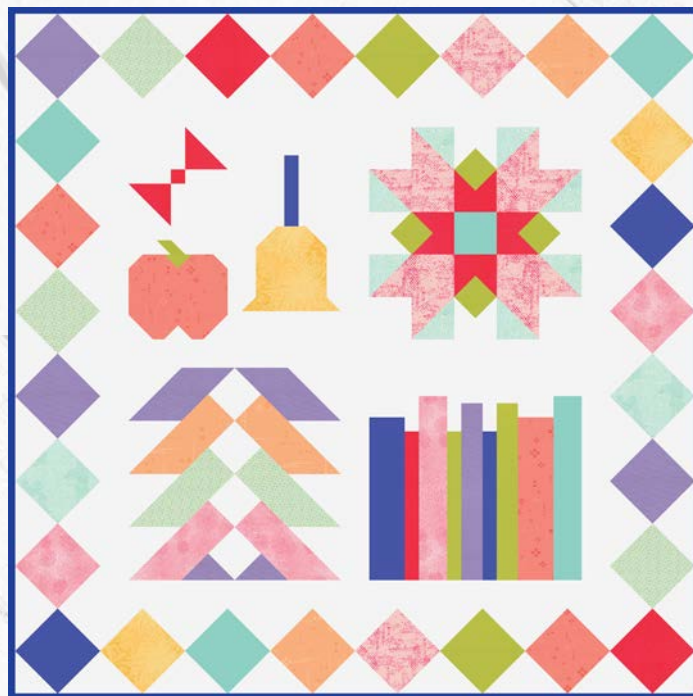


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Finished Size: 48 1/2" x 48 1/2"

Fabric Requirements

Background	3 yards	PE-408				Optional Notions: 6" Square in a Square Paper #ISE-796  3" Half Square Triangle Paper #H300  3 3/4" Half Square Triangle Paper #H375 
Block Prints	12 Fat Quarters					
PE-532		MTM-9300		PE-473		
DSE-721		PE-554		MTM-9104		
DSE-735		PE-424		FE-506		
PE-455		FE-544		NE-101		
Binding	5/8 yard	PE-455				
Backing	3 1/4 yards					

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Ruby Bridges

(born September 8, 1954)

Ruby Nell Bridges Hall is an activist for racial equality who came to national attention during the Civil Rights movement in the first days of school integration in New Orleans. She became the subject of books, films and even a Norman Rockwell painting. She now chairs the Ruby Bridges Foundation and remains a prominent activist, author, and speaker.



When Ruby Bridges was only six years old, she walked through a mob of angry segregationists and into her school. She and her family faced enormous challenges in the fight for school integration.

Six years prior, the Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional in *Brown v. Board of Education*. Yet despite the landmark decision, many school districts were slow to adhere to the Court's ruling.



Pressured by the federal government, the Orleans Parish school district of Louisiana took the first steps to integrate their schools. In 1960, Ruby Bridges was one of six students who passed the exam that made her eligible to attend the all-white William Frantz Elementary School. At the age of six, Ruby became the school's first Black student.

The painter Norman Rockwell commemorated the iconic image of little Ruby walking to school, surrounded by U.S. Marshals for her protection, in *The Problem We All Live With*.

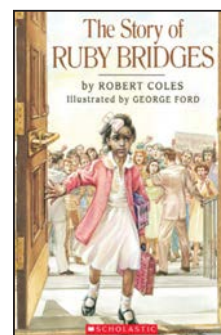
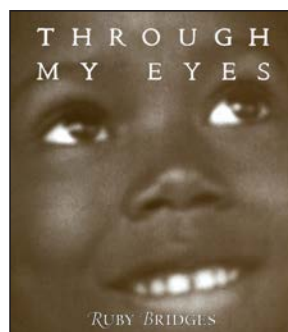


Ruby Bridges is currently the chair of the Ruby Bridges Foundation. Established in 1999, the foundation's primary goal is to promote tolerance, teach the appreciation of differences and end the effects of racism on children.

