

Mudsock Quilters Guild Block of the Month for June 2025

“Square Bubbles”

Originally designed by Marjorie Rhine and appeared in *American Quilter* magazine July 2021

Block Unfinished = 12 ½”

Sew All Seams at Scant ¼”

Materials:

-Solids or Tonals in Medium-Light and Medium-Dark hues of Blue, Green, Orange (Red-Orange), and Gold

-White or tone on tone white

- Black

-Navy Blue or Dark Brown

Cutting to Make ONE Block (Cut 1 unless otherwise indicated):

-(A) Medium-Light 5 ¼” x 5 ¼”

- (B) Medium-Dark 1 ½” x 5 ¼”

- (C) 1 ½” x 6 ¼”

- (H) 3” x 7”

- (I) 3” x 9 ¼”

- (D) White 1” x 6 ¼”

- (E1) 1” x 6 ½”

- (G) (cut 2) 1 ½” x 3”

- (J) 1 ½” x 10 ½”

- (K) 1 ½” x 11 ¾”

- (E2)Black (cut2) 1” x 6 ¾”

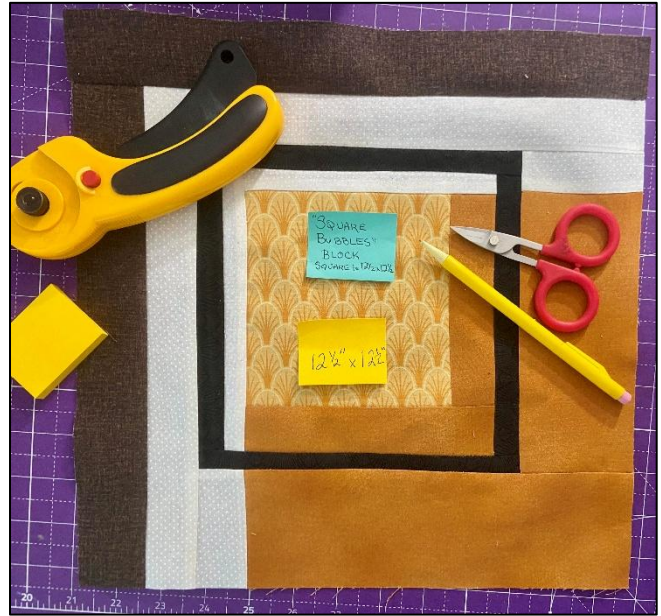
- (F) (cut2) 1” x 8”

-Dark Brown or Navy Blue

(L) 1 ½” x 11 ½”

(M) 1 ½” x 12 ½”

Square up to 12 ½” x 12 ½”



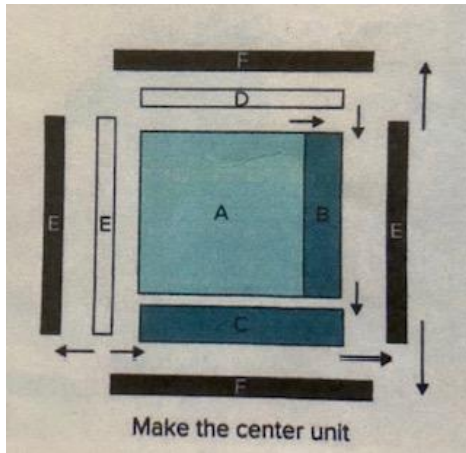


Figure 1 Above. Figure 2 Far Right.

Piecing the Square Bubble Block

Step 1: Press and starch piece A (Medium-Light) and all other cut pieces.

Step 2: Sew B (Medium-Dark) to right side of A and press toward B. Refer

to Figure 1.

Step 3: Sew C (Medium-Dark) to bottom of A/B and press toward C. See Figure 3.

Step 4: Sew White D to top of the block. Press toward A/B. Notice how to orient your block with the medium dark at bottom right corner.

Step 5: Sew White E1 to left side of the block. Press toward A/B/C/D. See Figure 4.

Step 6: Sew one Black E2 to left side of the block and one Black E2 to right side of the block. Press toward E2 on both the left and right sides. See Figure 5.

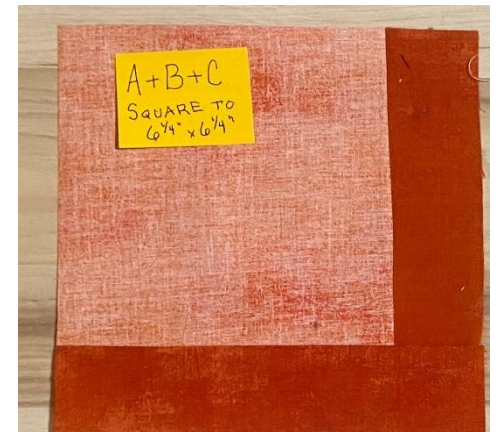


Figure 3 above. Figure 4 below.



