



# The Craftsy Block of the Month

with Amy Gibson

2 Patterns

## Balkan Puzzle Block Pattern

### Block No. 3 – February .....



#### Materials

- Two print fabric fat quarters or 5½" (14 cm) x WOF of two print fabrics
- 5½" (14 cm) x WOF of background fabric

#### Tools

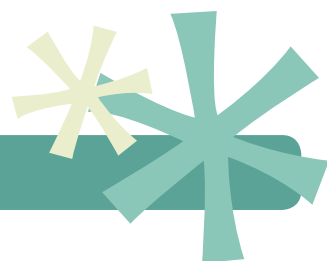
- 4½" (11.5 cm) square ruler (optional but very helpful)

#### Cutting

- Cut two 5½" (14 cm) squares from Print 1
- Cut two 5½" (14 cm) squares from Print 2
- Cut four 5½" (14 cm) squares from background fabric

#### Construction

1. Layer a print and background square together and pin.
2. Sew ¼" (6 mm) seam around the entire square, stopping ¼" (6 mm) from each corner and pivoting with the needle down to sew the adjacent side.
3. Line up the ruler corner to opposite corner and cut the square diagonally. Being careful not to move the square, now cut diagonally in the opposite direction.
4. Open each of the four squares, press seam allowances toward the darker fabric, and trim the dog ears. Edges on these units are on the bias, so be careful not to stretch them as you press and sew.
5. Repeat for the seven remaining pairs.
6. Arrange units as shown in the illustration.
7. Stitch together each of the four rows.
8. Press seam allowances in the first and third rows in one direction. Press the allowances in the second and fourth in the opposite direction.
9. Nest seam allowances, pin, and join rows in order.
10. Press these seam allowances open or to the side.
11. Square up to 12½" (32 cm) exactly, if not already.





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## Chunky Chevron Block Pattern

*Block No. 4 – February* .....



### Materials

- Three print fabric fat quarters or  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.5 cm) x WOF of three print fabrics
- $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.5 cm) x WOF of background fabric

### Tools

- $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.5 cm) square ruler (optional but very helpful)

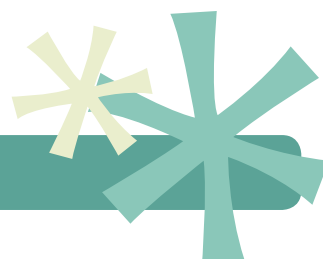
### Cutting

- Cut one  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.5 cm) square from Print 1
- Cut one  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.5 cm) square from Print 2
- Cut four  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " (9 cm) squares from Print 3 (These will not be half-square triangles, so set them aside for now)
- Cut four  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.5 cm) squares from Print 3
- Cut six  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.5 cm) squares from background fabric

### Construction

1. Draw diagonal lines on the wrong side of all six background squares.
2. Pair each print square (except those set aside) with a background square, right sides together, with the drawn line facing up. You will have six pairs. Pin each pair together.
3. Stitch a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) away from the drawn line through each pair, chain piecing as you go. Remove this chain from the sewing machine, turn it around and again stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) away from the line along the other side.
4. Cut squares in half diagonally along the drawn lines. Flip each pair open with the prints on top and press toward the darker fabric. Clip threads to separate the squares.
5. Centering the diagonal seam, trim each square to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " (9 cm). Trim away the dog ears.
6. Referring to the block illustration, lay out the zigzag pattern, including four  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " (9 cm) squares from Print 3.
7. Stitch together each of the four rows.

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