

STRINGS

August 2014 | Block of the Month Coastal Quilters Guild

FABRICS & CUTTING

Foundation - Muslin or plain white foundation fabric, cut to 12-1/2" square (suggest cutting slightly larger and then trimming up when the block is complete).

Strings - Scraps of your choice - any color or print. Using a few solids will help keep it modern and unite the blocks. As an option, consider using one or two selvedge strips with printed color dots. Use as generous a seam allowance as you can, but expect that it may be nearer 1/8" to avoid loss of the dots in the selvedge strips.

Cut 12-18 strips in widths ranging from 1" - 2", and a few of these need to be at least 18" long.

CONSTRUCTION

Use 1/4" seam allowances.

1. Mark (with pencil or press with iron) the center of the 12-1/2" foundation square on the diagonal from corner to corner in one direction - *Diagram 1*.
2. Glue or pin baste one strip down the center (straddle the marked line) - *Diagram 2*
3. Line the raw edge of another strip right side down along the raw edge of the center strip. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch the strips to the base fabric - *Diagram 3*
4. Flip the strip open, so both right sides are showing, and press. Align a second strip along the other side of the base strip, right sides together. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch the second strip to the base strip. Flip open and press.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4, alternating sides of the block, until the foundation square is covered.
6. Trim the excess fabric around the square so it is 12-1/2" x 12-1/2".

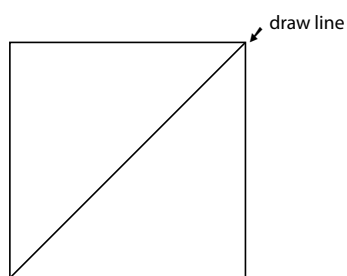


Diagram 1

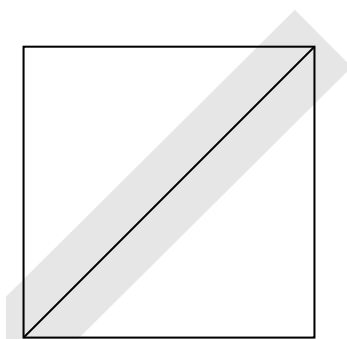


Diagram 2

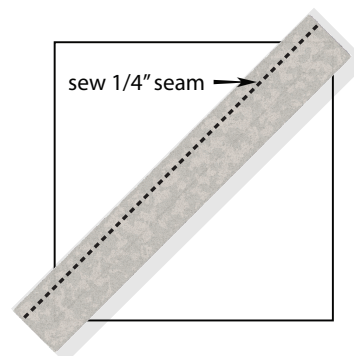


Diagram 3