

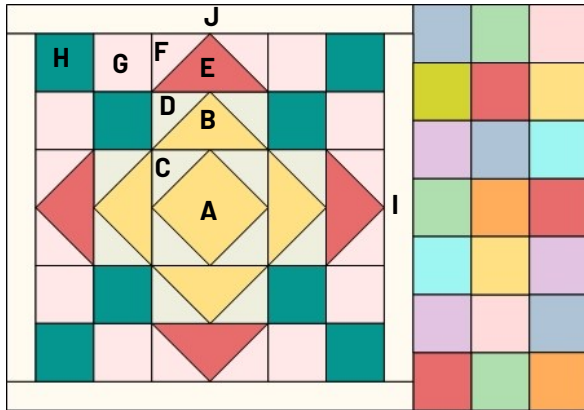


The Celebrate Quilt

Block 6

Block finishes 14" x 20" (unfinished 14½ x 20½)

All the units in this block have been used in previous blocks so it should be an easy one to construct. Because there are a lot of seams, take your time and measure each unit to make sure they are accurate. Have fun with a bunch of scrappy squares for the checkerboard filler block, or just use two fabrics for a more traditional, controlled look. Make two blocks if you are making the larger quilt.



Fabric Requirements for Block 6

Fabric 1 (yellow): Scrap at least 6" x 11"

Fabric 2 (gray background): 3½" x at least 23" strip

Fabric 3 (red): Scrap at least 7" square

Fabric 4 (pink background): 1 fat eighth

Fabric 5: (teal): 3" x 21" strip

Frame: 1 fat eighth

Assorted scraps for filler blocks: (21) 2½" squares

Cutting

Fabric 1: cut (1) 4½" square (A)

cut (1) 5¼" square (B)

Fabric 2: cut (4) 2½" squares (C)

cut (4) 2⅞" squares (D)

Fabric 3: cut (1) 5¼" square (E)

Fabric 4: cut (4) 2⅞" squares (F)

cut (8) 2½" squares (G)

Fabric 5: cut (8) 2½" squares (H)

Frame: cut (2) 1½" strips; sub-cut into (2) 1½" x 12½" rectangles (I) and (2) 1½" x 14½" rectangles (J)

Piecing:

1. **Square in a Square.** Draw a diagonal line on the back of the four 2½" Fabric 2 squares (fig. 1). Position one 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.

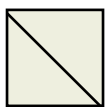


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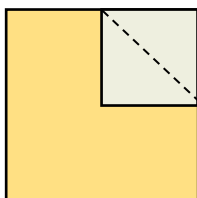


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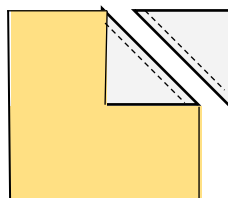


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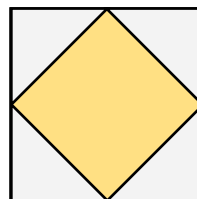


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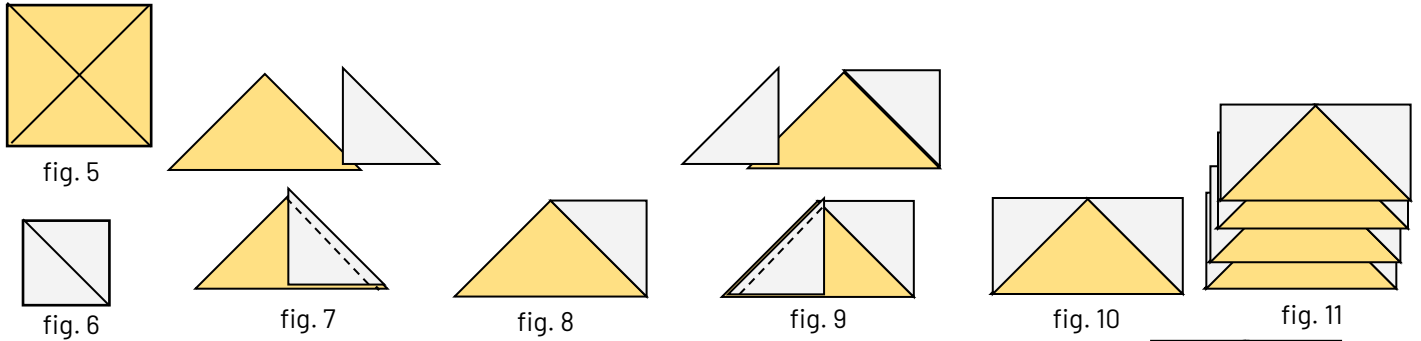
2. **Make FG.** This is the same flying geese method as last month's block. If you are concerned about the bias edges, it helps to spray starch and press the triangles before piecing.

*Collect the 5¼" Fabric 1 square and four 2⅞" Fabric 2 squares .

*Cut the Fabric 1 square twice on the diagonal (fig. 5) and cut the four Fabric 2 squares once on the diagonal (fig. 6)

*Sew a Fabric 2 triangle to one side of a Fabric 1 triangle (fig. 7). Press toward the Fabric 2 triangle and trim the dog-ears (fig. 8).