<https://rubybridges.foundation/>

If you would like to learn more about Ruby Bridges check out the following:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ruby_Bridges



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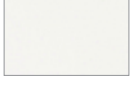












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Week One - Square in a Square Blocks

Cutting:

SKU	Fabric	Letter	Quantity & Size
Background PE-408		A	112 - 3 1/2" squares ◇
Block Print PE-532		B	3 - 6 1/2" squares ◇
Block Print MTM-9300		B	3 - 6 1/2" squares ◇
Block Print PE-473		B	2 - 6 1/2" squares ◇
Block Print DSE-721		B	3 - 6 1/2" squares ◇
Block Print PE-554		B	2 - 6 1/2" squares ◇
Block Print MTM-9104		B	2 - 6 1/2" squares ◇
Block Print DSE-735		B	2 - 6 1/2" squares ◇
Block Print PE-424		B	3 - 6 1/2" squares ◇
Block Print FE-506		B	2 - 6 1/2" squares ◇
Block Print PE-455		B	2 - 6 1/2" squares ◇
Block Print FE-544		B	2 - 6 1/2" squares ◇
Block Print NE-101		B	2 - 6 1/2" squares ◇

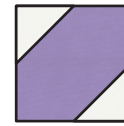
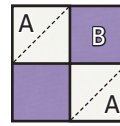
Use 1/4" seams and **press open** throughout.

Block Assembly:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric A squares.

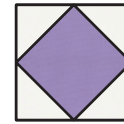
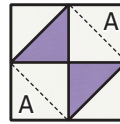
With right sides facing, layer Fabric A squares on opposite corners of a Fabric B square.

Stitch on the drawn lines and trim 1/4" away from the seams.



Repeat on the remaining corners.

Square in a Square Block should measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2".



Make 28.

Optional:

◇ 6" Square in a Square Block Foundation Paper #ISE-796

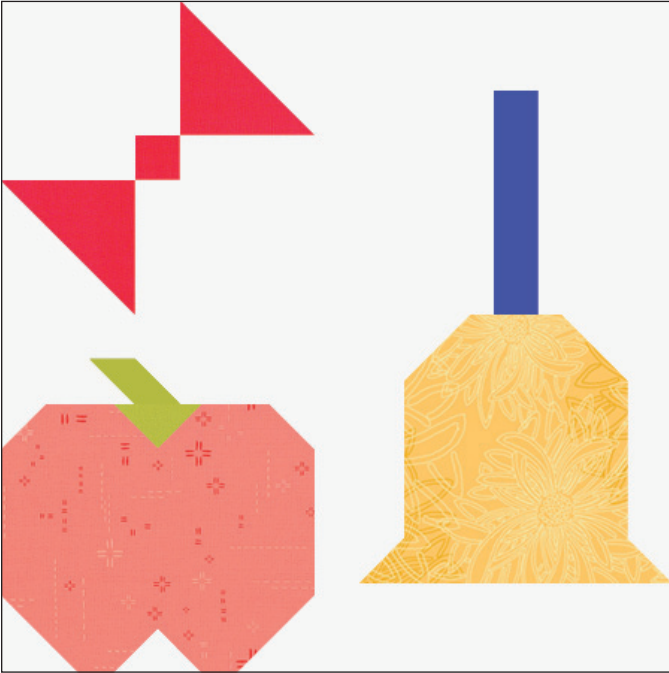
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Week Two - School Day Block and Stop & Stare Block

This week's designers are Jeresther Page and Mary Davis.

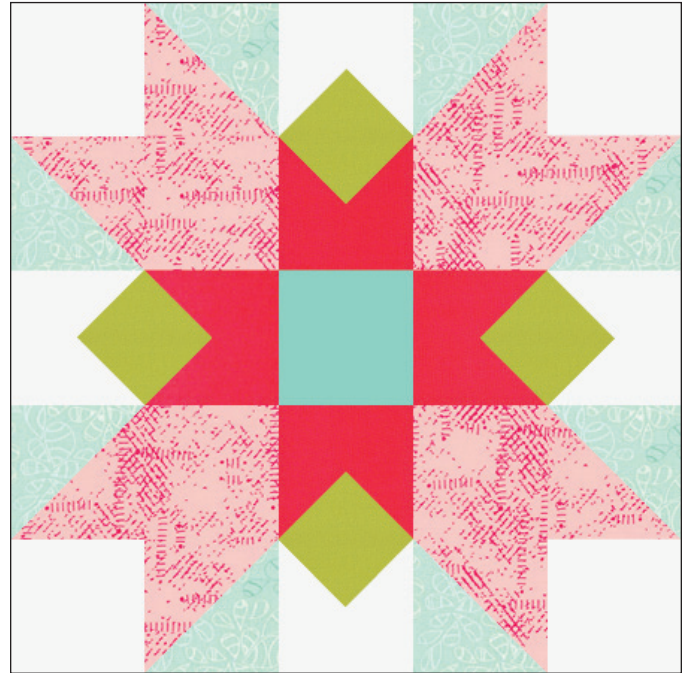


Jeresther Page, a mother and principal with a Master's Degree in Education, considers teaching and quilting her passions. For this year's Stronger Together quilt, she designed the School Day Block.

