



CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE BACKGROUND:

- Cut twelve 3" squares from a bright white fabric.

CENTER "X" – COLOR A:

- Cut five 3" squares from Color A. Use scraps from the same color family in a similar shade. Option: The very center of the "plus" can be a variant: lighter, darker, or brighter color accent.

CENTER – COLOR B:

- Cut four 3" squares in Color B. Use scraps of your second color, again all in a similar shade or tone.

"X" CORNER ENDS – COLOR C:

- Cut four 3" squares in Color C. These can be the same or a variation of Color B. If a variation, make them either lighter, darker, brighter or a muted variation of Color B. The general color should be related.

STEP 1:

Cut your fabrics and arrange them on a table in the desired block format.



Squares in your desired formation.

STEP 2:

Sew the squares into five rows (plus a single white square on each end). It can be a challenge keeping the squares in order when sewing. Here are a few tips that help:



- Take a photo of the laid-out block before sewing for reference.
- Pin the two squares to be sewn with the pin's tip POINTING TOWARD the sides to be sewn. This avoids sewing the wrong sides together.
- Sew and complete two rows before moving on to new rows.



STEP 3: Pressing

Once all the squares are sewn into rows, lay them on your ironing board, right sides up, just as they will look when assembled. Flip the second and fourth strips 180 degrees.

Turn the strips over so the right sides are now facing down and press all the seams in the SAME direction. Then turn strip 2 and 4 back to original layout position. Sew rows together, pinning each seam. Pressed seams should be opposite and butt together nicely.



STEP 4: Sewing Rows Together

Take the outside three-square strips, position a single white square, right sides together, over the center square. Make sure 1/4" of the single white

B O M

M A Y

S C R A P P Y
G R A N N Y
S Q U A R E S

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All seams are 1/4"

Final block measures 11 1/2" unfinished

square extends over seams equally on each side. Sew together. As you sew the rest of the block together, press row seams away from center toward outside.

STEP 5: Trimming

Position final block on cutting mat and carefully trim block at the crotch points, making sure that there is at least 1/4" seam allowance from color.