*Sew a Fabric 2 triangle to the other side of the Fabric 1 triangle (fig. 9). Press toward the Fabric 2 triangle and trim the dog-ears (fig. 10). Make four Fabric 1/Fabric 2 flying geese units (fig 11). They each should measure 2½" x 4½".



3. Repeat Step 2 with the 5¼" Fabric 3 square and the (4) 2⅞" Fabric 4 squares to make four Fabric 3/Fabric 4 flying geese units (fig. 12). They each should measure 2½" x 4½".

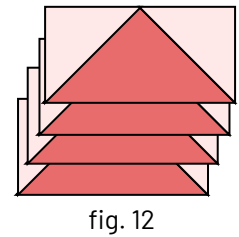


fig. 12

4. Sew a flying geese unit from Step 2 to a flying geese unit from Step 3 as shown in fig. 13. Press seams open. These should measure 4½" square. Make 4.

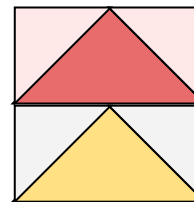


fig. 13

5. **Make four-patch units.** Use the eight 2½" Fabric 4 and eight 2½" Fabric 5 squares to make four-patch units as shown in fig. 13. Press seams open. These should measure 4½" square. Make 4.

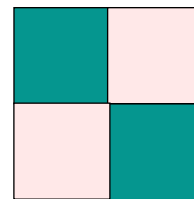


fig. 13

6. Use the square-in-a-square unit from Step 1, the flying geese units from Step 4, and the four-patches from Step 5 to piece the block as shown in fig. 14-16. Press seams open.

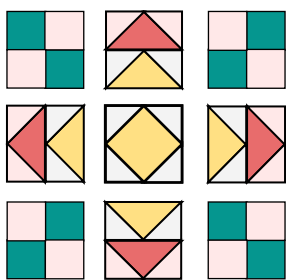


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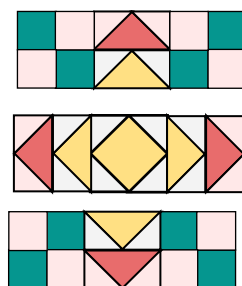


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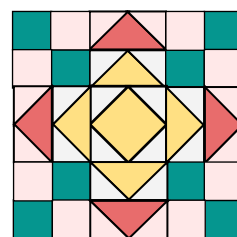


fig. 16

7. **Add the frame.** Follow the diagrams below to add frame strips to the block. Sew the $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to the sides of the block (fig. 17). Press toward the frame fabric. Sew the $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $14\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to the top and bottom (fig. 18). Press toward the frame fabric (fig. 19).

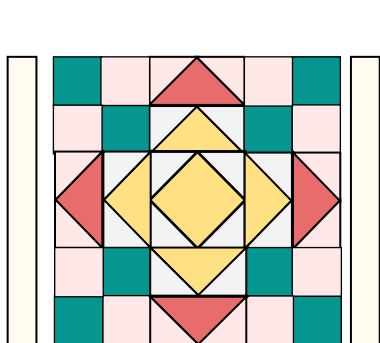


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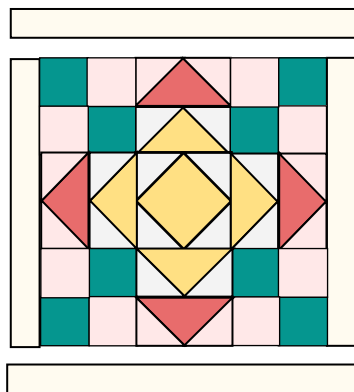


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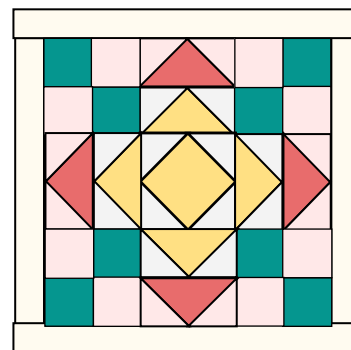


fig. 19

8. **Make checkerboard.** Sew the remaining scrappy $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares into seven rows of three squares each (fig. 20). Sew the checkerboard unit to the side of the block (fig. 21).

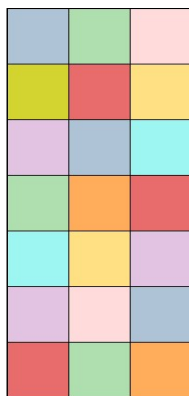


fig. 20

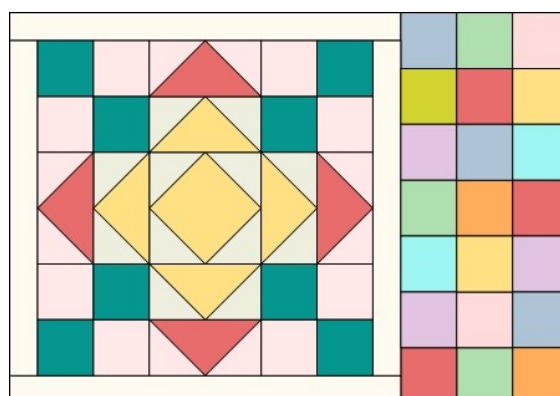


fig. 21

That's all for this month. Block 7 will arrive in your inbox on Friday, September 8, 2023!