

## December Quilt Block – to be in the January drawing

*Remember, the more blocks you bring, the more times your name goes in the drawing.*



Square in Square

This makes a 12" block!

This month, your colors are peaches, oranges or pinks for color 1 and greens, blues, teals for color 2

### Supplies List



Color 1 needs: one 12-1/2" square



Color 2 needs: one 13" square

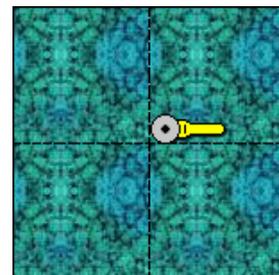
### Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block

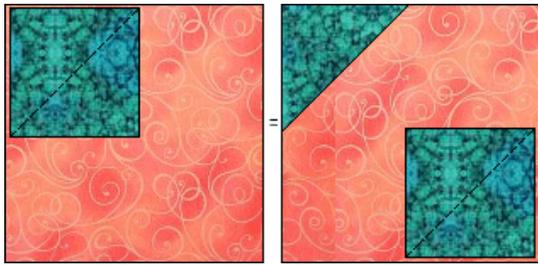
This is another of those Blocks that I consider to be more of a Process than an actual Pattern, akin to making a Flying Geese unit, in that this square in a square layout, is often an integral part of a larger unit. There are several methods to achieve this, and I will describe a few of them here. The fabric amounts information given at left are to make one 12" finished square, following Method One for construction.

#### Method One:

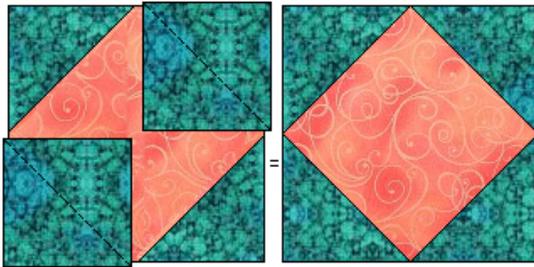
**The Speed Piecing Way...**( where you cut the center square the size you want your block PLUS 1/2" for seam allowances...and you cut the corner squares at HALF the finished block size, PLUS 1/2" for seam allowances)

Start by cutting the Color 2 13" square into four 6-1/2" squares...





Place a Color 2 6-1/2" square right sides together atop one corner of the Color 1 12-1/2" square, with outer edges aligned. (I show them staggered here just so you can see that there are two layers) On the back of the top square, lightly draw the diagonal, and then sew ON this diagonal line. Cut off the excess seam allowance, and press the remainder towards the outer triangle. Repeat this with another Color 2 square on the opposing corner...



Then repeat the same procedure with the other two squares on the remaining corners, pressing the seams towards the square. This completes the Square In Square!...or...follow...

**Method Two:** *The Tried and True Old Fashioned Way...* (Where you cut triangles to match ANY size center square)

To make this same unit in ANY size, there is a simple formula for finding what size to cut corner triangles...

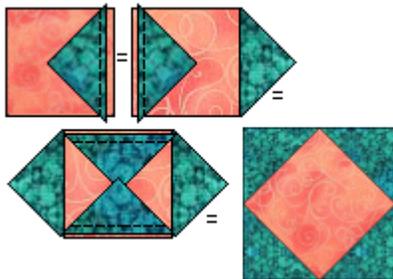
Measure the center square. Divide that measurement by 1.414. Round that answer up to the nearest 1/8". Add .875. (7/8") See Example below



Measure your center square. Let's say this equals 4 "...



Divide 4 by 1.414 to get the size the corner squares need to be. =2.829...now round that UP to the nearest 1/8" = 2.875 (or 2-7/8") Now add .875 (7/8") =3.75...so, you need two 3-3/4" squares, each cut once on the diagonal to get four half square triangles.



...which you then sew to opposing corners of your center square, using 1/4" seams. Press seam allowances towards the outer triangles. Then sew on the remaining two triangles, pressing seam allowances towards the center square