"My block is inspired by Ruby Bridges and her zest for learning. Her little bows, a school bell and an apple for the teacher are to remind us that every child deserves a quality education. Education opens the doors to the world. The UNCF Foundation is all about raising funds to help send deserving young people to college. Thank you for joining us. We truly are Stronger Together 2024!"



You can follow Jeresther on Instagram
[@sew_sweet_seebee](https://www.instagram.com/sew_sweet_seebee)



Mary Davis is the designer of the Stop & Stare Block.

She is a quilter and pattern designer, in addition to being a quilting instructor. On her website she hosts an online membership to feature and support pattern designers and quilters of color.

"What an honor to be participating in FQS' Stronger Together 2024. My block is inspired by all the brave Black boys and girls who paved the way, through adversity, for equality in education."




You can find Mary on Instagram
[@marygoroundquilts](https://www.instagram.com/marygoroundquilts)









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Cutting:

Fabric	Letter	Quantity & Size
Background PE-408 	A	1 - 4" square Δ
	B	2 - 3 1/2" x 5 1/2" rectangles
	C	2 - 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles
	D	4 - 3 1/2" squares
	E	8 - 3 1/2" squares
	F	2 - 2 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangles
	G	2 - 2 1/4" squares
	H	2 - 2" squares
	I	1 - 1 1/2" x 15 1/2" rectangle
	J	1 - 1 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangle
	K	2 - 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" rectangles
	L	3 - 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles
	M	1 - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangle
	N	8 - 1 1/2" squares

Fabric	Letter	Quantity & Size
Block Print PE-473 	O	1 - 4" square Δ
	P	8 - 3 1/2" squares
	Q	1 - 1 1/2" square
Block Print DSE-721 	R	2 - 4" x 6 1/2" rectangles
Block Print PE-554 	S	4 - 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles
	T	1 - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangle
	U	2 - 1 1/2" squares
Block Print PE-455 	V	1 - 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" rectangle
Block Print FE-506 	W	1 - 5 1/2" square
	X	1 - 1 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangle
Block Print MTM-9104 	Y	4 - 4" squares Δ
	Z	4 - 3 1/2" squares
Block Print NE-101 	AA	4 - 4" squares Δ
Block Print PE-424 	BB	1 - 3 1/2" square

Optional:

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Use 1/4" seams and press as arrows indicate throughout.

School Day Block Assembly:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric A square.

With right sides facing, layer the Fabric A square with the Fabric O square.

Stitch 1/4" from each side of the drawn line.

Cut apart on the marked line.

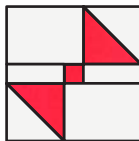
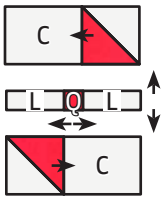
TRIM Bow Half Square Triangle Unit to measure 3 1/2" x 3 1/2".



Make 2.

Assemble Unit.

Bow Unit should measure 7 1/2" x 7 1/2".



Make 1.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric N squares.

With right sides facing, layer a Fabric N square on the left end of the Fabric T rectangle.

Stitch on the drawn line and trim 1/4" away from the seam.



Repeat on the right end.

Stem Unit should measure 1 1/2" x 2 1/2".



Make 1.

Assemble Unit.

Apple Stem Unit should measure 2 1/2" x 7 1/2".



Make 1.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric G and Fabric U squares.

With right sides facing, layer Fabric N squares on the top left and bottom right corners of a Fabric R rectangle.

Stitch on the drawn lines and trim 1/4" away from the seams.



Repeat on the top right corner with a Fabric U square and the bottom left corner with a Fabric G square.

Left Apple Unit should measure 4" x 6 1/2".



Make 1.

With right sides facing, layer Fabric N squares on the top right and bottom left corners of a Fabric R rectangle.

Stitch on the drawn lines and trim 1/4" away from the seams.



