## A Quilting Life Block of the Month 2018: January—Wishing Ring

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## Cutting:

| January: Wishing Ring | $61 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ Block | $\mathbf{1 2} 1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Block |
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| Fabric $\mathbf{1}$ | (4) $21 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ squares | (4) $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares |
|  | (4) $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 13 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ squares | (4) $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ squares |
| Fabric $\mathbf{2}$ | (8) $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 13 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ squares | (8) $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ squares |
| Background | (4) $214^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ squares | (4) $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares |
|  | (5) $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 13 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ squares | (5) $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ squares |

## Make the Half-Square Triangles

1. Begin by drawing a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ x $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}\left(2^{1 / 4} 4^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 4^{\prime \prime}\right)$ background square.
2. Next, make half-square triangle units using a $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}\left(21 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 4^{\prime \prime}\right)$ Fabric 1 square and a $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}\left(21 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 4^{\prime \prime}\right)$ background square. Sew $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ from either side of drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and trim to measure $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}\left(13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 13 / 4^{\prime \prime}\right)$. Make eight. For a tutorial of this method of making half-square triangles, read this post:
http://www.aquiltinglife.com/2014/01/half-square-triangle-tutorial.html
3. Now just lay out the 8 half-square triangles along with the fabric one, fabric two, and background squares as shown in the block diagram.
4. Sew the blocks in each row together, pressing seams in one direction.
5. Sew the rows together and press seams in one direction!


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