



September 2021 Mystery Block Quilt-A-Long Optical Sawtooth

Finished Block Size 12"

Cutting Instructions:



(A) Light - (1) $7 \frac{1}{4}$ " square, cut twice on the diagonal
(for flying geese center)



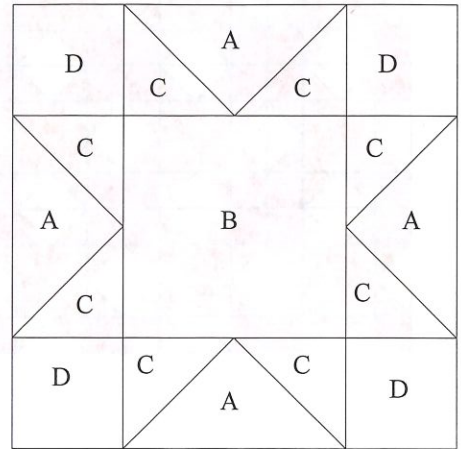
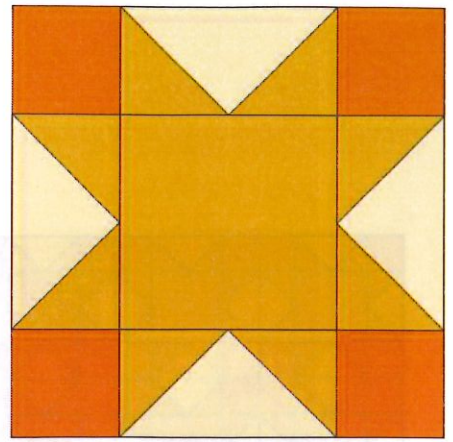
(B) Medium - (1) $6 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares (center square)



(C) Medium - (4) $3 \frac{7}{8}$ " squares, cut once on the diagonal
(for flying geese outer triangles)



(D) Dark - (4) $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares (for corners)



Assembly:

1. Gather your eight medium (C) and four light (A) triangles. Arrange one of the short sides of four of your A pieces with a long side of four of your C pieces, right sides together. Stitch, set your seam, and press toward C. These flying geese units are precision cut. You will not be able to square your unit after sewing, so take care to use your best scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Repeat the process for the other side, again pressing toward C. (For efficient piecing, sew all of the right side triangles to the center triangles, chain pieced together, cut apart and press, then sew all left side triangles to center.)
2. Lay out your units according to the picture, ensuring your flying geese are orientated the correct direction.
3. Sew rows one and three, by attaching one dark (D) to each side of your flying geese. Press toward (D).
4. Sew row two by attaching a flying geese unit to each side of your center square. Press toward the center.
5. Sew your rows together. Your seams should nest. Press your seams open.
6. Square unfinished block to $12 \frac{1}{2}$ ".

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