Repeat on the top left corner with a Fabric U square and the bottom right corner with a Fabric G square.

Right Apple Unit should measure 4" x 6 1/2".



Make 1.

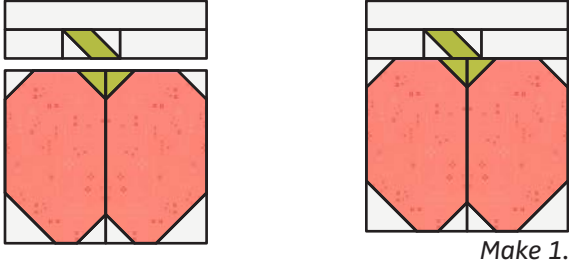
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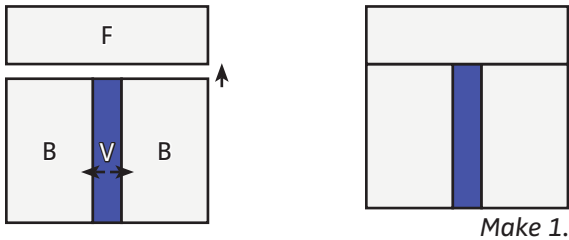
Assemble Unit. Press open.

Apple Unit should measure 7 1/2" x 8 1/2".



Assemble Unit.

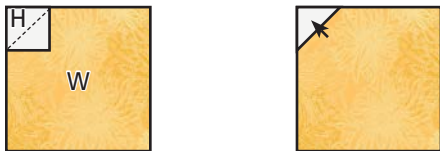
Bell Handle Unit should measure 7 1/2" x 7 1/2".



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric H squares.

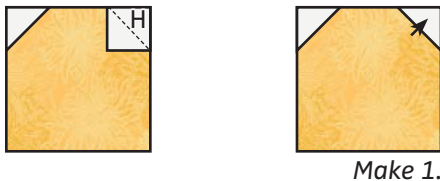
With right sides facing, layer a Fabric H square on the top left corner of the Fabric W square.

Stitch on the drawn line and trim 1/4" away from the seam.



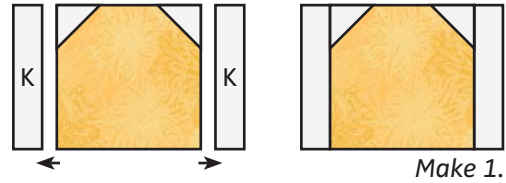
Repeat on the top right corner.

Partial Bell Waist Unit should measure 5 1/2" x 5 1/2".



Assemble Unit.

Bell Waist Unit should measure 5 1/2" x 7 1/2".



With right sides facing, layer a Fabric N square on one end of the Fabric X rectangle.

Stitch on the drawn line and trim 1/4" away from the seam.



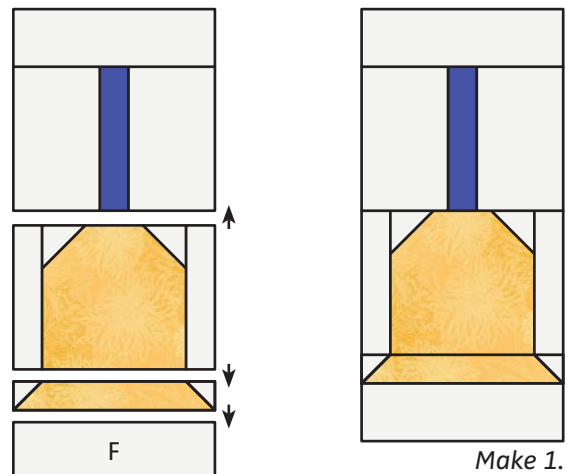
Repeat on the opposite end.

Bell Lip Unit should measure 1 1/2" x 7 1/2".



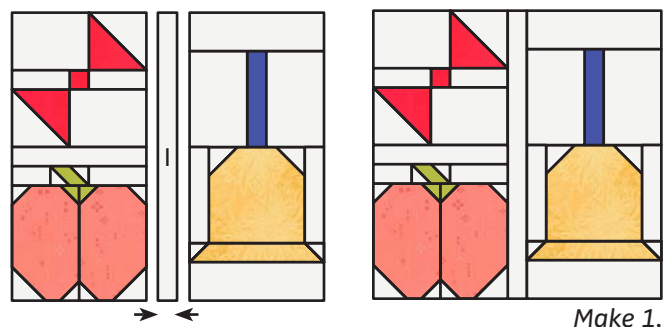
Assemble Unit.

