

2023 Ben Franklin Saturday Sampler

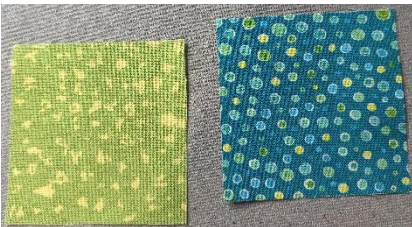
Color Collage Tutorial- February

Block 2- Sowing Seeds (4)

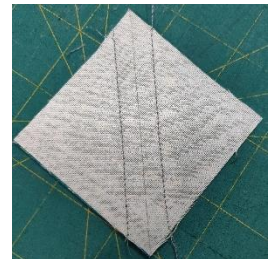


Note: If you want more wiggle room to square blocks up Increase the 2 3/8" cutting to 2.5". (strips and squares)

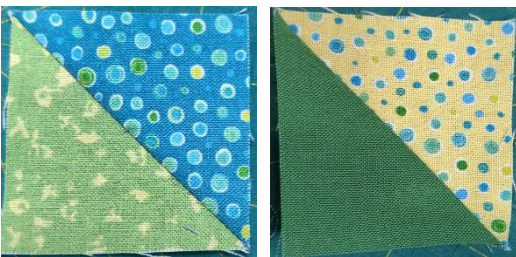
Step 1



Draw a diagonal line on the back of the Lime Dappled fabric B squares from corner to corner. Pair this with a Blue Seeds square and sew a scant 1/4" seam on each side of the line.



Cut on the line and press towards the darker fabric. Repeat for the Solid Fern and Yellow Seeds combination. Square up to 2"



Step 2

Combine these squares with a solid Fern A piece and make a block. Pay attention to the orientation of the squares and the pressing directions. Pressing the correct direction will make the final piecing so much easier. I sew my top two squares together then my bottom two squares together, then those two chunks together.



Step 3

This one takes some thinking. You are making two rectangles that have diagonals facing different directions. Make sure you are paying attention to the direction of the angles and the direction of pressing. When you press the correct direction your layers of angles line up and nestle together.

Draw a diagonal line on the back side of the Blue Seeds A blocks and the Fern A blocks. This will be your **sew** line. Place a square on the blue framing rectangle. The pattern starts with a fern square. I started with the Seeds square. It doesn't matter. Stitch on the line. Remember that thread takes up space so if you are a thread width towards the corner that is even better. Measure $\frac{1}{4}$ " from your line towards the corner and trim.



Matching the angle, place the fern square (or seeds if you started with fern) on the other corner. Repeat the process pressing both seams to the same direction.



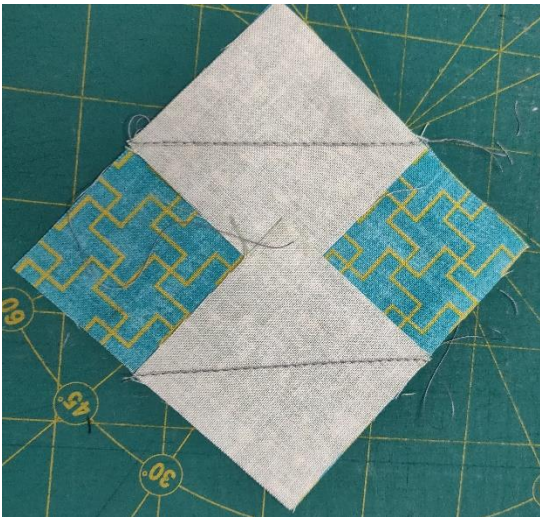
Trim to the original size of the blue rectangle. Press well so your seams lay flat.

Repeat with the same colors going the opposite angle, pressing both seams the opposite way. You will now sew those two rectangles together nestling your seams to make this cool arrow block.



Step 4

Draw a diagonal line on the back of the lime dappled A blocks. Place those blocks on opposite corners of your large Blue Framing square. Sew on the drawn line, trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " towards the corner and press. Do the same for the other two corners.



Step 5

Trim all of your blocks to 3.5". Now its time to start sewing your rows together. Paying attention to the block direction, sew your top row together pressing your seams towards the center. Repeat for the bottom row. Pay

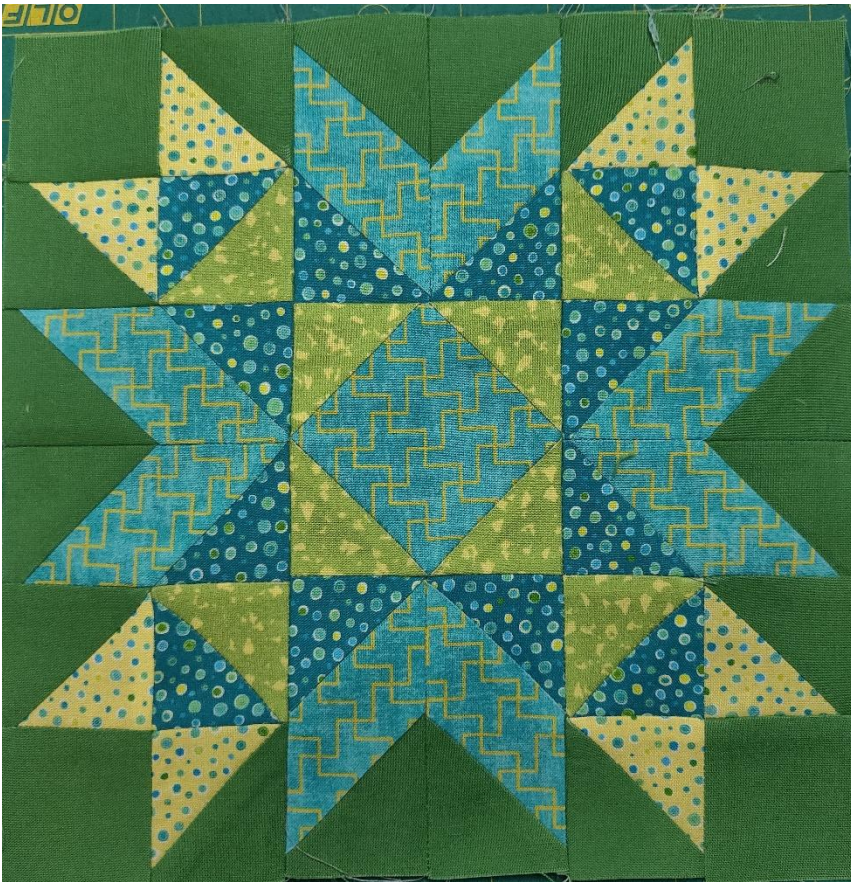


attention to the alignment of the blocks so the diagonal of the yellow dots matches the diagonal of the blue dots.

Sew the center row together and press away from the center. Stitch with the backside of the center facing up so you can see the where the points align so you can avoid cutting off your points.



Now sew your rows together. I pressed the big seams open.



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