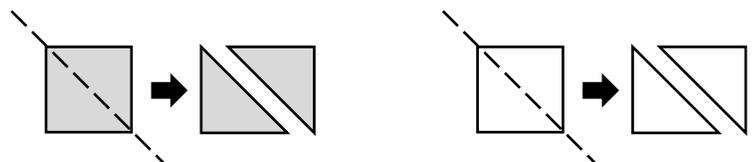
Step 2: Make four flying geese units using the blue 2 1/2" squares and the 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" background strips. Units will measure 2 1/2" x 4 1/2".

- Take two 2 1/2" blue squares and draw a diagonal line across each on the wrong side.
- Place one on the top left corner of the 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" background strip as indicated, right sides together. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim the corner off, open and press.
- Repeat with the other blue square on the top right side.



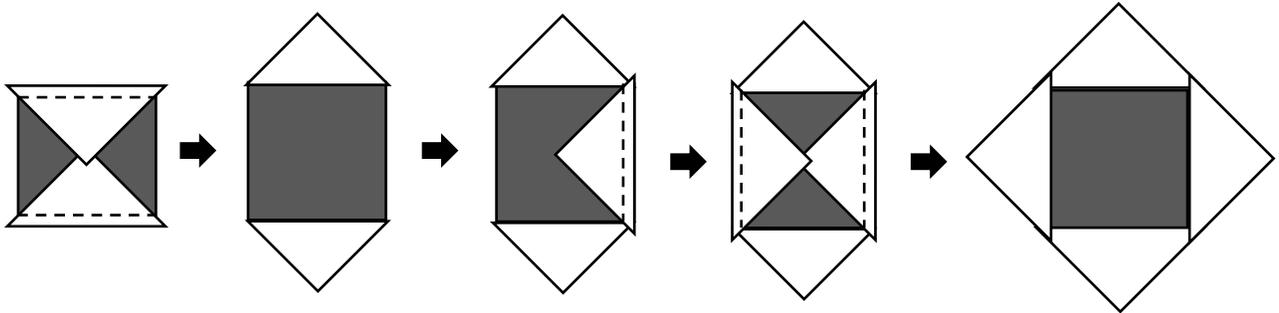
Step 3: Create an *economy square* unit. Use the red 4 1/2" square, two 3 3/4" background squares and two 5" blue squares.

- Cut the blue and background squares in half diagonally. You now have four triangles of each.

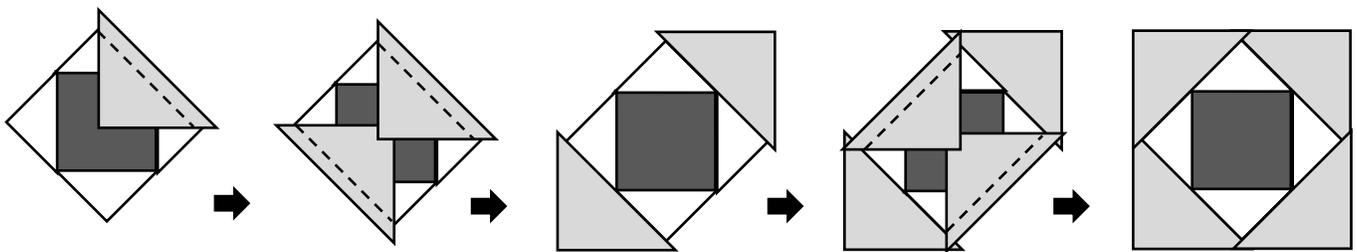


Step 3 continued...

- Sew two background triangles to opposite sides of the 4 ½" red square with a scant ¼" seam. The diagonal side of the triangle is a bias edge. Sew with the triangle on the bottom to reduce stretching.
- Press the seam towards the triangle on each side.
- Repeat for the other two sides. Trim the unit to 6 1/8" square. You should have a ¼" seam allowance on all four sides. This is a **square in a square** unit.



- Sew two blue triangles to opposite sides of the **Sq. in a Sq.** unit with a scant ¼" seam.
- Press the seam towards the triangle on each side.
- Repeat for the other two sides. Trim the unit to 8 ½" square. You should have a ¼" seam allowance on all four sides. You now have an **economy square** unit.



Step 3: Put it all together!

