Square in a Square Exploding Quilt Block Graphic Tutorial

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Fabric: For each 6 1/2" block you will need:

Two (2) 4" squares One (1) 5" square

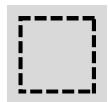


Directions:

1. Place one of the 4" squares on top of the other, right sides together. (Fig 1)



2. Sew around all four sides using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. (Fig 2)



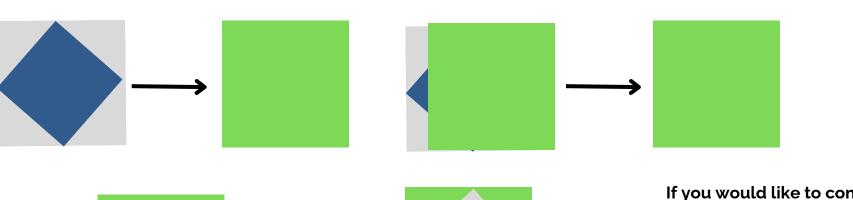
3. Determine which square will be your center square of the block. Draw diagonal lines from corner to corner making an "X" on the square you do not want to be the center square. (Fig 3)

4. Cut along the drawn lines all the way to each corner up to, but not through the sewing. Pull the fabrics apart in the middle, make a small snip on a line. Insert your scissors. Be careful not to cut the fabric on the square below. (Fig 4)

5. Press open. You will now have a 5" block, set on point. (Fig 5)



6. Place the 5" square on top of the block from Fig.5 with the right sides together. Repeat steps 2 through 5. Note: Use the 5" square as your guide for sewing the $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam if your "square in a square block" is a little smaller than 5" square. (Fig 6)







If you would like to continue adding rounds, simply measure the size of the block you just pressed open and cut another contrasting square the same size. (For this block you would add a $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.) Then repeat Steps 2-5.