

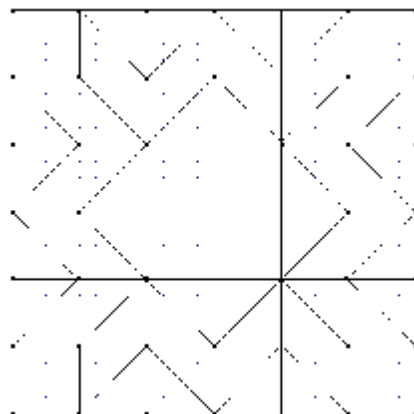
Mothers Choice - Bonus Block

12 1/2 inches edge to edge

12 inches finished



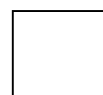
This variation uses techniques we have used in other blocks this year to make a very interesting block.



Background:



Corners and Connectors: 20 - 2 1/2 inch squares
Loose Goose: 4 - 2 1/2 by 4 1/2 inch rectangles



Centre:



1 - 4 1/2 inch square



Medium Fabric



8 - 2 1/2 by 4 1/2 inches



Dark Fabric



8 - 2 1/2 by 4 1/2 rectangles

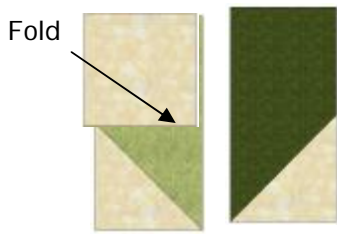


Start with the V-shapes

Sew the background connector corners onto pairs of the medium and dark rectangles. Make sure you have them on the right corners to make each pair:



Next take the Loose Goose background rectangle and fold it gently **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER** . Now put it on the top of one of your rectangles so that the fold is in the centre of the rectangle, and the three raw edges match the three raw edges of the triangle.

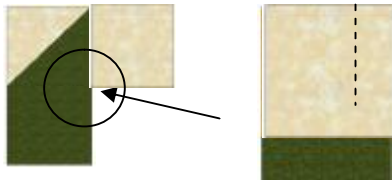


Put the second rectangle over the first one **RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER**, and sew down the centre seam. Open up and create the Loose Goose with your fingers. Press in place.



Now for the corners...

Sew connector corners on each pair of rectangles of medium fabric.

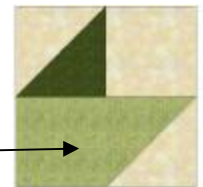
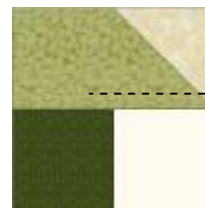


Now comes the clever part - sew one of the remaining background squares to the side of one set of star points

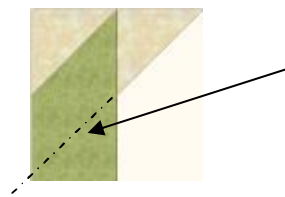
Leave a quarter inch unsewn at the bottom of the square so that the seam from the other point can be sewn.

Next, sew the other point to the adjacent side of the square, stopping at the same spot. The rectangles will not sit flat here - just fold the first one out of the way for the time being.

You now have inset the corner - if you lay it out with the light rectangle on top of the dark one it will look like this...



Now comes the final touch. Put your two rectangles right sides together with the plain square folded on the diagonal (bring the lower right corner up to the upper left corner, flipping the top rectangle so that they are right sides together). Now draw a line from the point where the two seams meet to the bottom left corner, and sew on that line. Trim the extra fabric and you now have a quarter of your Lemoyne star complete

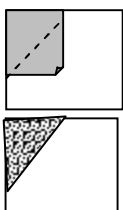


Sew this seam, from the corner to the background square to avoid stretching the bias. Then trim the right corner

Now, you have all the pieces, lay them out as shown in the diagram on page 1, and sew up your block!



Connector Corners:



Draw a line kitty corner across the back of your small connector square. Place this on the appropriate corner of your larger piece, right sides together. Make sure that the line that you drew is in the correct position.

Now, sew along that line.

Press the connector into the corner so that the right side of the connector is in the correct position on the base piece, then trim away the centre layer 1/4 inch from the seam.