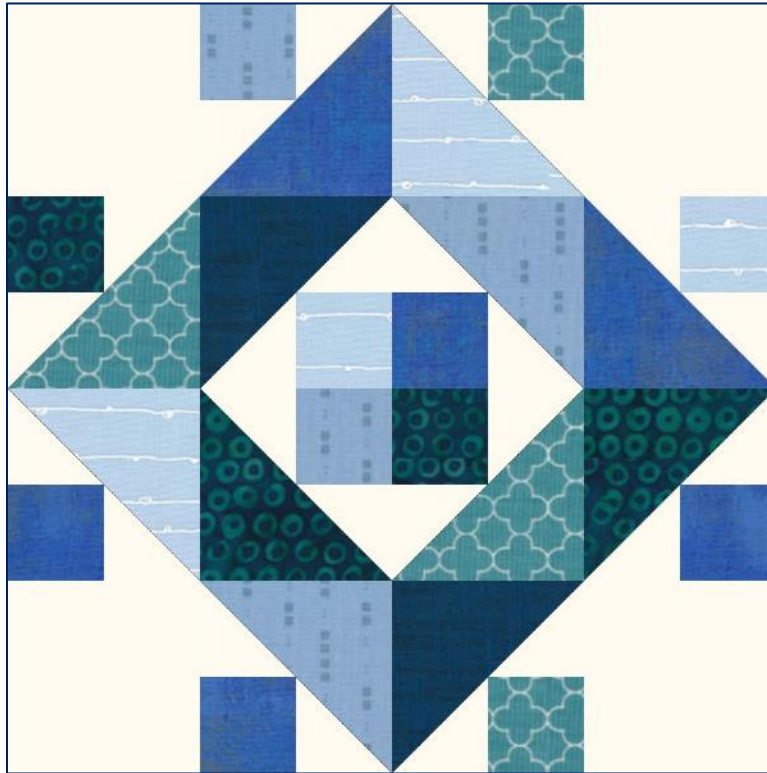


Colorful Diamonds



Supplies:

At least six different fabrics of a common focus color

At least six different fabrics of a light to medium cream

Cutting supplies, 6x24 ruler, 6x6 ruler, scissors, iron, sewing machine, thread

Instructions: We will sort our fabric by color and cut our pieces at the meeting. Your fabric needs to be big enough to cut the following sizes. We will have fun swapping scraps!

Cutting

Focus Fabrics:

Cut a 4 1/16-inch square from six different focus fabrics. *The 1/6" is important – sorry!*

Cut a 5.5" square from six different focus fabrics. *Hint: If you cut these squares on the bias, the finished block will have straight-grained edges*

Crems:

Cut 2.5" x 4" pieces from two of the cream fabrics.

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Cut a 3.5" square from four different cream fabrics.

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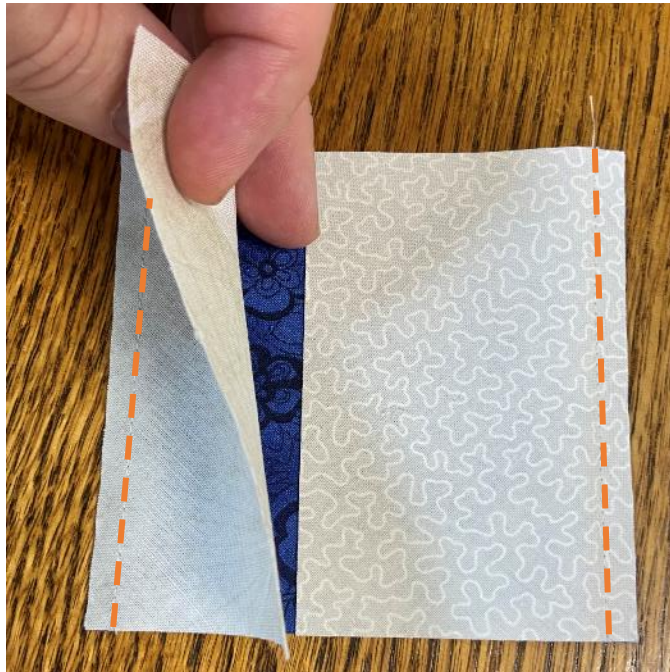
Sewing the Sub-Blocks:



Our Sub-Block. Let's Call Him Bob.

Check for a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam before sewing! It makes everything sew much easier

Place the 2.5"x4" cream pieces on opposite sides of the 4" square focus fabric, right sides together. Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on each side.



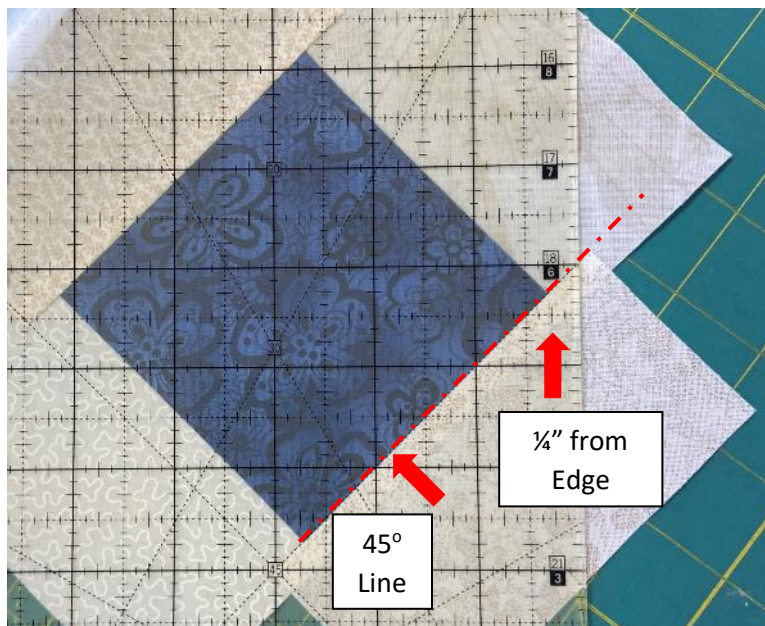
Open and press toward the focus fabric.

