

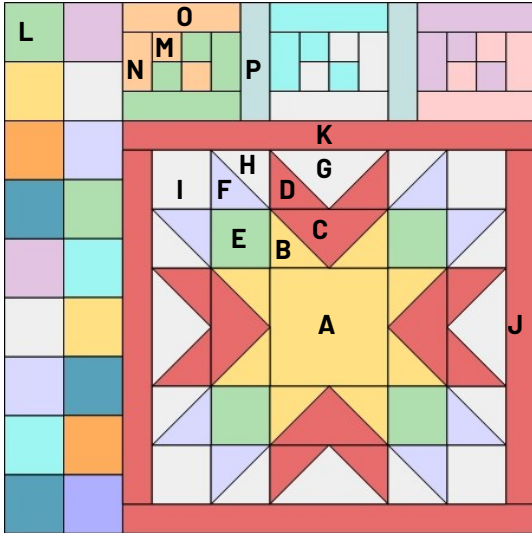


# The Celebrate Quilt

## Block 8-October 2023

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

Quilting is magic. This units in this block are very similar to Block 6, but arranged to create a completely different look. Everything in this block should be familiar, so have fun with it! Even the filler blocks are super simple. Make two blocks if you are making the larger quilt.



### Fabric Requirements for Block 8

Fabric 1 (yellow): Scrap at least 6" x 12"

Fabric 2 (red): Scrap at least 6" x 14"

Fabric 3 (green): Scrap at least 6" square

Fabric 4 (blue): Scrap at least 7" square

Fabric 5: (gray): Fat eighth or scrap at least 6" x 18"

Frame: 1 fat eighth

Assorted scraps for filler blocks: (18) 2½" squares, six strips at least 2" x 18" and two 1½" x 4½" rectangles

### Cutting:

**Note:** it helps to label the pieces as you cut

Block:

Fabric 1: cut (1) 4½" square (A)

cut (4) 2⅞" squares (B); cut each once on the diagonal to yield 8 triangles (fig. 1)

Fabric 2: cut (1) 5¼" square (C); cut twice on the diagonal to yield 4 triangles (fig. 2)

cut (4) 2⅞" squares (D); cut each once on the diagonal to yield 8 triangles (fig. 1)

Fabric 3: cut (4) 2½" squares (E)

Fabric 4: cut (4) 2⅞" squares (F); cut each once on the diagonal to yield 8 triangles (fig. 1)

Fabric 5: cut (1) 5¼" square (G); cut twice on the diagonal to yield 4 triangles (fig. 2)

cut (4) 2⅞" squares (H); cut each once on the diagonal to yield 8 triangles (fig. 1)

cut (4) 2½" squares (I)

Frame and Filler:

Frame fabric: cut (2) 1½" x 12½" rectangles (J) and (2) 1½" x 14½" rectangles (K)

Scraps: cut (18) 2½" squares (L)

From EACH of six fabrics cut (note-you can make these as scrappy as you wish):

(2) 1½" squares (M)

(1) 1½" x 2½" rectangle (N)

(1) 1½" x 4½" rectangle (O)

Cut (2) 1½" x 4½" rectangles (P)

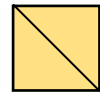


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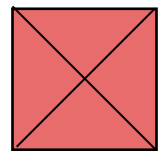
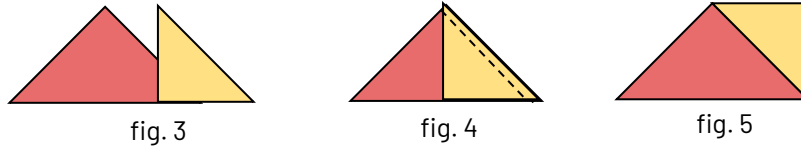


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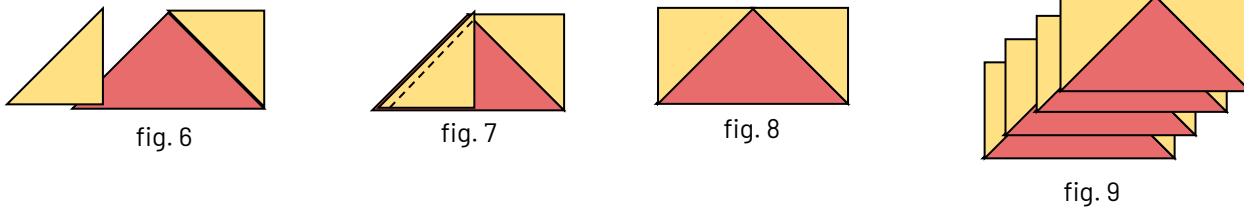
**Piecing:**

1. **Make FG.** This is the same flying geese method in Block 6. If you are concerned about the bias edges, it helps to spray starch and press the triangles before piecing.