Bell Unit should measure 7 1/2" x 15 1/2".



Assemble Block.

School Day Block should measure 15 1/2" x 15 1/2".



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Use 1/4" seams and **press open** throughout.

Stop & Stare Block Assembly:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric Y squares.

With right sides facing, layer a Fabric Y square with a Fabric AA square.

Stitch 1/4" from each side of the drawn line.

Cut apart on the marked line.

Trim Stop Unit to measure 3 1/2" x 3 1/2".



Assemble Unit.

Stop Corner Unit should measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2".



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric E and Fabric P squares.

With right sides facing, layer a Fabric E square on the top end of a Fabric S rectangle.

Stitch on the drawn line and trim 1/4" away from the seam.



Repeat on the bottom end with a Fabric P square.

Look Unit should measure 3 1/2" x 6 1/2".



With right sides facing, layer a Fabric E square on the top end of a Look Unit.

Stitch on the drawn line and trim 1/4" away from the seam.



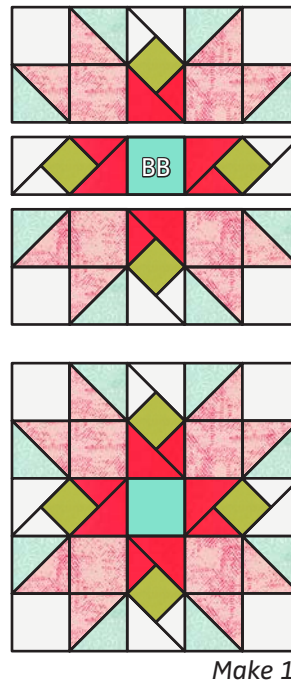
Repeat on the bottom end with a Fabric P square.

Stare Unit should measure 3 1/2" x 6 1/2".



Assemble Block. Pay close attention to unit placement.

Stop and Stare Block should measure 15 1/2" x 15 1/2".



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Week Three - Upward Block and Page Turner Block

This week's designers are Vickedy Plybon and Shereece Williams.



Vickeidy Plybon is a high school teacher turned quilter. She comes from a multi-generational family of sewists and makers and has been quilting steadily since 2018.

She is the designer of the Upward Block.

"My quilt block is a celebration of the spirit of uplifting each other and pushing each other to the top. It is a reminder that we are all stronger together, and that when we work together, we can achieve anything we set our minds to. Thank you so much for joining us and supporting this amazing cause."



You can find Vickedy on Instagram

@sewsuspicious

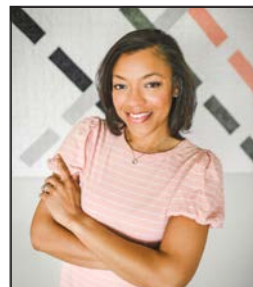


Shereece Nicole began to quilt after moving to a new town in 2010. She joined a local program to learn to crochet and meet people in her new community. The program also introduced her to quilting.

Shereece designed Stronger Together 2022 and returns this year with the Page Turner Block.

"Our goal is to fund raise for UNCF, so education was the primary inspiration for this block. I also have a passion for reading. As a result, you have the Page Turner Block!"

You can make multiple blocks and sew them in a row for the appearance of a book shelf for a wall hanging. That would make for a fun scrappy project. Thank you for participating in Stronger Together 2024!"



You can follow Shereece Nicole on Instagram







@sewhookedontreasures

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Cutting:

Fabric	Letter	Quantity & Size
Background PE-408 	A	2 - 5 1/4" squares
	B	4 - 4 3/4" squares Δ
	C	2 - 3" x 4" rectangles
	D	2 - 2 1/2" squares
	E	2 - 2" x 3" rectangles
	F	3 - 1 1/2" x 5" rectangles
Block Print PE-532 	G	1 - 5 1/4" square
	H	2 - 4 3/4" squares Δ
	I	1 - 2" x 13" rectangle
Block Print DSE-735 	J	1 - 5 1/4" square
	K	2 - 4 3/4" squares Δ
Block Print MTM-9300 	L	1 - 5 1/4" square
	M	2 - 4 3/4" squares Δ
Block Print FE-544 	N	1 - 5 1/4" square
	O	2 - 4 3/4" squares Δ
	P	1 - 2 1/2" x 13 1/2" rectangle
Block Print PE-455 	Q	1 - 3" x 12" rectangle
	R	1 - 1 1/2" x 11" rectangle

