

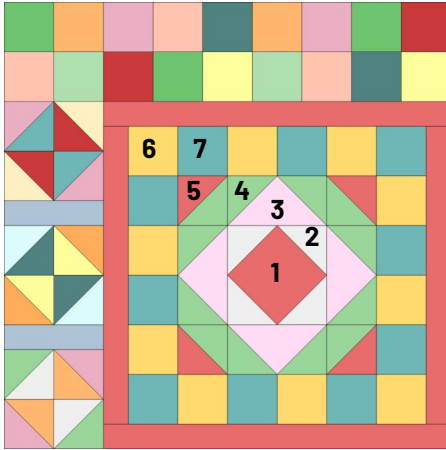


# The Celebrate Quilt

## Block 4

Block finishes 18" x 18" (unfinished 18½ x 18½)

This block introduces a new basic unit, the square-in-a-square. As with most units in quilting, there are several ways to construct square-in-a-square (SNS). My preferred method is to use connector corners. I like this method because it is easier to fussy-cut the center. Another plus is that the math is straight forward and does not require a sixteenth of an inch cut! Otherwise, this block uses the same units as before. They are just arranged a little differently. **Note:** If you are making the larger quilt, make two of Block 4.



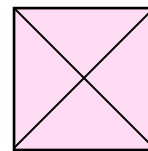
### Fabric Requirements for Block 4

- Fabric 1: Scrap about 6" square
- Fabric 2 (light gray): Scrap at least 6" square
- Fabric 3 (pink): Scrap at least 6" square
- Fabric 4 (green): 1 fat eighth
- Fabric 5 (dark pink): Scrap at least 6" square
- Fabric 6 & 7 (gold and blue): 2½" x 24" strip of each
- Frame: 1 fat eighth

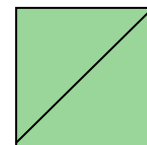
Assorted scraps: At least (18) 2½" squares and (12) 3" squares, plus two 1½" x 4½" rectangles.

### Cutting

- Fabric 1: cut (1) 4½" square
- Fabric 2: cut (4) 2½" squares
- Fabric 3: cut (1) 5¼" square. Cut the square twice on the diagonal.
- Fabric 4: cut (6) 2⅞" squares. Cut each square once on the diagonal.
- Fabric 5: cut (2) 2⅞" squares. Cut each square once on the diagonal.
- Fabrics 6 & 7: cut (10) 2½" squares
- Frame: cut (2) 1½" strips; sub-cut into (2) 1½" x 12½" rectangles and (2) 1½" x 14½" rectangles



Cut fabric 3 square in half twice on the diagonal.



Cut fabric 4, 5, and scrap-py 2⅞" squares in half once on the diagonal.

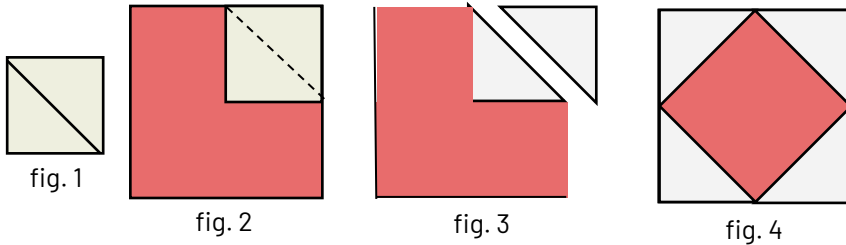
### Assorted scraps:

- cut (2) 1½" x 4½" rectangles sashing strips
- cut (18) 2½" squares for top checkerboard border
- cut (12) 2⅞" squares for HST (I used six sets of two squares each). Cut each square once on the diagonal.

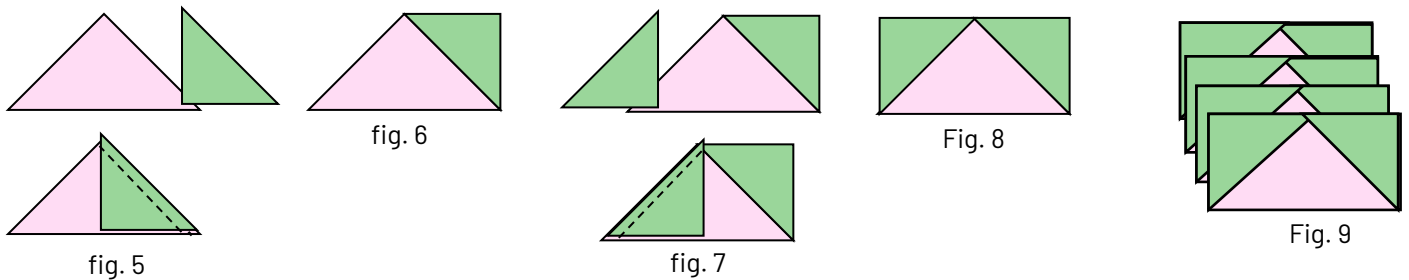
Note: I cut a few additional squares again this month to have extras for later in the quilt.

