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DOUBLE-Z BLOCK

This month I thought we'd tackle a simpler block after all of those y-seams and curved piecing from the previous few months. The Double-Z block, or the Brown Goose block, is our eye-catching project for this month. There are two layouts, one with the center four squares arranged in an hour glass formation (the more classic arrangement) or arranged in a pinwheel formation.

Assume exact $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Yields one beautiful 12.5" block.

Cutting:

From background color, cut (8) 4" squares

From color(s)/patterned fabrics, cut (8) 4" squares

Instructions:

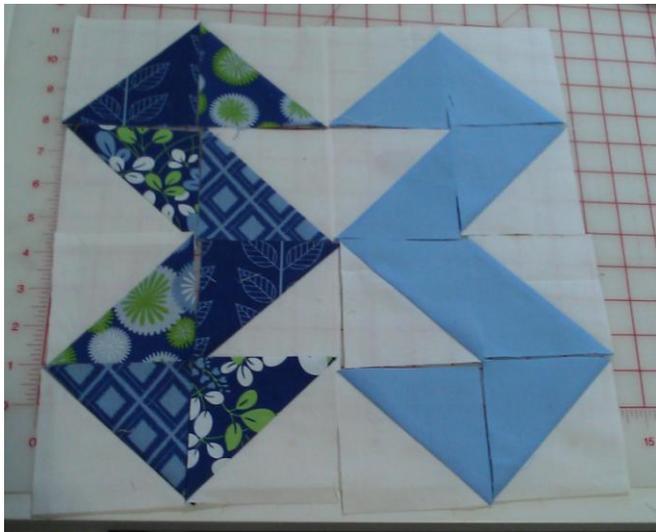
1. Using a fabric marker or pencil, draw a corner-to-corner diagonal line across each of your 8 background squares (or the lighter of the two fabrics).
 - a. *Tip: instead of marking each square, you can try stacking four of the squares exactly on top of one another, then fold in half on the diagonal – press. The pressed diagonal line will be your sewing guide.*
2. Stack a background square on top of a colored square, matching all edges. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from either side of the drawn line; repeat for all eight sets.



3. Cut along diagonal line on each stacked and sewn set. Press open to reveal a HST (half-square-triangle).
 - a. *Tip: use the 45 degree line on your rotary ruler, aligned with the center diagonal seam on each HST to trim the HSTs more precisely.*

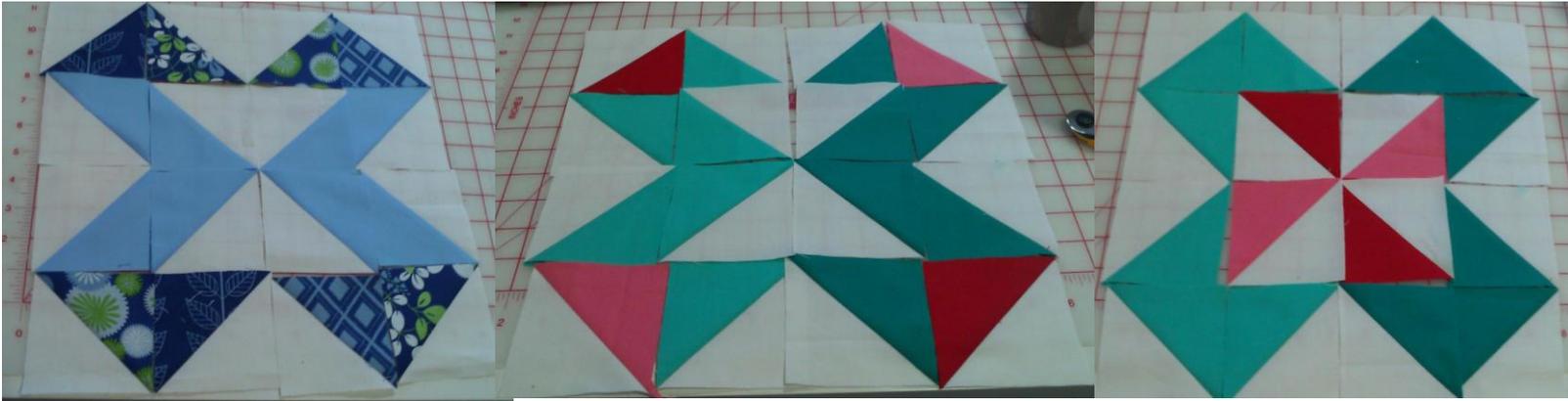


4. Trim all HSTs to 3.5" squares, removing dog-ears at corners.
5. Arrange HSTs according to images below – or create a different orientation all together! It's up to you. Sew the HSTs together first in rows, and then assemble each row together, making sure to match seams at intersections.
 - a. *Tip: grab your phone or camera as you play around with your HST orientations – snap photos of each combination you come up with so that you can look back and decide which you prefer.*

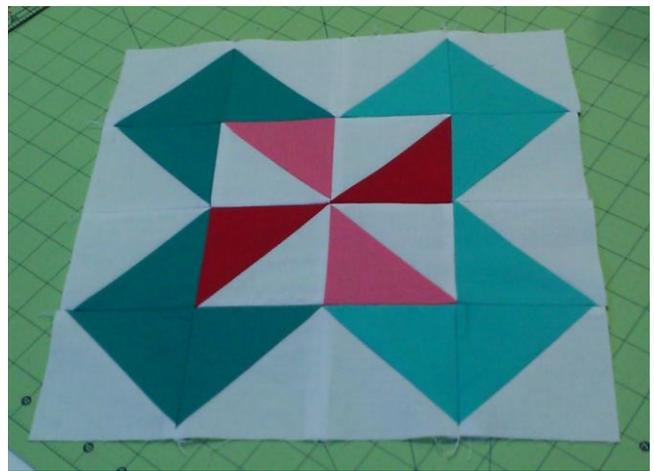


Left, the more traditional orientation for a Double-Z, right, the pinwheel orientation

Here are some different orientations I came up with just moving the colors/patterns around:



And my final two blocks for the month of April:



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