

2023 Ben Franklin Saturday Sampler

Color Collage Tutorial- March

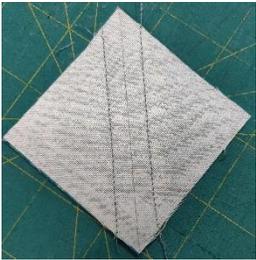
Block 3- Celery Seeds (4)



Note: If you want more wiggle room to square blocks up Increase the $2 \frac{3}{8}$ " cutting to 2.5". (strips and squares)

Step 1

Draw a diagonal line on the back of the Yellow Seeds fabric B squares from corner to corner. Pair this with a Celery solid square and sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on each side of the line. Make 32 half square triangles.



Cut on the line and press towards the darker fabric. Repeat with the rest of the Yellow Seeds and the Blue Seeds to make 16 half squares. Square up to 2"



Step 2

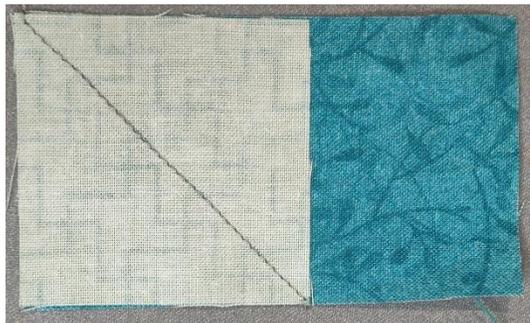
Arrange those into a chunk using a solid celery square, two yellow/celery squares and a yellow/blue square. Press in the direction shown on the pattern.



Step 3

We did this next technique last month. You are making two rectangles that have diagonals facing different directions. Make sure you are paying attention to the direction of the angles and the direction of pressing. When you press the correct direction your layers of angles line up and nestle together.

Draw a diagonal line on the back side of the Green Framing and the rest of the Celery A blocks. This will be your **sew** line. Place a green framing square on the blue groundcover rectangle. Stitch on the line. Remember that thread takes up space so if you are a thread width towards the corner that is even better. Measure $\frac{1}{4}$ " from your line towards the corner and trim.



Matching the angle, place the Celery square on the other corner. Repeat the process pressing both seams to the same direction.

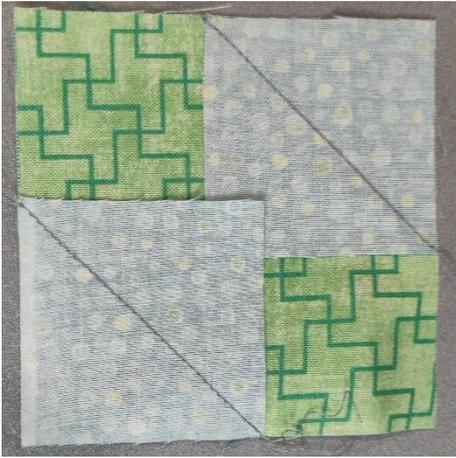
Trim to the original size of the blue rectangle. Press well so your seams lay flat.



Repeat with the same colors going the opposite angle, pressing both seams the opposite way. You will now sew those two rectangles together nestling your seams together.



Step 4



Using the large green framing square and the blue seeds block A make a square in a square just like last month. Draw a diagonal line on the blue seed squares, place on opposite corners, stitch on the line, trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the sew line and press out. Repeat for the other two corners.

Step 5

Trim all of your blocks to 3.5". Now its time to start sewing your rows together.

I like to lay my block chunks out so I make sure everything is correct before I sew. Its easy to grab a row and sew it from there. You will press your top and bottom rows towards the center and your middle row away from the center.



Make 4 of these blocks.

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