Optional:

Δ 3 3/4" Half Square Triangle Paper Triangles on a Roll
#H375

Fabric	Letter	Quantity & Size
Block Print PE-473 	S	1 - 1 1/2" x 11" rectangle
Block Print PE-554 	T	1 - 2" x 13" rectangle
	U	1 - 1 1/2" x 11" rectangle
Block Print DSE-721 	V	1 - 3" x 12" rectangle
Block Print PE-424 	W	1 - 2 1/2" x 13 1/2" rectangle

Use 1/4" seams and press as arrows indicate throughout.

Upward Block Assembly:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric B squares.

With right sides facing, layer a Fabric B square with a Fabric H square, a Fabric K square, a Fabric M square and a Fabric O square.

Stitch 1/4" from each side of the drawn lines.

Cut apart on the marked lines.

Trim Upward Unit to measure 4 1/4" x 4 1/4".



Make 2.



Make 2.



Make 2.



Make 2.

Cut the remaining Fabric H square, Fabric K square, Fabric M square and Fabric O square on the diagonal once.



Make 2.



Make 2.



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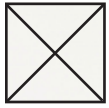
Make 2.

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Cut the Fabric A, Fabric G, Fabric J, Fabric L and Fabric N squares on the diagonal twice.



Make 8.



Make 4.



Make 4.



Make 4.



Make 4.

Assemble Unit. Press open.

Trim Left Upward Unit to measure 4 1/4" x 4 1/4".



Make 1.



Make 1.



Make 1.



Make 1.

Assemble Unit. Press open.

Trim Right Upward Unit to measure 4 1/4" x 4 1/4".

You will not use all Fabric G, Fabric J, Fabric L and Fabric N triangles.



Make 1.



Make 1.



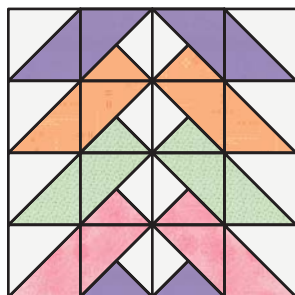
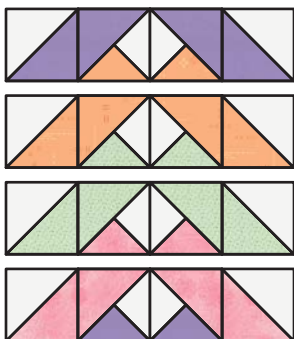
Make 1.



Make 1.

Assemble Block. Pay close attention to unit placement.
Press open.

Upward Block should measure 15 1/2" x 15 1/2".



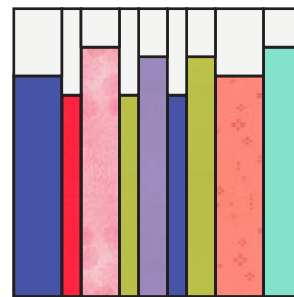
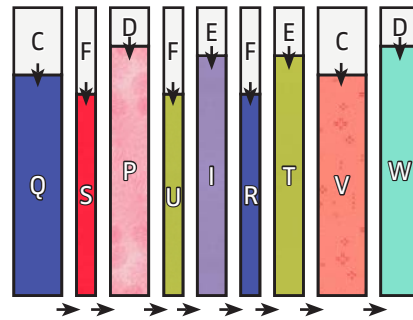
Make 1.

Use 1/4" seams and press as arrows indicate throughout.

Page Turner Block Assembly:

Assemble Block. Pay close attention to unit placement.

Page Turner Block should measure 15 1/2" x 15 1/2".



Make 1.

