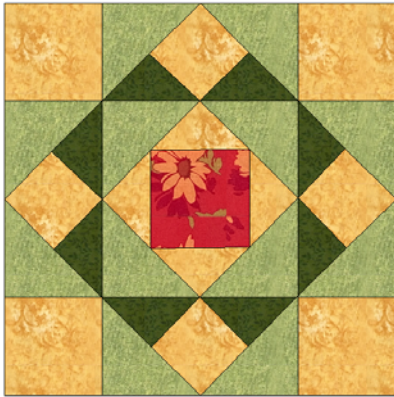


# BONUS BLOCK: Around the Square

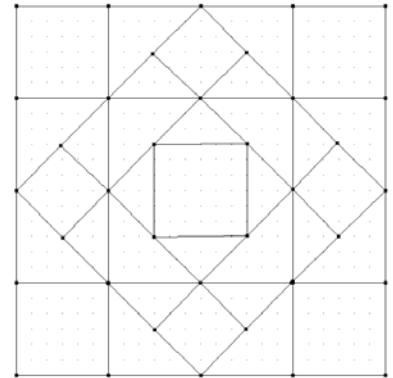
12 inches finished  
12 1/2 inches edge to edge

Since we have missed the January BOM, this one will be a bonus for those making their own quilt! Do not make one for the guild - bring the December block to the February meeting.



This block uses a lot of triangle pieces, both quarter squares and half squares.

Sew the seams gently to avoid stretching the bias. Remember the straight of grain should always run parallel to the outside of the block.



## Background:



Corners : 4 - 3 1/2 inch squares

Inner squares 4 - 2 5/8 inch squares

Quarter Square Triangles: 1 - 4 1/4 inch square cut diagonally twice  
or 4 triangles cut from 2 inch strip using quarter square or companion angle ruler



## Centre:



1 - 3 1/2 inch square



## Medium Fabric



Half Square Triangles: 6 - 3 7/8 inch squares cut in half diagonally  
Or 12 triangles cut from a 3 1/2 inch strip using the half square  
Or easy angle ruler



## Dark Fabric



Quarter Square triangles:

2 - 4 1/4 inch squares cut diagonally twice

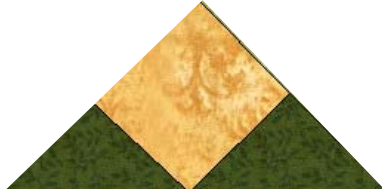
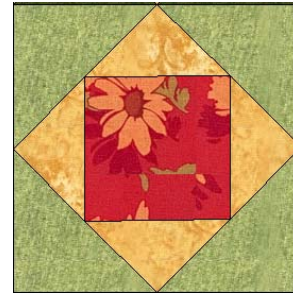
Or 8 triangles cut from 2 inch strip using quarter square or companion angle ruler



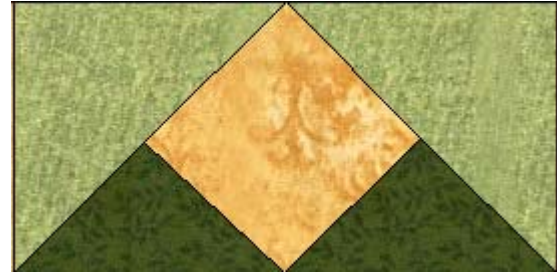
Sew the background quarter square triangles to each side of the centre square, then add the medium half square triangles

Each time you will be sewing a diagonal to the straight of grain, so these will be stable seams.

Next, sew one short side of a dark quarter square triangle to two adjoining sides of the small background squares:



Now, add a half square triangle to each of the short sides of the resulting triangle:



Lay your pieces out according to the diagram on the first page and sew up the resulting nine-patch.