

**Fabrics:**

- scraps of 6 to 12 different Christmas prints with the largest being 2 ½" by width of fabric
- 1 ¼ " x 30" strip of a coordinating solid

Method

Step one: *Construct your "fabrics"*. Use the Christmas prints to cut 6 inch strips that vary in width from ¾" to 1 ½". Sew strips together to get a "fabric" that is about 7 "wide and 6 "long (hint begin and end with strips that are the widest). Press with all seams in one direction. From this "fabric", cut out a 5" square. Repeat making two more "fabrics" then making two more 5" squares.

Step two: Choose one 5" square to be the centre square of the block. Set aside. Lay the other two squares side by side with the strips oriented the same way. Cut one square on the diagonal from the upper left to bottom right. Cut the other square from the bottom left to the upper right.



Step three: *Make a border around the centre square.* Using the 1 ¼" wide strip of the coordinating solid, cut 2 strips 5" long and cut the remaining strip in half. Sew the 5 inch strips to opposite sides of the centre square parallel with the strips of the square. Sew the remaining strips to the other 2 sides and trim. Press towards the solid.

Step four: *Adding the triangles.* Place this new square in the on-point position on a table then lay the long side of each of the triangles of step 2 against the sides of the on-point square. Arrange them so all the parallel strips are oriented the same way. Sew two of the triangles to opposite sides of the square first and press towards the outside. Sew the remaining two triangles to the square and press to the inside. Square up block to 9".

Step five: *Adding outer border.* Using a 2 ½ inch by width of fabric strip of Christmas print, make a border around the block doing opposite sides first.

The block should measure 12 ½ inches square.