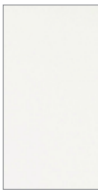

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Week Four - Finishing

Cutting:

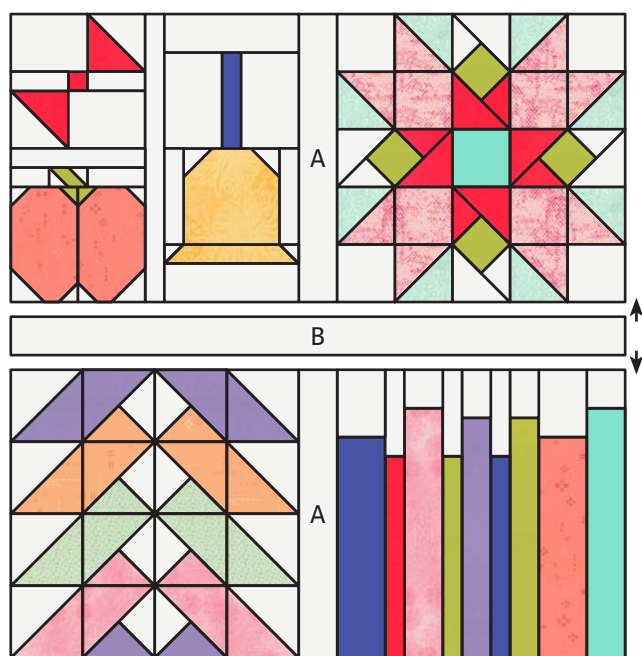
Fabric	Letter	Quantity & Size
Background PE-408 	A	2 - 2 1/2" x 15 1/2" rectangles
	B	3 - 2 1/2" x 32 1/2" strips (sashing and side inner borders)
	C	2 - 2 1/2" x 36 1/2" strips (top & bottom inner borders)
Binding PE-455 	D	6 - 2 1/2" x width of fabric strips

Use 1/4" seams and press as arrows indicate throughout.

Quilt Center:

Assemble Quilt Center. Press toward the background.

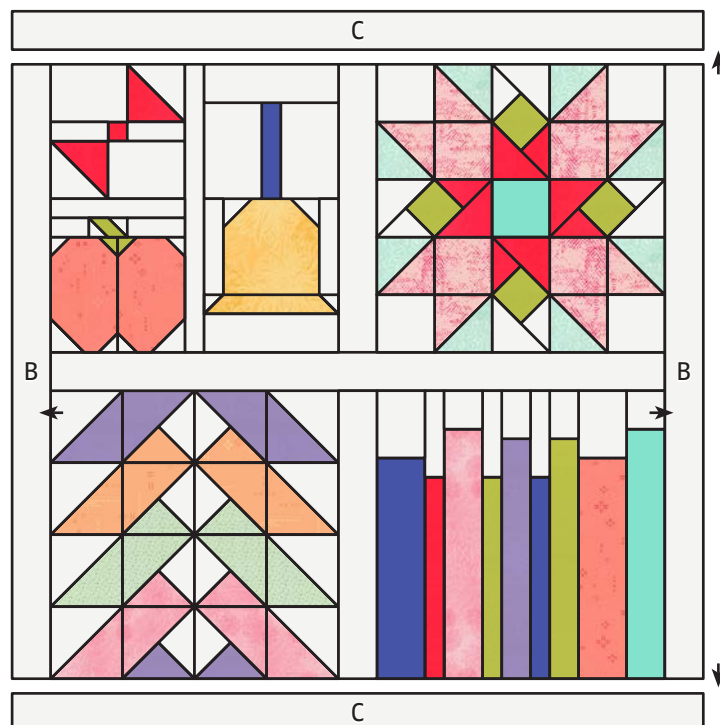
Quilt Center should measure 32 1/2" x 32 1/2".



Inner Border:

Attach side inner borders using the Fabric B strips.

Attach top and bottom inner borders using the Fabric C strips.



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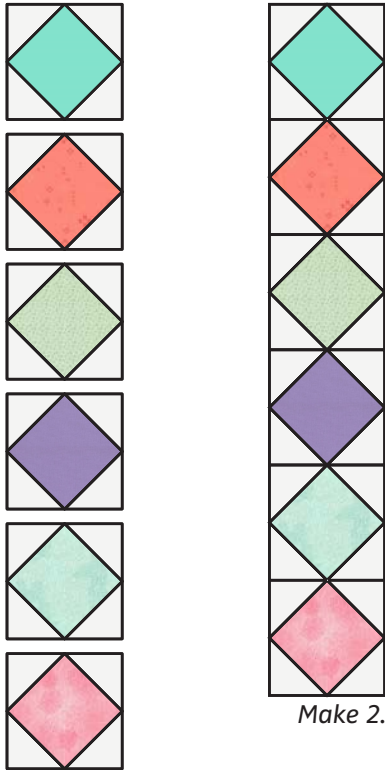
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Outer Border:

