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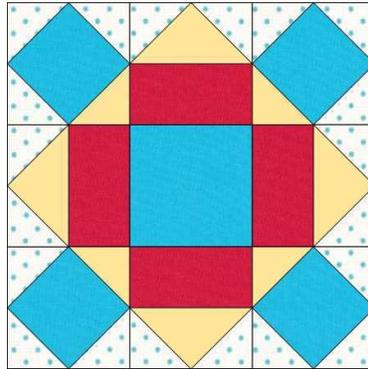
*Just Desserts*



*Block 1 - Chocolate Cake*

Just Desserts-2019 BOM  
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## Block 1: Chocolate Cake



Finished Size: 12" x 12"

Welcome to the first block for Just Desserts. I don't know about you, but chocolate cake has always been a favorite of mine. It brings back childhood memories of my Mom in the kitchen dressed in her apron. She always let us kids lick the beaters after the cake was in the oven. We never passed up an opportunity to lick those beaters and the bowl clean. I think she might have left a little behind just for us to enjoy. Chocolate, in any form, is hard to beat and I hope you enjoy this block.

A few tips before we get started:

- It often helps to starch your fabric before cutting to size.
- Label your pieces as you cut them. I use a Scrabble tile to set on my pieces after cutting them out, but sticky notes also work well.
- Use a slightly shorter stitch length. (2.2-2.3 which is approximately 11 stitches per inch)
- Use a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Take your time, sewing slowly, especially over bulky seams.

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# Cutting Directions



From Blue fabric cut:

A-(cut 4) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"

G-(cut 1) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"

From Background fabric:

B-(cut 12) 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

E-(cut 4) 3 1/8" x 3 1/8"

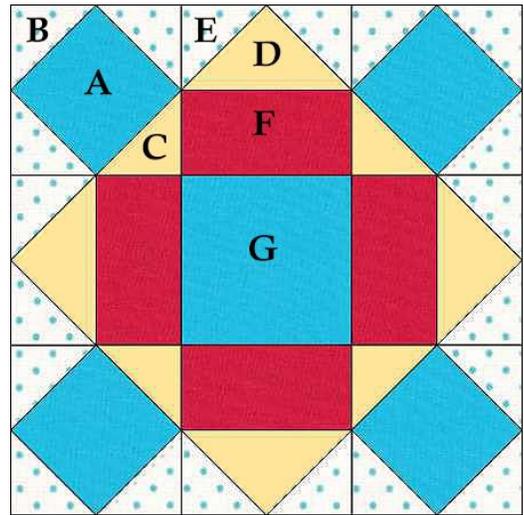
From Yellow fabric cut:

C-(cut 4) 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

D-(cut 1) 5 1/2" x 5 1/2"

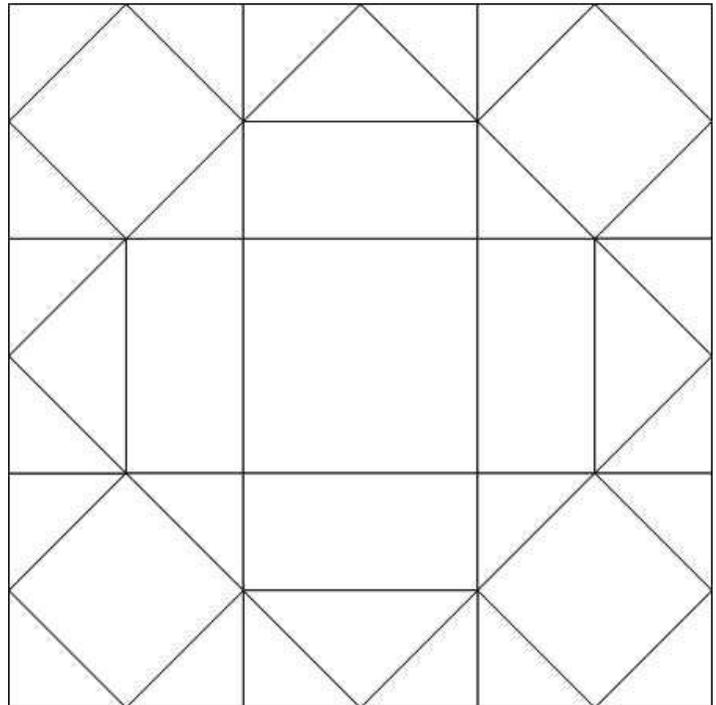
From Red Fabric cut:

F-(cut 4) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"



**Note:** If you are making the queen size quilt you will need to make two of these blocks.

## Color it Your Way

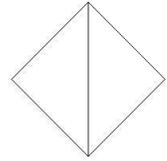




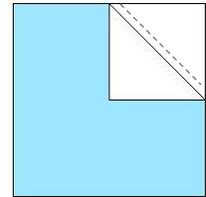
## Making the Corner Units:



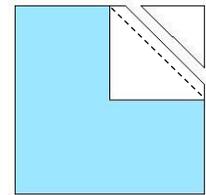
(1) Begin by drawing a diagonal line on the back of the B squares using a pencil.



