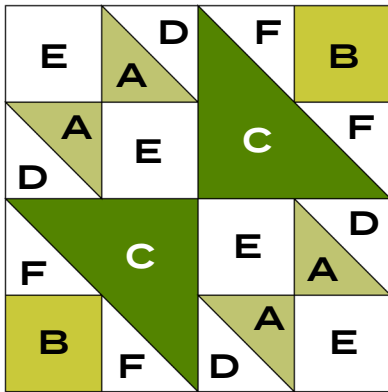


# a Quilting Life

## Block of the Month 2024

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### Cutting Instructions

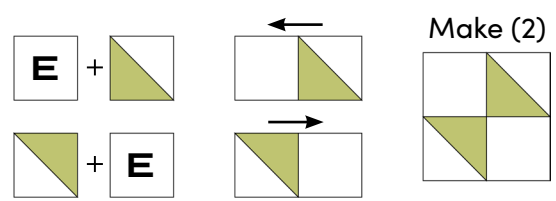
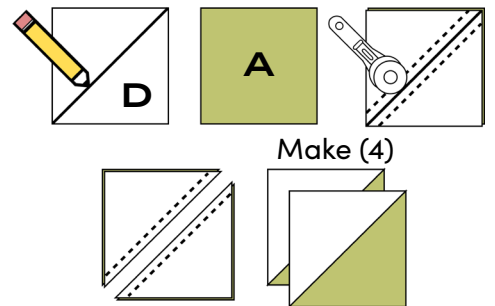
	8" Block (8 1/2" unfinished)	16" Block (16 1/2" unfinished)
Medium (A)	(2) 2" squares	(2) 3" squares
Medium (B)	(2) 1 1/2" squares	(2) 2 1/2" squares
Medium/Dark (C)	(1) 3" square; cut the square once diagonally to make (2) triangles	(1) 5" square; cut the square once diagonally to make (2) triangles
Light (D)	(2) 2" squares	(2) 3" squares
Light (E)	(4) 1 1/2" squares	(4) 2 1/2" squares
Light (F)	(2) 2" squares; cut the square once diagonally to make (4) triangles	(2) 3" squares; cut the square once diagonally to make (4) triangles

*Designer Note: Follow the block guide shown for fabric placement.*

*Units are labeled A-F.*

### Piecing Instructions

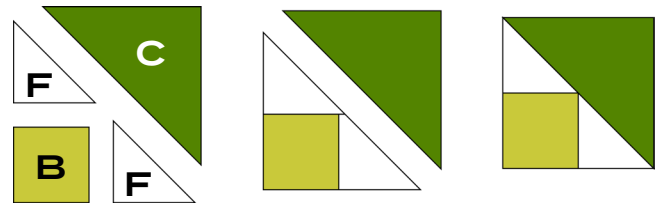
1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (2) D – squares using an erasable marker or pencil.
2. Place (2) D – squares with (2) A – squares, right sides together.
3. Sew a 1/4" away from both sides of the drawn diagonal lines.
4. Cut along the drawn diagonal lines, making (4) HST units.
5. Trim HST units using the following guide for 8" and 16" blocks:
  - a. 8" Block: 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" unfinished.
  - b. 16" Block: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" unfinished.
6. Arrange (2) HST units and (2) E – squares to form (1) 4-patch unit. Sew together, pressing seams away from the HST units.
7. Use the following guide for 4-patch unit sizes for 8" and 16" blocks:
  - a. 8" Block: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" unfinished.
  - b. 16" Block: 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" unfinished.
8. Repeat to make (2) 4-patch units.
9. Arrange (1) B – square, (1) C – triangle and (2) F – triangles to form (1) triangle unit. (Note that triangles have been oversized by 1/8" to allow for trimming.) Sew together, pressing away from the B – square.



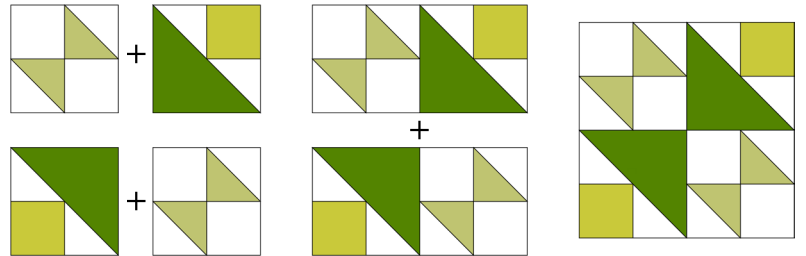
10. Trim the triangle unit using the following guide for 8" and 16" blocks:

- a. 8" Block: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" unfinished.
- b. 16" Block: 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" unfinished.

11. Repeat to make (2) triangle units.



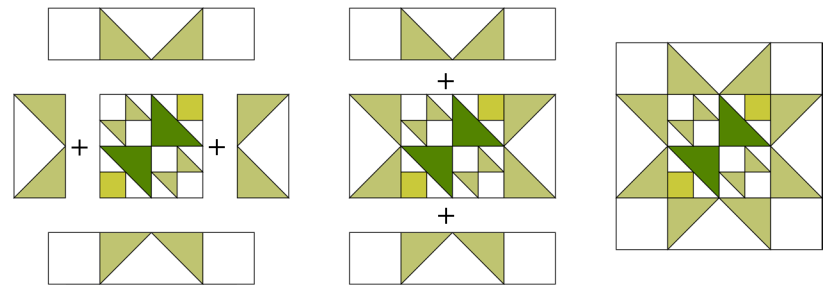
12. Arrange the 4-patch units and triangle units to form the April block center. Sew together, alternating the direction in which you press the seams.



13. Use the following guide for April block center sizes:

- a. 8" Block: 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" unfinished.
- b. 16" Block: 8 1/2" x 8 1/2" unfinished.

14. Arrange the prepared Star Border pieces around the April block center and assemble as shown. Reference the Cutting Chart for unfinished block sizes.



## Pattern of the Month...

As we draw closer to spring, imagine the fresh sights, sounds and smells of the farmers market! A new tote is just what you need this spring to gather your fresh market finds. The **Aubri Tote** is a fun tumbler tote pattern, perfect for the beginner aiming to dive into bag making. Enjoy showing off your homemade tote at the market, at the beach or around town.

