

December Christmas Block

Here is a picture of our block for the December meeting. Although it is called Mr. Roosevelt's Necktie, we are calling it the MVQG Christmas Block. Beneath the picture you will find the rules for turning in the blocks, the instructions for cutting and piecing, and a picture of the piecing process. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me.



Rules for Submission:

Submit your blocks at the December meeting, not before. As in previous years, we will have a drawing from those who submit blocks to see who wins all the blocks. The winner has six (6) months to make a quilt top and show it to the members at the June meeting. If the winner completes the top in time, she or he will win a gift certificate to a local gift shop to help purchase backing and/or batting. In order to have your name in the drawing, you must sew two (2) blocks. For two (2) more blocks, you can enter your name again. You may not enter your name a third time even if you sew more than 4 blocks, but feel free to do so if the Christmas spirit moves you!

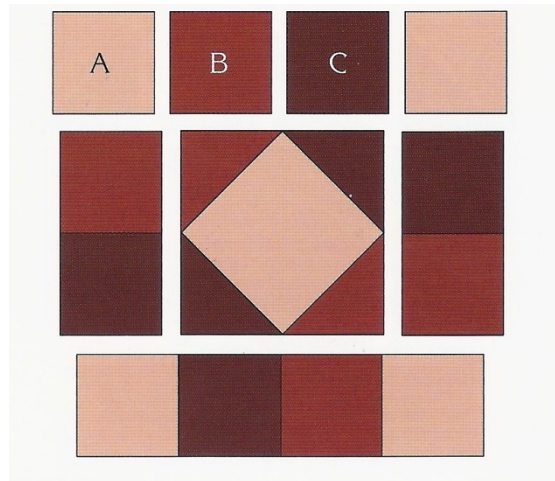
Rules for the Christmas Block:

This block will consist of three colors; please use Christmas colors of your choice. Your finished block should measure 9". If it is a bit larger, no problem, but please DO NOT cut it down.

Cutting Instructions:

- Fabric A cut one (1) five (5") inch square (could be fussy cut)
- Fabric A cut four (4) two and three-quarter ($2\frac{3}{4}$ ") inch squares
- Fabric B cut six (6) two and three-quarter ($2\frac{3}{4}$ ") inch squares
- Fabric C cut six (6) two and three-quarter ($2\frac{3}{4}$ ") inch squares

Construction:



How to construct a square in a square (you can follow these instructions or use your favorite method):

1. Gather your 5" square and two squares each of B and C.
2. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of all four (4) squares B and C from #1. With RST, layer and pin two small squares on opposite corners (see diagram).
3. Sew on the drawn line. Trim corners $\frac{1}{4}$ " from seam.
4. Press seams open toward the corners.
5. Repeat with the two additional squares on the remaining corners of A.
6. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the seam and press open toward the corners.