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Center the 2.5"x4.5" pieces on the other sides, sew and press toward the cream fabric.

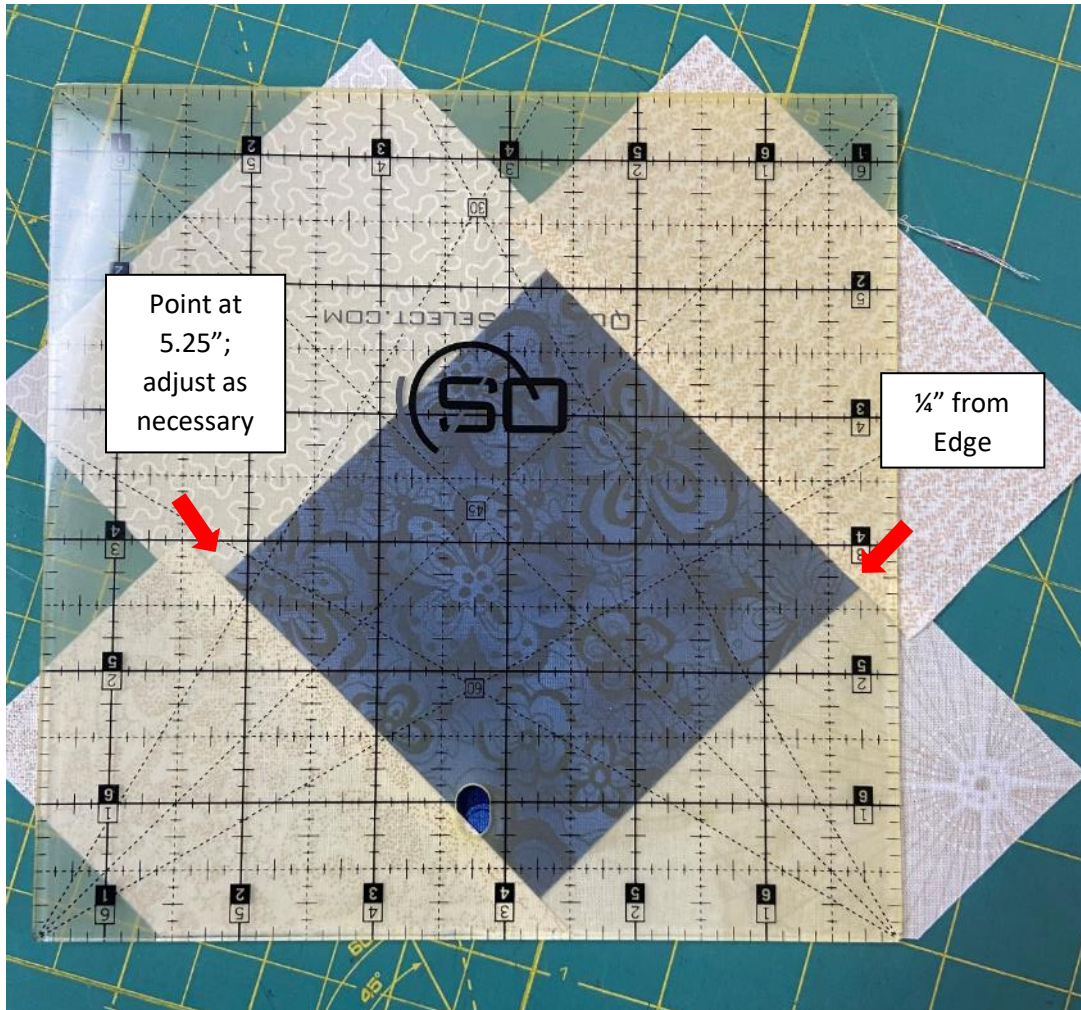


Line up the 45° line of your ruler with one of the seams, making sure that the edge of the ruler is ¼" from the point. Trim the block.



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Now align your ruler square to the line you just trimmed, with the $\frac{1}{4}$ " line on the point as before. Check to see that the other side of the block is at the $5\frac{1}{4}$ " mark. Adjust as needed (move the ruler slightly to the right in the picture below) and trim the side.



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Trim the remaining two sides to make a 5.5" square block. For those of you who do Square-in-a-Square, this is Option 8 – Dove in the Window.



Place the 5.5" square focus fabric on this block, right sides together. Sew around the square with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



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Cut from corner to corner both ways and press toward the focus fabric.



Separate your Bobs into two piles (you'll have two 12" blocks when finished!).

Repeat five more times with different focus and cream fabrics for a scrappy look. You'll have a total of 24 Bobs, 12 per pile.

Joining Bobs to Make a Block

Arrange 12 Bobs following the design as shown. The 3.5" cream squares go in the corners. Sew into rows, and then sew the rows together. The finished block should measure 12.5" square.