## Piecing:

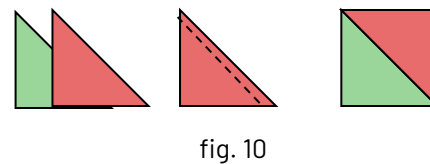
1. **Square in a Square.** Draw a diagonal line on the back of the four 2½" Fabric 2 squares (fig. 1). Position on square (RST) on a corner of the Fabric 1 square and sew ON the drawn line (fig. 2). Trim corner ¼" away from the seam (fig. 3). Press toward corner triangle. Repeat for the remaining three corners. (fig. 4). This unit should measure 4½" square.



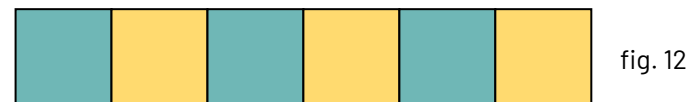
3. **Make FG.** This flying geese technique is different from the instructions from previous months. This method is very straightforward. If you are concerned about the bias edges, it helps to spray starch and press the triangles before piecing. Collect the four Fabric 3 triangles and eight Fabric 4 triangles. Sew a Fabric 4 triangle to one side of a Fabric 3 triangle (fig. 5). Press toward the Fabric 4 triangle and trim the dog-ears (fig. 6). Sew a Fabric 4 triangle to the other side of the Fabric 3 triangle (fig. 7). Press toward the Fabric 4 triangle and trim the dog-ears (fig. 8). Make four flying geese units (fig 9). They each should measure 2½" x 4½".



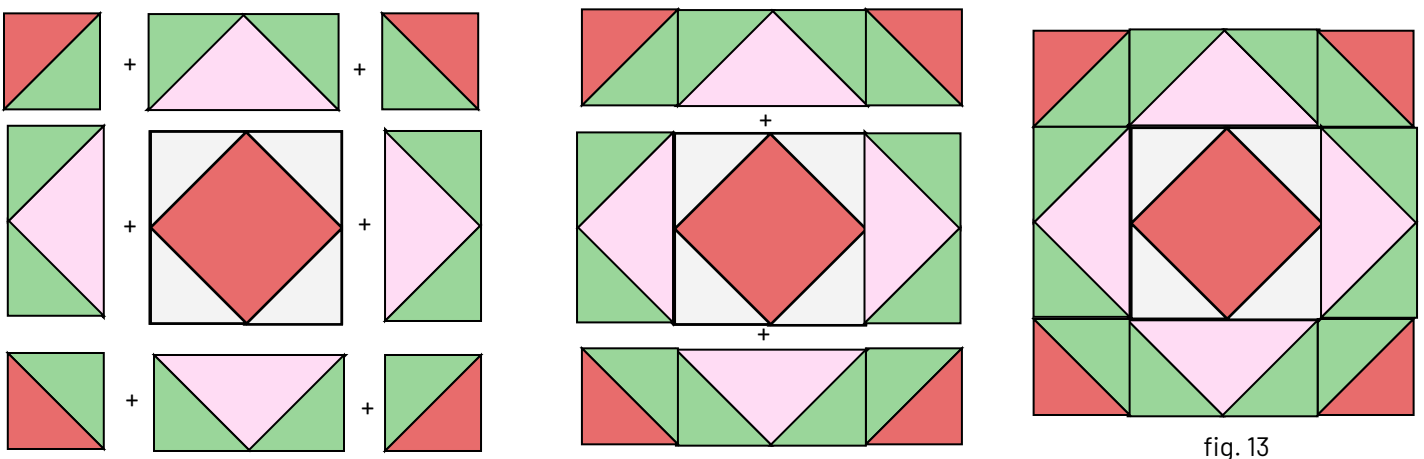
4. **Make HSTs.** Collect the remaining Fabric 4 triangles and the four Fabric 5 triangles. Sew RST along the hypotenuse side of the triangles (the longest side)(fig.10). Press toward the Fabric 5 triangle. Make four. Each should measure 2½" square.



5. **Make checkerboard.** Sew the Fabrics 6 and 7 squares RST, alternating fabrics as shown in fig. 11 and fig. 12. Press seams open. Make two of each.



6. **Assemble block.** Follow the fig. 13 diagrams below to assemble the block. Press seams open.



Next sew a four block checkerboard to each side. Make sure to rotate one unit so the colors are opposite (fig. 14). Then sew the six-block checkerboard to the top and bottom, again rotating one unit (fig. 15). The block should measure 12½" square.

