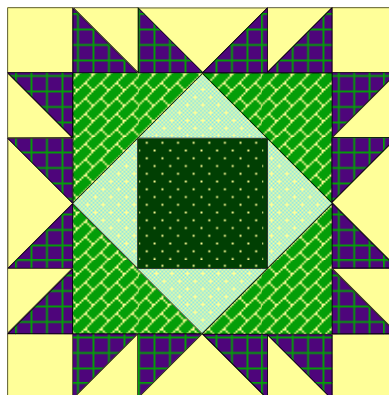


# UNION SQUARE

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Use this in a **Block By Block** quilt or anywhere you need a 12" (12½" with seam allowances) block.



G	D	E	H	F	H	E	D	G
E	D	C	B	C	B	C	D	E
F	H	B	A	B	B	H	F	H
E	D	C	B	C	B	C	D	E
G	D	E	H	F	H	E	D	G

All instructions include ¼" seam allowances.

## Rotary Cut

From the fabric for A, cut 1 square 4½" x 4½".

From the fabric for B, cut 1 square 5¼" x 5¼".

Cut the square twice diagonally to yield 4 triangles.

From the fabric for C, cut 2 squares, 4⅞" x 4⅞".

Cut each square once diagonally to yield 4 triangles.

From the fabric for D, cut 1 square 5¾" x 5¾".

From the fabric for E, cut 1 square 5¾" x 5¾".

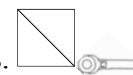
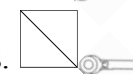
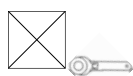
From the fabric for F, cut 1 square 5¼" x 5¼".

Cut the square twice diagonally to yield 4 triangles.

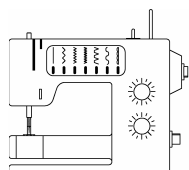
From the fabric for G, cut 4 squares, 2½" x 2½".

From the fabric for H, cut 4 squares, 2⅞" x 2⅞".

Cut each square once diagonally to yield 8 triangles.

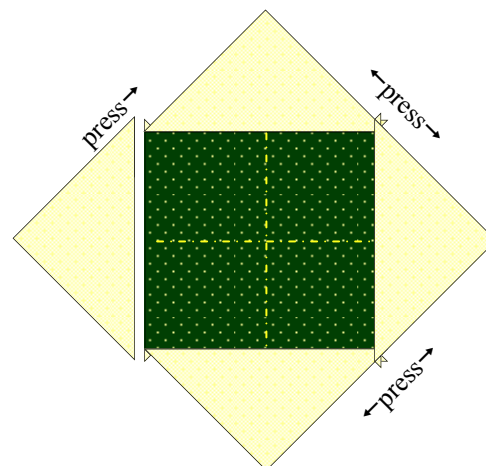
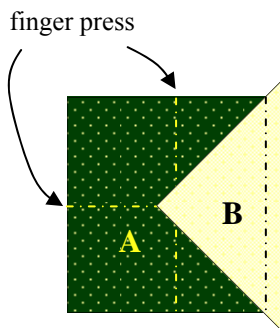


As you work, trim any tips of fabric that extend beyond the sewn units for flatter, neater, quilt



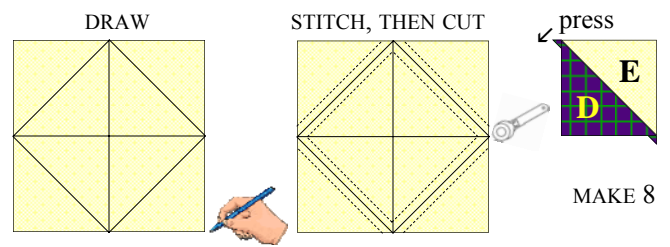
## Machine piece

1. Mark the center of square A by folding it in half in both directions and finger pressing. With right sides together place, 1 triangle B on the square A. Align the raw edges and make sure the point of the triangle lies on one of the finger creases. The tips of the triangles extend equally beyond the edges of square A. Stitch together and press toward triangle B. Continue stitching the 3 triangles B to square A to make 1 square, 6⅛" x 6⅛".

