## A Quilting Life Block of the Month 2018: September

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## **Cutting:**

September: New England	6 1/4" Block (finished)	12 1/2" Block (finished)
Background	1 rectangle 1 ¾" x 6 ¾"	1 rectangle 3" x 13"
	2 rectangles 1 ¾" x 3"	2 rectangles 3" x 5 ½"
	4 squares 1 ¾" x 1 ¾"	4 squares 3" x 3"
	4 squares 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"	4 squares 3 ½" x 3 ½"
Medium #1	1 Square 1 ¾" x 1 ¾" and 1	1 square 3" x 3" and 1 square 3
	square 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"	½" x 3 ½"
Medium #2	1 Square 1 ¾" x 1 ¾" and 1	1 square 3" x 3" and 1 square 3
	square 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"	½" x 3 ½"
Medium #3	1 Square 1 ¾" x 1 ¾" and 1	1 square 3" x 3" and 1 square 3
	square 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"	½" x 3 ½"
Medium #4	1 Square 1 ¾" x 1 ¾" and 1	1 square 3" x 3" and 1 square 3
	square 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"	½" x 3 ½"

Note: Directions are given for the 12 1/2" block with 6 1/4" block measurement information in parenthesis.

## Make the half-square triangle units:

Note: Pressing the half-square triangle seams open rather than to the darker fabric helps eliminate bulk in this block.

- 1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each background square 3 ½" x 3 ½" (2 ¼" x 2 ¼"). Place background square right sides together with a 3 ½" x 3 ½" (2 ¼" x 2 ¼") print square. Sew 1/4" away from either side of the line.
- 2. Cut on the drawn line to make two half square triangle units and press seams open. Trim to measure 3" x 3" (1 ¾" x 1 ¾"). Make 2 half-square triangles from each pair of fabrics. For more information on making half-square triangles, see the tutorial here: <a href="http://www.aquiltinglife.com/2014/01/half-square-triangle-tutorial.html">http://www.aquiltinglife.com/2014/01/half-square-triangle-tutorial.html</a>

## Assemble the Block:

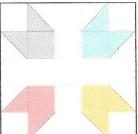
- 1. Arrange the print squares 3" x 3" (1  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ "), the background squares 3" x 3" (1  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ "), and the half-square triangles 3" x 3" (1  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ ") as shown in the block diagram. Sew each corner unit together as shown. Corner units will measure 5  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 5  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (3" x 3"). Pay careful attention to fabric placement as two of the units are mirror images of the other two units.
- 2. Sew the four corner units together with the 3"  $\times$  13" (1  $\frac{3}{4}$ "  $\times$  6  $\frac{3}{4}$ ") sashing and the two 3"  $\times$  5  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1  $\frac{3}{4}$ "  $\times$  3") sashing pieces as shown to make the block.
- 3. Press corner units toward the short sashing strips and the top and bottom rows toward the long sashing strip.



Make 2 for each block



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**Block Diagram**