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MYSTERY QUILT CLUE #3

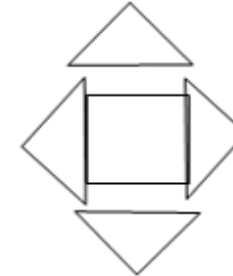
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Instructions are for 33" x 33"
(51" x 69" instructions will be in parentheses)

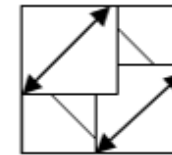
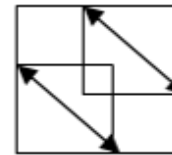
Make 4 (17) square in square blocks measuring 3 1/2" unfinished.

Use a neutral square for the center and med and dark scraps for the corners. There are multiple ways to make this block, so you can choose which one works for the size scraps you have:

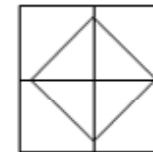
1) Use a 2 5/8" neutral center square. Then take 4- 2 3/8" scrappy colored triangles and add to each side of the middle square, adding to opposite sides of the square first and then remaining sides. Trim to 3 1/2". **The triangles can be made a bit over-sized**, to allow for a little wiggle room, but the square needs to be accurate. If you have an Easy Angle Ruler use the 2 1/2" line for the triangles.



2) Use a 3 1/2" neutral center square and add 2" scrappy colored squares to opposite corners, stitching across as shown by arrows. Cut 1/4" away from stitching towards outside corner, then flip and press the triangles. Repeat for remaining corners. **Do not oversize any of the pieces** or they will not come out right.



3) Make four 2" unfinished half square triangles and arrange so neutral parts come together to make the center square. Use your favorite method. To make 2 at a time, start with 2 3/8" squares. If you want a little wiggle room, use 2 1/2" squares.



4) Paper piece with template on page 2. Shorten your stitch length to 1.0 or 1.3 to make it easier to remove paper when done. Cut pieces similar to # 1 except about an inch larger. Any scrap that is about an inch larger, all the way around the section you are covering, should work. Attaching the first piece with a bit of washable glue stick will help, as you will be stitching it down when you put the second piece on. Follow the numbered order on the template when attaching your pieces. Begin with the center square, placing it right side up on the back side of your template. Pin or glue in place. Add the second piece, right side down so the edge overlaps the edge of the previous piece. Pin in place. Flip template over and sew on the stitching line. Fold template back along the seam line and trim the seam allowance to 1/4". Flip template and fabric back and press. Continue for remaining sections. When all sections are done, trim the block on the dotted lines. There are a couple good tutorials on the internet that will help: a video by Angela Walters <https://youtu.be/tKx4Q7JSwQ> and a tutorial from Craftsy <https://www.craftsy.com/blog/2014/10/how-to-paper-piece/>

Additional tips can be found at:

<http://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/diamond-in-a-square-quilt-block.html>

<https://piecemealquilts.com/2011/06/14/pmgc-quilts-skill-builder-series-part-9-%E2%80%93-diamond-in-square/>