

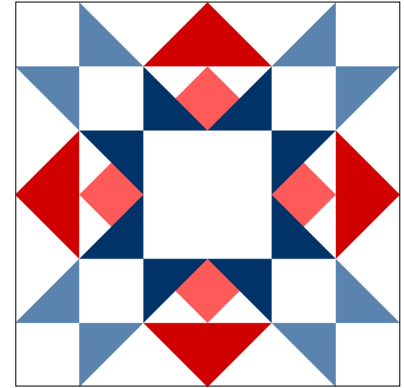
# a Quilting Life

Block of the Month 2026

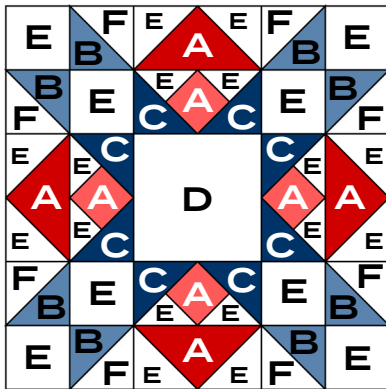
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## Cutting Instructions



	12" Block (12 1/2" unfinished)
Medium/Dark (A)	(8) 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles
Medium/Dark (B)	(4) 3" squares
Medium/Dark (C)	(8) 2 1/2" squares
Light (D)	(1) 4 1/2" square
Light (E)	(24) 2 1/2" squares
Light (F)	(4) 3" squares

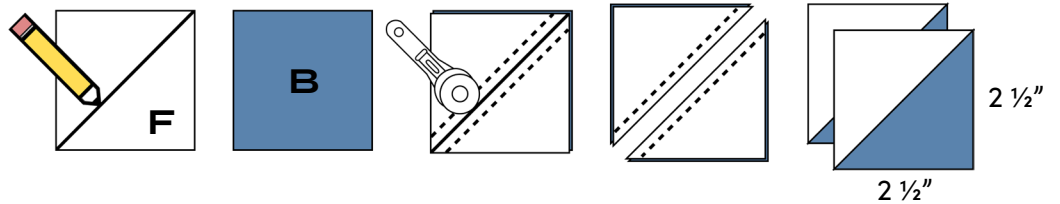
*Designer Note: Follow the block guide shown for fabric placement. Units are labeled A-F. Please note that A – rectangles can be cut from (1) print or (2) prints as shown in the digital image for more variety.*

## Piecing Instructions

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (4) F – squares using an erasable marker or pencil.
2. Pair (4) F – squares prepared in Step 1 with (4) B – squares, right sides together and edges aligned. There should be (4) sets of squares.
3. Sew a 1/4" away from both sides of the drawn diagonal line on each set of squares.

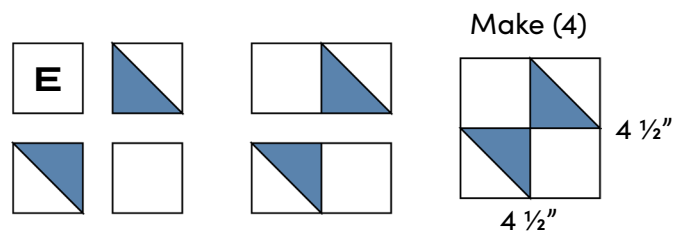
4. Cut along the drawn diagonal lines, making (8) B/F HST Units.

5. Trim HST Units to measure 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" unfinished.



6. Arrange (2) HST Units with (2) E – squares in a 2 x 2 grid to form (1) Corner Unit. Reference the diagram for the location and rotation of HST Units.

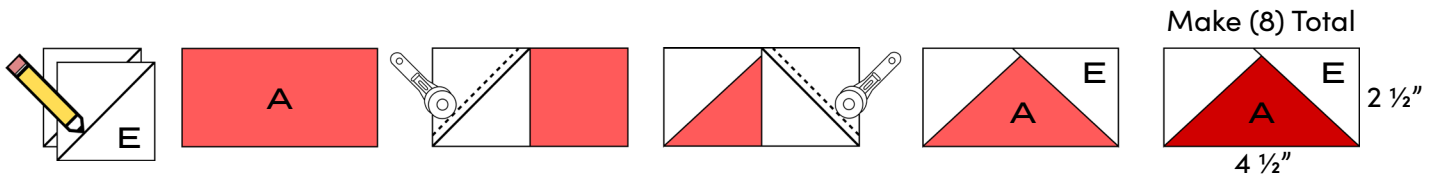
7. Sew the Corner Unit together, pressing seams toward the E – squares. The Corner Unit should measure 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" unfinished.



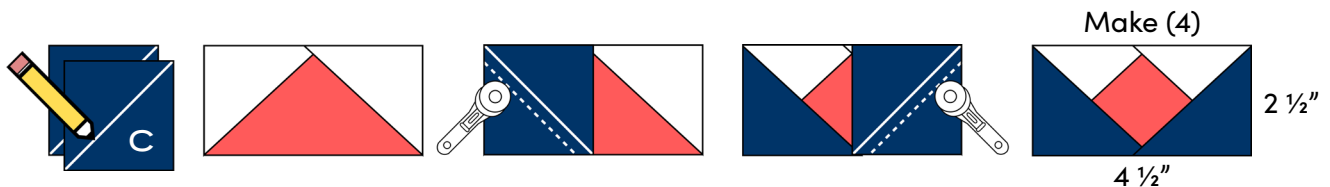
8. Repeat to make a total of (4) Corner Units.

9. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (16) E – squares using an erasable marker or pencil.

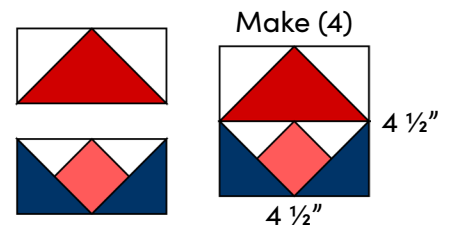
- Place (1) E – square onto the top corner of (8) A – rectangles, right sides together and edges aligned. Note the orientation of the drawn diagonal line on the wrong side of the E – square in the diagram.
- Sew along the drawn diagonal lines as shown. Trim the excess corner fabric to a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press toward the corners.
- Repeat stitch and flip techniques to attach (1) E – square to the adjacent top corner of the same A – rectangles to complete (8) Flying Geese Units.
- Trim Flying Geese Units to measure  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.



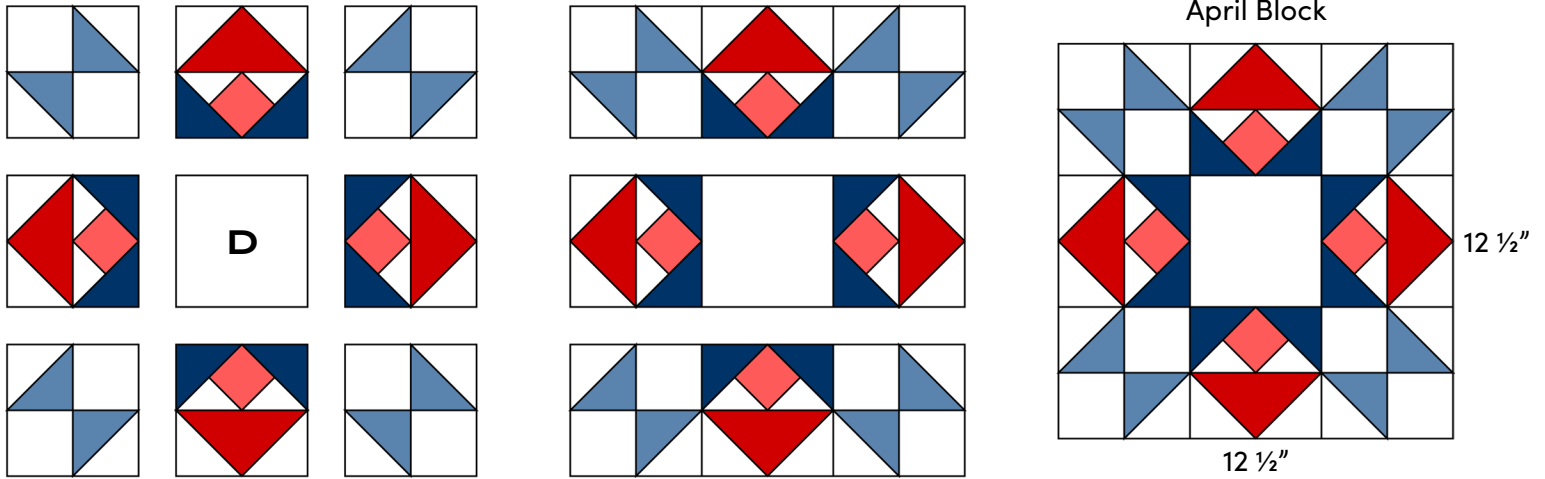
- Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (8) C – squares using an erasable marker or pencil.
- Gather (4) Flying Geese Units completed in Steps 9-13. If you used more than (1) print for A – rectangles, gather Units which use a **matching print**. Additionally, Units gathered in this step will be used for the center of the April Block.
- Repeat stitch and flip techniques to attach (1) C – square to both bottom corners of the (4) matching Flying Geese Units gathered in Step 15. Modified Flying Geese Units should still measure  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.



- Sew (1) Flying Geese Unit completed in Steps 9-13 to the top of (1) Modified Flying Geese Unit completed in Steps 14-16 to make (1) Double Flying Geese Unit. The Double Flying Geese Unit should measure  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.
- Repeat to make a total of (4) Double Flying Geese Units.



- Arrange (4) Corner Units, (4) Double Flying Geese Units and (1) D – square to form the April Block. Reference the diagram for the rotation of pieced Units.
- Sew the April Block together. Press seams toward the Corner Units and the center D – square. Once complete, the April Block should measure  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.



## Pattern of the Month...

Nothing says 'spring is here' quite like freshly sprouted tulips! Create your own springtime bouquet with the scrappy **Tulip & Vine Quilt!** Select a vibrant Jelly Roll from one of your favorite Sherri McConnell collections with Moda, and start planting your creative seeds!