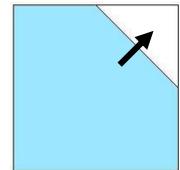
(2) Place a B square in the corner of each A square. Make sure the diagonal line is going in the right direction. Sew right along the line, just a needle width to the outside of it. (See dotted line.) Be sure you sew on the outside of the line, towards the corner of the square, and not on the inside as your triangle will be too small.



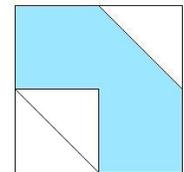
(3) Flip the triangle over to make sure that it covers the entire corner. It should cover the corner of the A square completely. Using a rotary cutter trim off the extra ¼” from the seam line.



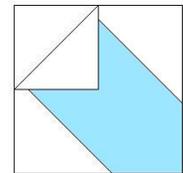
(4) Press towards B as shown by arrow.



(5) Add another B square to the opposite corner. Sew and press in the same way.

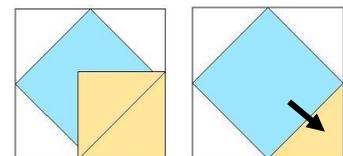


(6) Repeat with the third B square.



(7) Now repeat steps 1-4 with the C squares.

The Corner Units measure 4 ½” x 4 ½”.



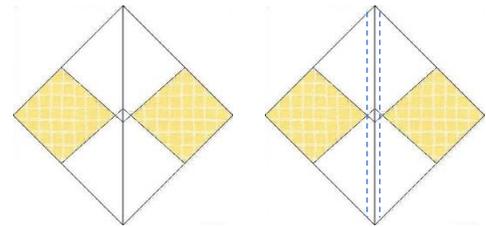


# Making the Middle Units:

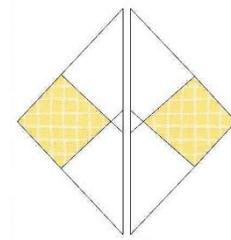


## Part I: Flying Geese

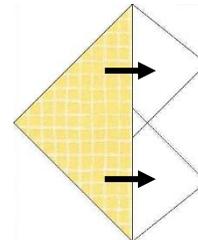
(1) Place two E squares on top of each D square as shown. Draw a diagonal line across both E squares. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each side of the drawn line.



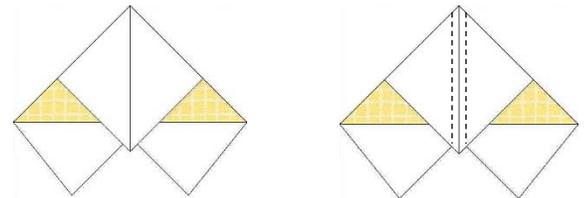
(2) Cut apart on the drawn line.



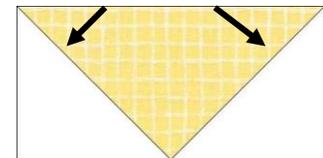
(3) Press towards the E triangles as shown by arrows. You will have two of these units.



(4) Lay another E square on top of the units just made, as shown. Draw a diagonal line down the middle and sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each side of the line.



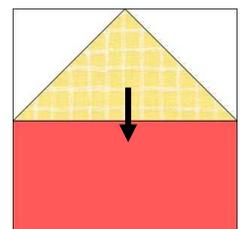
(5) Cut apart on the drawn line and press towards the small triangles. You will have four Flying Geese units.



Trim the Flying Geese units to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

## Part II: Completing the Middle Units

Join the F rectangles to the Flying Geese units as shown. Press towards F. These middle units should measure  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

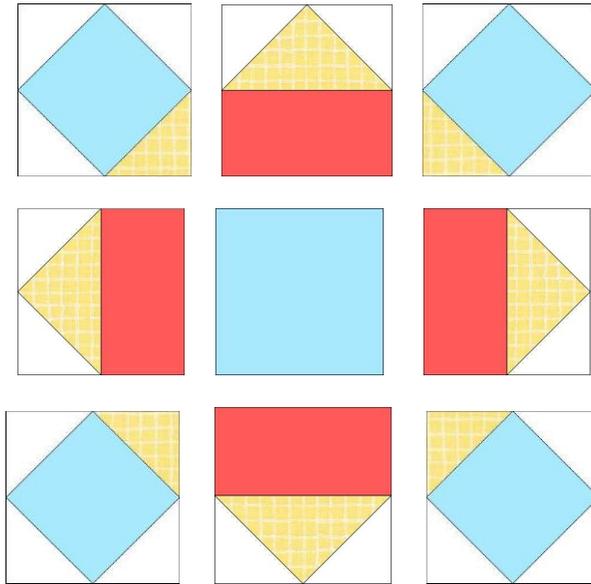




# Making the Block:



(1) Lay out the Corner Units, the Middle Units and the G square as shown.