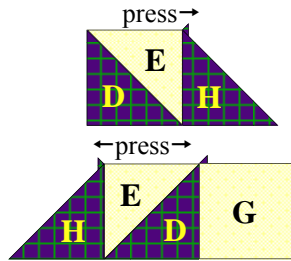


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2. Draw a grid on the wrong side of square E. The grid will have 4 squares,  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " that divides the square E in half vertically and horizontally. Draw 1 diagonal line in each square. Using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and with right sides facing, stitch square D and E together on each side of the diagonal lines. Cut the units apart to make 8 half square triangles that each measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Press toward the D's.

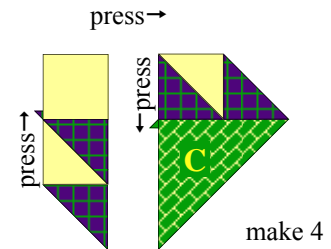


3. Stitch the triangles H, the squares G and the squares from step 2 to make the strips as shown. Make 4 of each and press as shown.

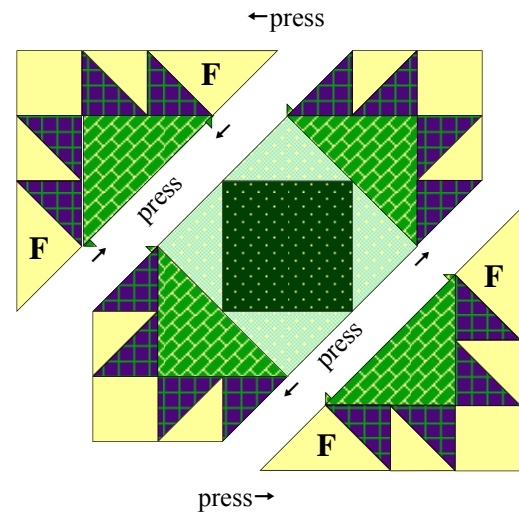


make 4 of each

4. Stitch the strips from step 3 to the triangles C. Make 4 and press as shown.

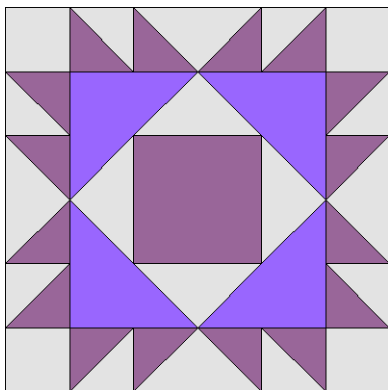


5. Stitch 2 units from step 4 to opposite sides of the unit from step 1. Press away from the center. Stitch the triangles F to opposite sides of the remaining 2 units from step 4. Press away from the triangles F.



6. Match up edges and seams and sew the last 2 seams. Press away from the center. Congratulations your block is now complete and should measure  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

## History of the *Union Square* Pattern



Research shows this pattern was published under five different names:

*Union*, Ladies Art Company, 1895

*An Effective Square*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, 1899

*Four Crowns*, *Kansas City Star*, 1933

*Union Block*, Nancy Cabot's syndicated column for the *Chicago Tribune*, 1930s.

*Union Square*, Hall and Kretsinger, *The Romance of the Patchwork Quilt in America*, 1935.

Refer to Barbara Brackman's *Encyclopedia of Pieced Patterns* and *Electric Quilt 5* and *Block Base*, computer software to re-search quilt blocks. You can purchase the *Electric Quilt* and *Block Base* at <http://www.electricquilt.com/> and Barbara Brackman's *Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns* at [http://www.americanquiltercatalog.com/spring\\_2008/lg\\_display.cfm?page\\_number=20](http://www.americanquiltercatalog.com/spring_2008/lg_display.cfm?page_number=20).