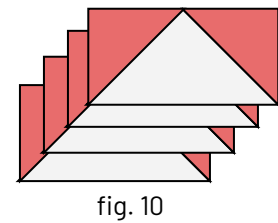
\*Collect the Fabric 1(B) triangles and the Fabric 2 (C) triangles (fig. 3). Align the bottom and side edges and sew a Fabric 1 triangle to one side of a Fabric 2 triangle (fig. 4). The tip of the Fabric 1 triangle will extend beyond the top of the Fabric 2 triangle. Press toward the Fabric 1 triangle and trim the dog-ears (fig. 5).



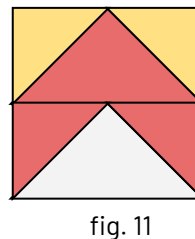
\*Use another Fabric 1 triangle (fig. 6) and sew to the opposite side of the Fabric 2 triangle (fig. 7). Press toward the Fabric 1 triangle and trim the dog-ears (fig. 8). Make four Fabric 2/Fabric 1 flying geese units (fig 9). They each should measure 2½" x 4½".



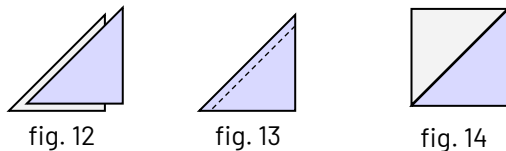
\*Repeat with the Fabric 5 (G) triangles and the Fabric 2 (D) triangles to make four Fabric 5/Fabric 2 flying geese units (fig. 10). They each should measure 2½" x 4½".



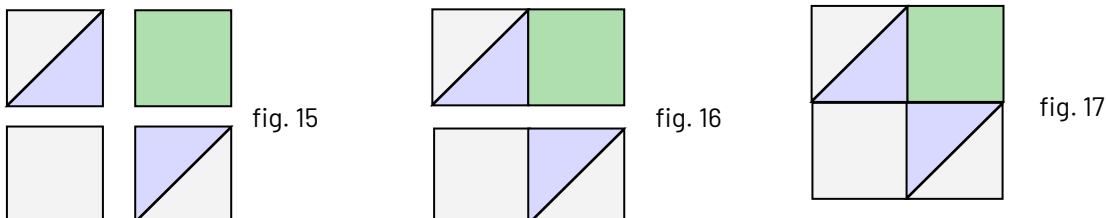
\*Sew a Fabric 2/Fabric 1 flying geese unit to a Fabric 5/Fabric 2 flying geese unit as shown in fig. 11. Press seams open. These should measure 4½" square. Make 4.



**2. Make corner units.** Collect the eight Fabric 4 (F) triangles and the eight Fabric 5 (H) triangles. Pair one of each triangles RST (fig. 12) and sew RST (fig. 13) together to make a half-square triangle (HST) as shown in fig. 14. Press seams open. These should measure 2½" square. Make 8.



Use the HSTs from the previous step along with the Fabric 3 (E) squares and the Fabric 5 (I) squares to piece the corner four-patch units as shown in fig. 15-17. Press seams open. Make 4. Each should measure 4½" square.



3. **Piece the block.** Use the flying geese units, the corner units and the  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric 1(A) square to piece the block as shown in fig. 18-20. Press seams open to reduce bulk. Block should measure  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

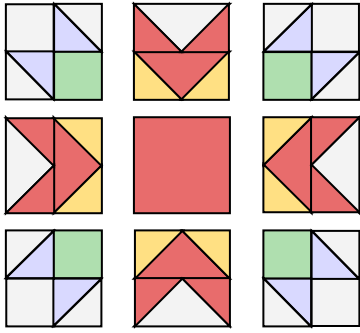


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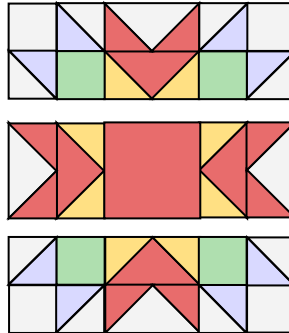


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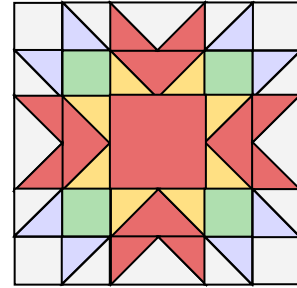


fig. 20

4. **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. 21). Press toward the frame fabric. Sew the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $14\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to the top and bottom (fig. 22). Press toward the frame fabric (fig. 23). Block should measure  $14\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

