

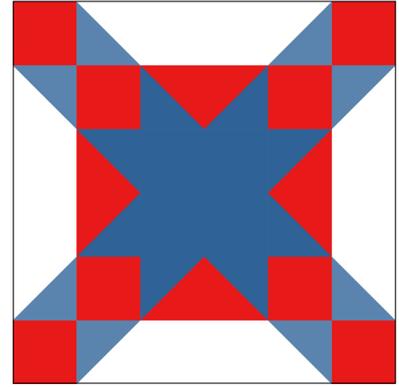
a Quilting Life

Block of the Month 2026

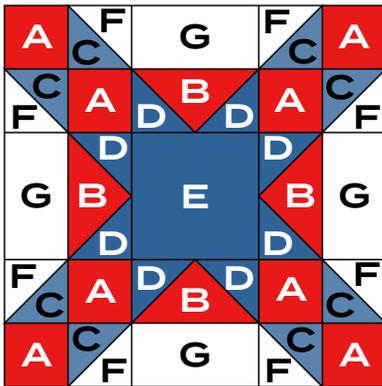
by

Sherri McConnell

January



Cutting Instructions

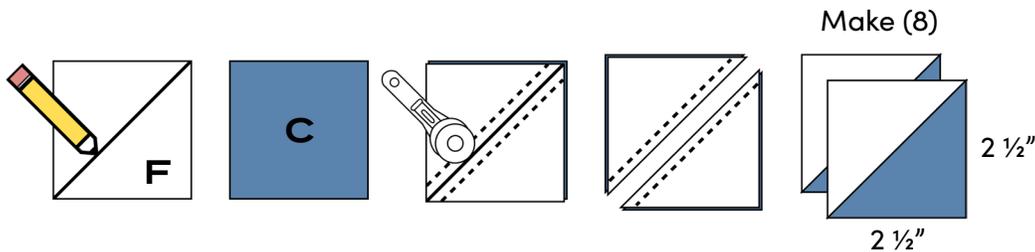


	12" Block (12 1/2" unfinished)
Medium/Dark (A)	(8) 2 1/2" squares
Medium/Dark (B)	(4) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles
Medium/Dark (C)	(4) 3" squares
Medium/Dark (D)	(8) 2 1/2" squares
Medium/Dark (E)	(1) 4 1/2" square
Light (F)	(4) 3" squares
Light (G)	(4) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles

Designer Note: Follow the block guide shown for fabric placement. Units are labeled A-G.

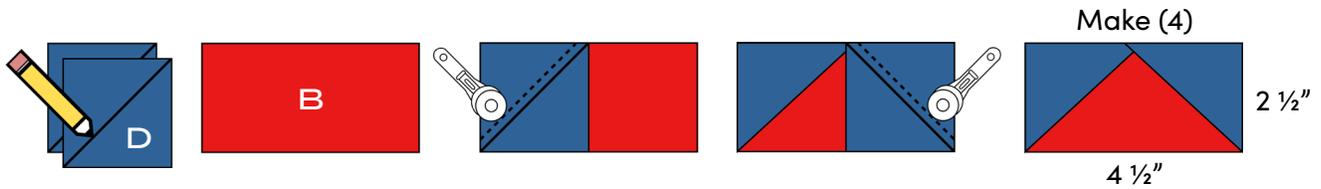
Piecing Instructions

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) C – squares, right sides together and edges aligned. There should be (4) pairs 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 a total of (8) HST Units.
5. Trim HST Units to measure 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" unfinished.

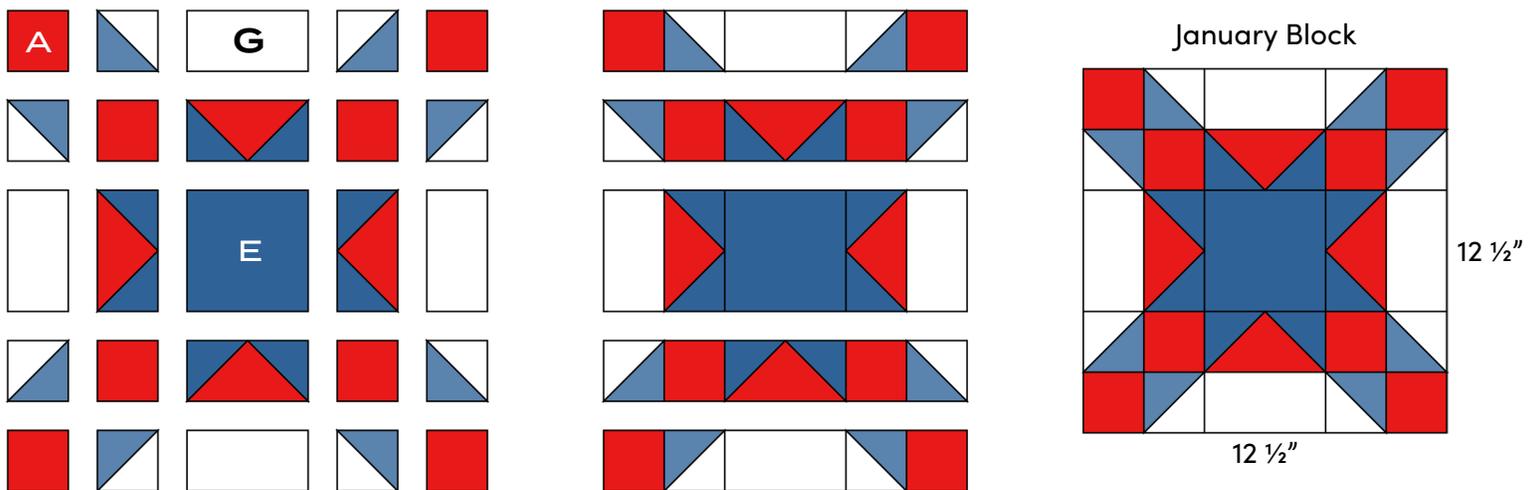


6. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (8) D – squares using an erasable marker or pencil.
7. Place (1) D – square onto the top corner of (4) B – rectangles, right sides together and edges aligned. Note the orientation of the drawn diagonal line on the wrong side of the D – square in the diagram on the next page.
8. Sew along the drawn diagonal lines as shown. Trim the excess corner fabric to a 1/4" and press toward the corners.

- Repeat stitch and flip techniques to attach (1) D – square to the remaining top corner of the same B – rectangles to complete (4) Flying Geese Units.
- Trim Flying Geese Units to measure $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ unfinished.



- Arrange the HST Units, Flying Geese Units and the remaining cut pieces to form the January Block. Reference the labeled diagram for placement of the remaining cut pieces and rotation of pieced units.
- Sew the January Block together. Press seams away from pieced units. Once complete, the January Block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$ unfinished.



Pattern of the Month...

After the holidays, it's nice to take a pause and catch our breath! It's refreshing to tackle a sewing project with ease. The **Cottage Charm Quilt Pattern** offers simplicity and two size options perfect for every household need! After the hustle and bustle of the holidays, a simple sewing project is just what the doctor ordered.

