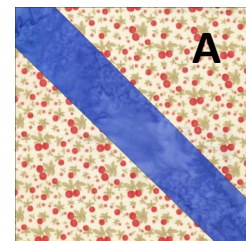
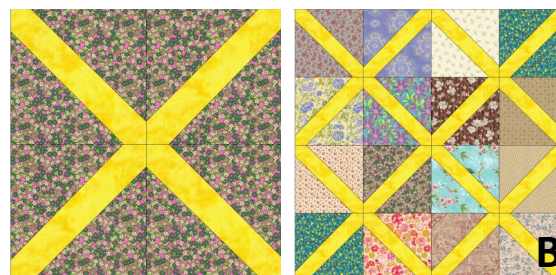


Signature or X block

This month I have decided to keep the challenge as a block style again, this time the signature X block, which will give plenty of practise at accurate piecing and trimming to get the X corners meeting in your quilt.



This can be as simple as cutting a strip and 1 square per unit. I have given a list of the different size options you may want to play with, depending on your stash.



For the basic unit (A) you need:

For 3" Finished unit: 1 strip $1\frac{1}{4}" \times 5\frac{1}{2}"$ & 1 square of $3\frac{1}{2}"$ cut on 1 diagonal.

For 4" Finished unit: 1 strip $1\frac{1}{4}" \times 7"$ & 1 square of $4\frac{1}{2}"$ cut on 1 diagonal.

For 5" Finished unit: 1 strip $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 8\frac{1}{2}"$ & 1 square of $5\frac{1}{2}"$ cut on 1 diagonal.

For 6" Finished unit: 1 strip $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 10"$ & 1 square cut $6\frac{1}{2}"$ cut on 1 diagonal.

Centre the long side of each triangle and sew to the strip, press seams then trim unit to same as original cut square for your chosen size.

You may like to make your units into a full quilt as shown by the small example B above, or you may prefer to use alternate feature blocks in your quilt

Maybe try using this unit in some form of border—there are many ways to colour the units to create interesting patterns.

Have fun exploring the possibilities of this basic unit.

For those of you who may want a bit more of a challenge, I have another version of this unit, this time with 2 fabrics on each side of the strip.



To make this unit, the strip for each size would remain the same as the above chart. I would suggest for the triangles, cut a square in each of the 2 colours 1" larger than the sizes in above chart for your chosen size, then cut each square on both diagonals and you will get enough triangles for 2 units.

Join one of each triangle along short side — sew the other triangles in the same order, so when you add them to the strip you will have the affect shown above in C

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If you would like each unit to be an X, the piecing is quite different, and it also allows for other patterns to emerge, where colours can weave.

To make this style of X block, I would suggest it is easier in the larger 5" & 6" finished units as given here, or create a larger version in a size that would suit your project.

For the basic unit (D) you need:

For 5" Finished unit: 1 strip $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 8\frac{1}{2}"$, 2 pieces in different colour $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 4\frac{1}{4}"$ & 1 square of a print cut $5\frac{1}{2}"$ then cut on 2 diagonals.

For 6" Finished unit: 1 strip $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 10"$ & 2 strips in a second colour $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 5"$ & 1 square of print cut $6\frac{1}{2}"$ then cut on 2 diagonals.

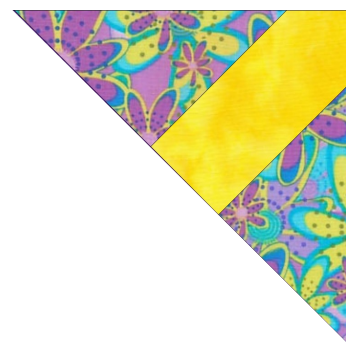
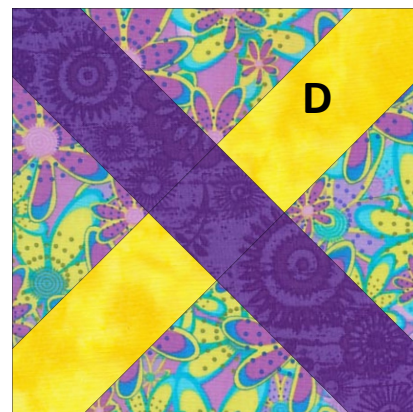
Sew a triangle to both sides of the short strips to form a triangle shape then add them to the longer strip by matching the centre seam to centre of the side of the long strips to form the unit.

Trim the unit to the same size as the original squares for your chosen unit size ie. $5\frac{1}{2}"$ or $6\frac{1}{2}"$.

For your project you may prefer to work with only a couple of colours, or use up more of your scraps.

To change things up a bit you may want to explore what other designs you can make with any of these units, maybe even combining them.

Have fun with this challenge.



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