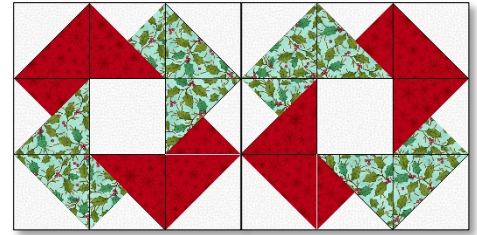


Longmont Quilt Guild 2020 Block-of-the-Month

December Block | Holiday Cards

(12-1/2-inch block)



Fabrics

A | White

- Two 5-inch squares (*Mark one diagonal line, corner to corner, on wrong side of each 5-inch square*)
- One 4-1/2-inch square (*center square*)
- One 5-1/2-inch square

B | Holiday Fabric 1

- Two 5-inch squares
- One 5-1/2-inch square

C | Holiday Fabric 2

- Two 5-inch squares
- One 5-1/2-inch square

Please read the instructions completely before beginning. All seams are 1/4 inch unless otherwise specified. Pressing your seams as suggested here will help make piecing easier and your points match.

Make Half-Square Triangle (HST) Corner Units (Yields 4)

Pair one 5-inch White square with the 5-inch Holiday 1 square. With right sides together, sew a scant 1/4-inch along either side of the marked line on the back of the White fabric. Cut on the marked line and press the seam allowance toward the Holiday 1 fabric. Pair the second 5-inch White square with the 5-inch Holiday 2 square. With right sides together, sew a scant 1/4-inch along either side of the marked line on the back of the White fabric. Cut on the marked line and press seam allowance toward the White fabric. Carefully square these up to 4-1/2 inches with the diagonal line on the ruler along the seam. This will yield four 4-1/2-inch half-square triangles – the corner units – two with White and Holiday 1 fabric, and two with White and Holiday 2 fabric.



Center Side Units (Yields 4)

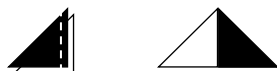
Take the remaining 5-inch Holiday 1 and Holiday 2 squares and cut them each ONCE on the diagonal to yield 2 triangles of each. Use a removable marker to mark the center point along the long side of these four large triangles.



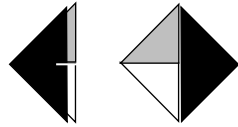
Take the 5-1/2-inch Holiday 1, Holiday 2, and White squares, and cut them TWICE on the diagonal to yield 4 triangles of each.



With right sides together, pair two of the smaller Holiday 1 triangles with two of the White triangles. Position so that the White triangle is on the bottom, the Holiday 1 triangle is on top, and the long side of the triangles is to the upper left. Sew along the right side as shown below. Press seam allowance toward White fabric. Repeat with the Holiday 2 and White triangles, pressing seam allowance toward the Holiday 2 fabric. This should yield four units – two of White and Holiday 1 and two of White and Holiday 2. *You will have 2 each of the Holiday 1 and Holiday 2 small triangles left over which are not used.*



Matching the centers of the triangle units just created with the marked center point of the larger solid triangles, use the White/Holiday 1 Triangles with the large Holiday 2 Triangles. Right sides together, and center points matching, sew along the long side. Press seam allowance toward the Holiday 2 fabric. Repeat this step with the remaining White/Holiday 1 Triangle and solid Holiday 2 Triangle. Using the remaining White/Holiday 2 Triangles and Holiday 1 Triangle, sew same as the previous units, pressing the seam allowance toward the White/Holiday 2 side. Carefully trim these units to 4-1/2 inches, ***making sure that the seams run along the diagonal lines of your cutting*** ruler – seams should be in points of corners.



Assemble the Block

Arrange the units as shown below. Sew rows, then sew rows together to complete the block.