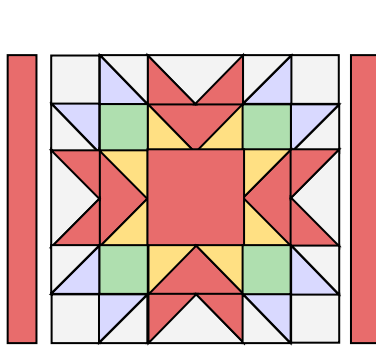


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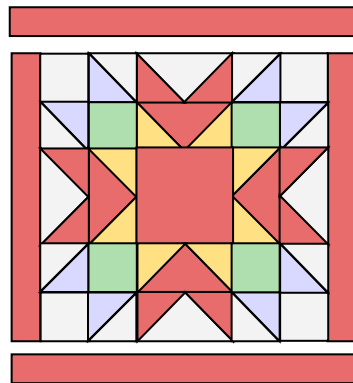


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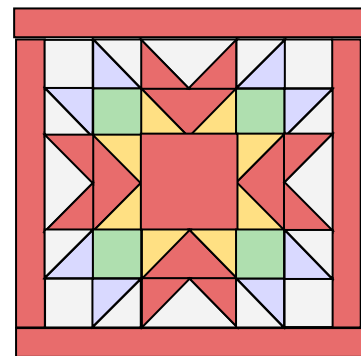


fig. 23

5. **Make filler blocks.** Sort the (M) squares and the (N) and (O) rectangles into three sets of two fabrics each. Each set will make one block.

\*Make four patch unit with the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (M) squares as shown in fig. 24-26. Press seams in the direction of the arrows. Sew the (N) rectangles to the sides of the four-patch (fig. 27). Press toward the rectangles. Sew the (O) rectangles to the top and bottom (fig. 28). Press toward the rectangles. Repeat with the other two sets to make a total of three blocks (fig. 29).

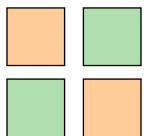


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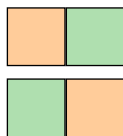


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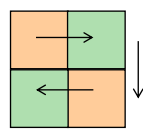


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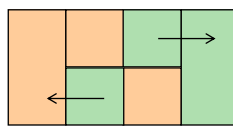


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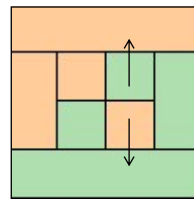


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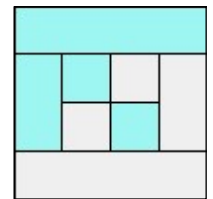


fig. 29

\*Sew the (P) rectangles between the blocks to piece the top filler unit. Press toward the sashing. (fig. 30)

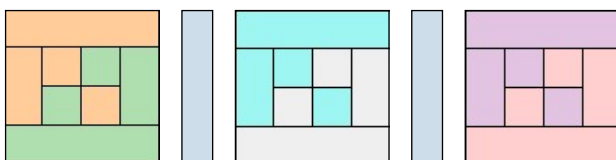
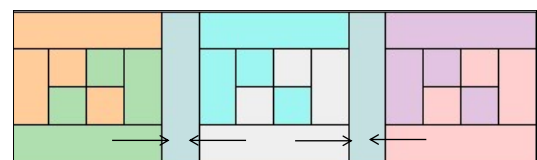


fig. 30



\*Sew unit from the previous step to the top of the block (fig. 30). Press seams toward the frame fabric.

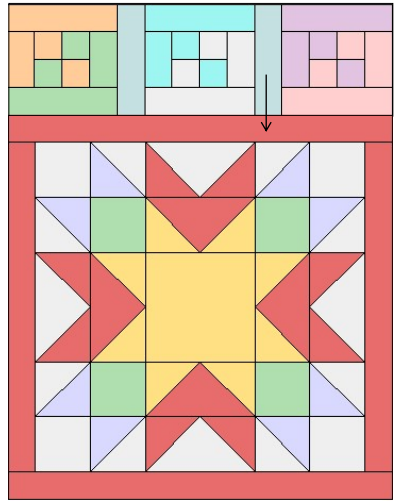


fig. 30

6. **Make checkerboard unit.** Sew 18 scrappy (L) squares into nine rows of two squares each (fig. 31). Sew the checkerboard unit to the side of the block (fig. 32). Press seams toward frame fabric.



fig. 31

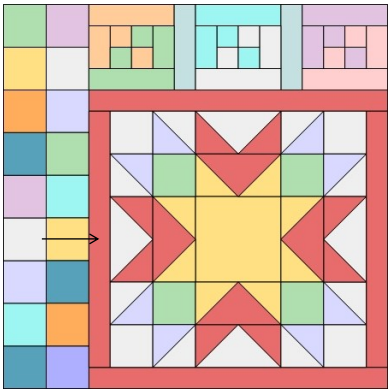


fig. 32

Whew! Block 8 is complete. Only four more to go. Watch for block 9 coming to your inbox on November 8, 2023.