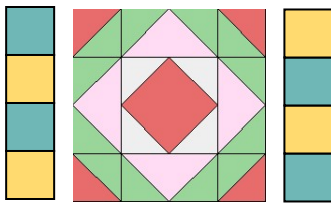


fig. 14

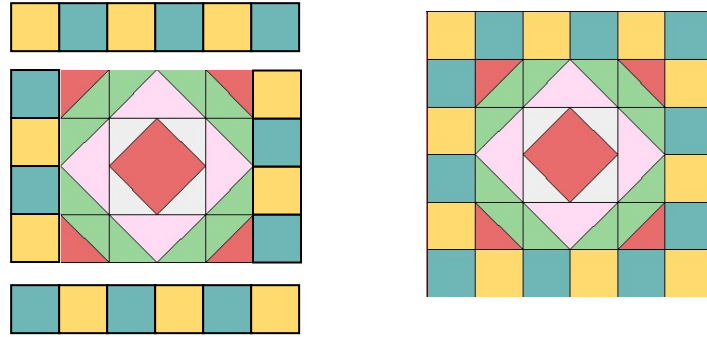
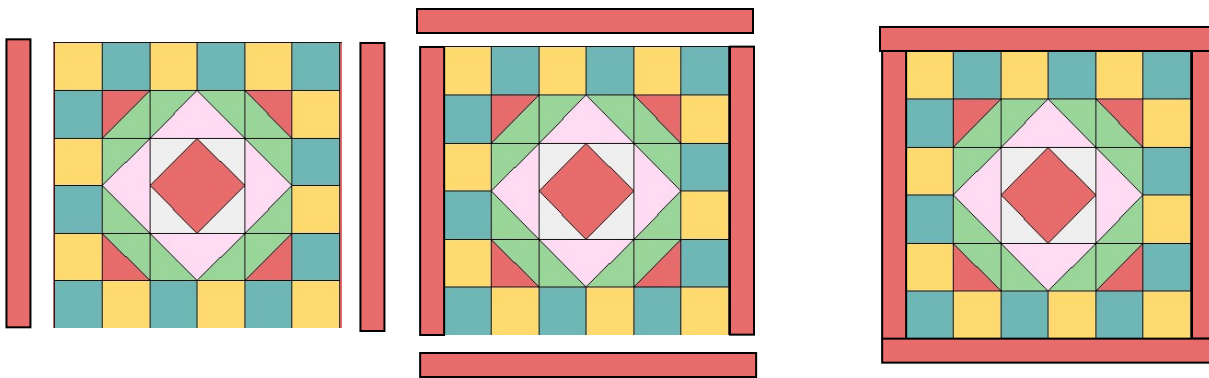
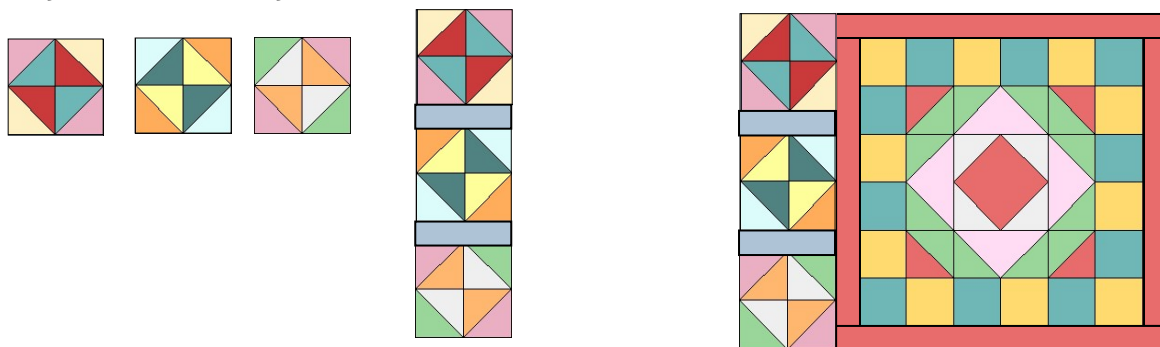


fig. 15

**7. Add frame to block.** Sew the 1½" x 12½" Fabric 5 rectangles to the sides of the block. Press toward the rectangles. Sew the 1½" x 14½" Fabric 5 rectangles to the top and bottom of the block. Press toward the rectangles.



**8. Add filler units.** Following the instructions from Step 4, sew the scrappy triangles together matching them as desired. For the sample block, they are pieced in pairs, then sewn together to make "butterfly" units. Make three units. Sew the 1½" x 4½" sashing between the triangle units. Sew to the left side of the block.



Sew the 2½" squares into two rows of nine squares each. Sew the rows together. Sew this unit to the top of the block. The block should now measure 18½" square. If you are making the larger quilt, make two blocks.