(2) Join the units into rows pressing as indicated by arrows. Matching the seams, pin as necessary. I sew with the Corner Squares on top. This way I can see the point where I want my needle to land. See figure 1. I sew very slowly over that seam and aim for my needle to land right at the center of the “X” that forms at the intersecting seams.

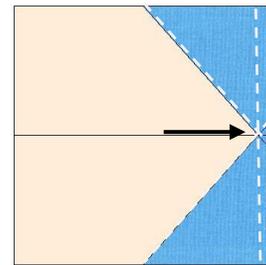
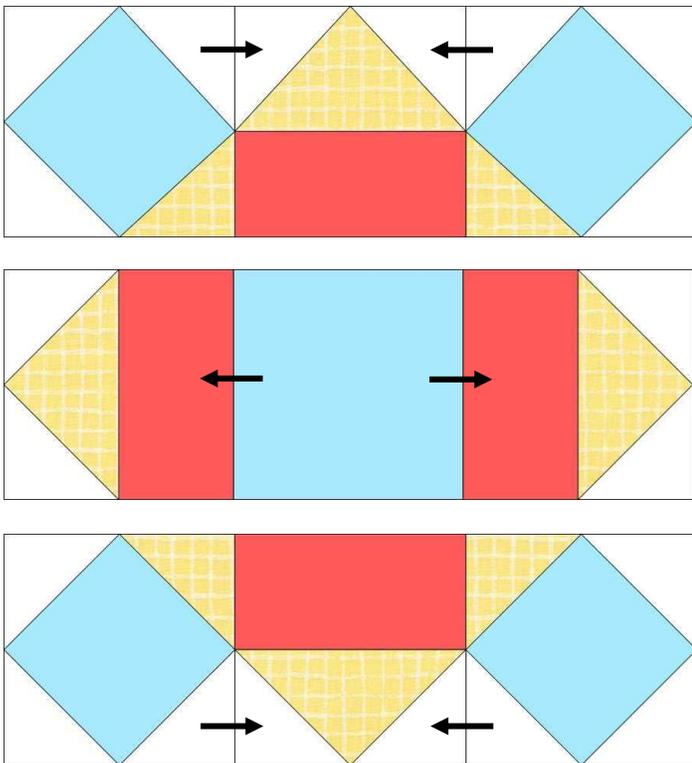
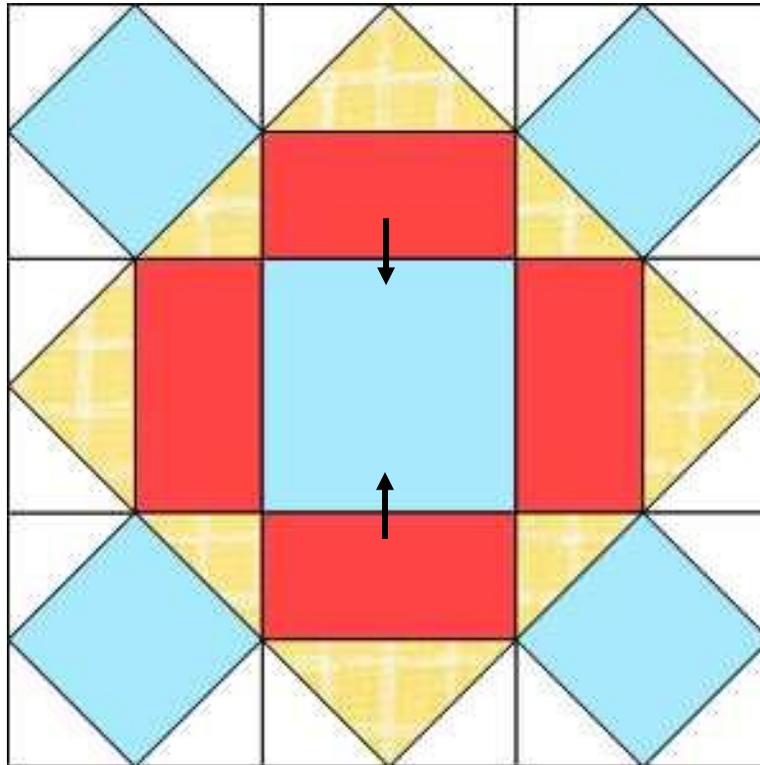


Figure 1

(3) Join the rows together to complete the block. Press towards the middle row.



The block measures 12 ½” x 12 ½”.

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