Figure 5.

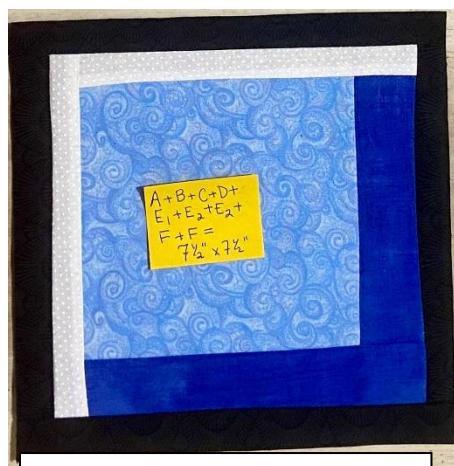


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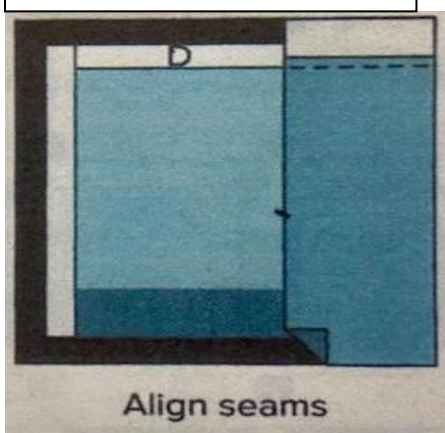
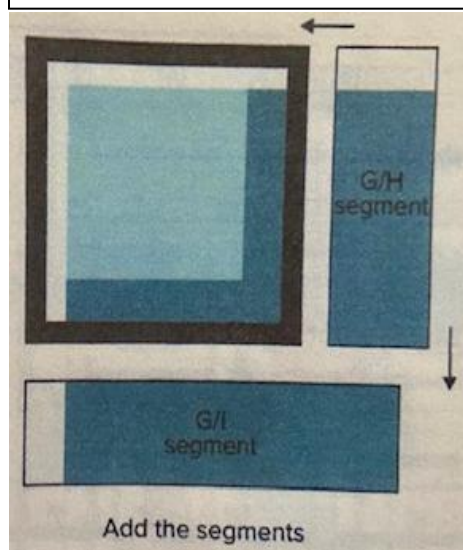


Figure 7 above, indicates how the seams should be aligned prior to sewing. Figure 8 below shows the pressing directions.



Step 7: Sew one Black F to the top of the block and one Black F to the bottom of the block. Press toward F on both the top and bottom of the block. See Figure 6.

Step 8: Due to alignment of seams for two of the seamed side segments, some pieces (H & I, for example) are cut a bit larger than actually needed and will be trimmed after the G/H segment is added and then again after the G/I segment is added. Carefully align the seams of the center unit with the G/H segment (see Figure 7). Even if you don't normally pin or clip, it may be to your advantage to do so for this step. Sew G/H to the left side, being careful of the orientation. Press toward the Black E piece. (See Figure 8 for pressing details.) Trim as needed. Again, carefully align the seams of the center unit with the G/I segment. Pin or clip, then sew G/I to the bottom of the center unit. Press toward the Black F piece. Trim as needed.

Step 9: Sew the White J to the top side of the center block. Press toward J. Refer to Figure 9.

Step 10: Sew the White K to the left side of the center block. Press toward K. Square up. (See Figure 10.)

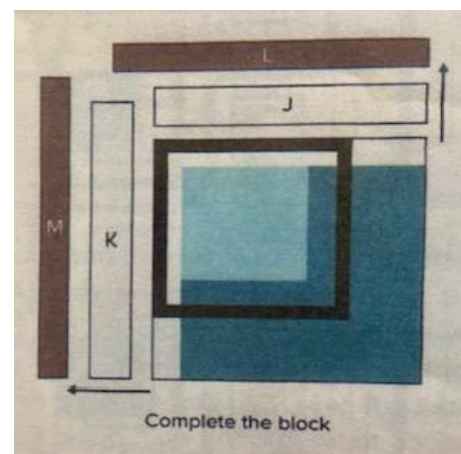


Figure 9 above. Figure 10 below.



Step 11: Sew the Brown (or Navy) L to the top of the block. Press toward the Brown. Trim.

Step 12: Sew the Brown M to the left side of the block. Press toward the Brown. Trim.

Step 13: Square your Square Bubbles block to 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".

Figure 11 right shows the finished block.

Figure 12 below shows how the four colorways make beautiful Square Bubbles blocks.