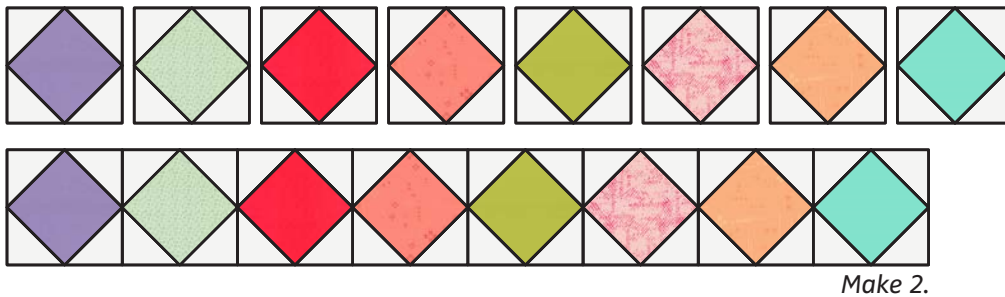
Assemble Border. Press open.

Side Outer Border should measure 6 1/2" x 36 1/2".



Assemble Border. Press open.

Top and Bottom Outer Border should measure 6 1/2" x 48 1/2".



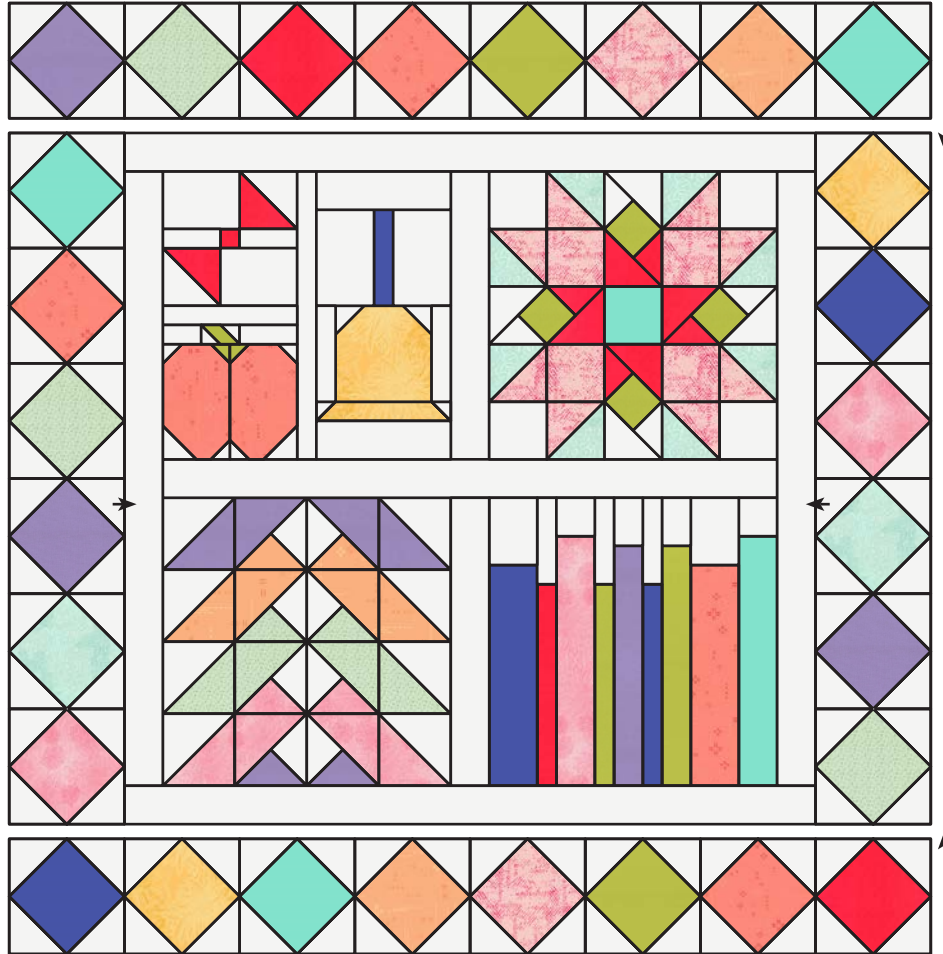
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Attach the Side Outer Borders.

Attach the Top and Bottom Outer Borders.



Finishing:

Piece the Fabric D strips end to end for binding.

Quilt and bind as desired.