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## ROLLING STONE

A rolling stone gathers no moss...and as many people start to think of escaping the dreary winter weather soon to be upon us, let's keep this block moving! This month's block is a very traditional one, the "Rolling Stone" block. It's a simple block, nice and quick, but really stunning. I can't wait to see your 'spin' on this month's block!

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

### Cutting:

Background:

(8) 3" squares

(4) 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

Colors:

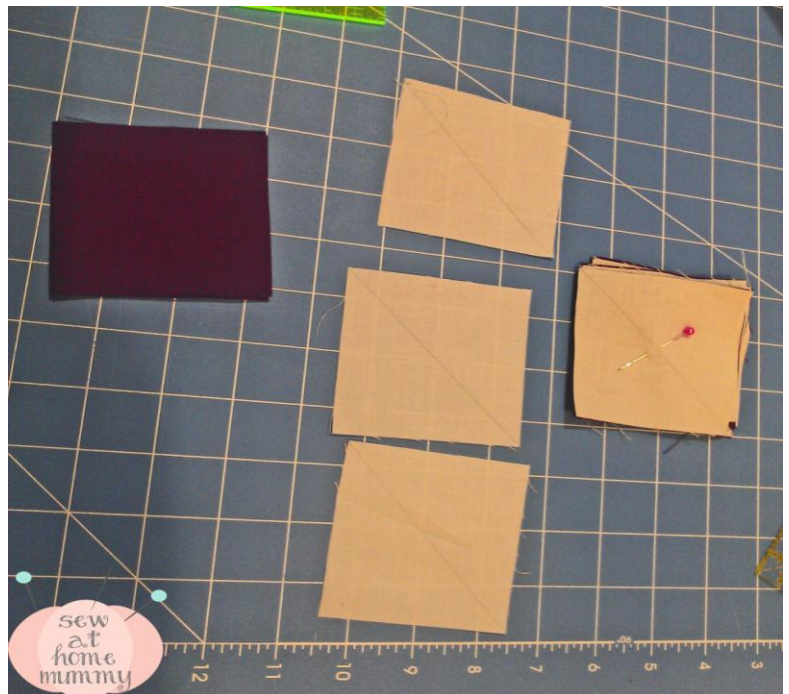
(1) Center: 4.5" square (floral)

(4) 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles (zig-zag)

(8) 3" squares (purple)

### Instructions:

1. Create your corner diamonds: draw a diagonal line across each of the background 3" squares. Stack one background square on a color 3" square, matching corners. Pin. Sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along each side of your drawn line. Trim your sewn squares along the drawn line. Press your half-square triangle units open. Trim your HSTs to a perfect 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " square, using the 45 angle on your ruler to trim your HST perfectly. Repeat for all 8 squares, creating 16 HSTs.



2. Sew one colored/printed rectangle to a background rectangle, along the long sides. Press open. Repeat for remaining rectangles, creating 4 side units.
3. Join two HSTs together, creating a 'peak', matching points on your HSTs as best you can. Repeat, creating 8 'peak' units.



4. Sew 2 'peak' units together, matching center seams on color/print fabric, creating 4 'diamond' corner units.
5. Lay your block out according to the following picture (for the traditional setting – feel free to go crazy with it, though!):



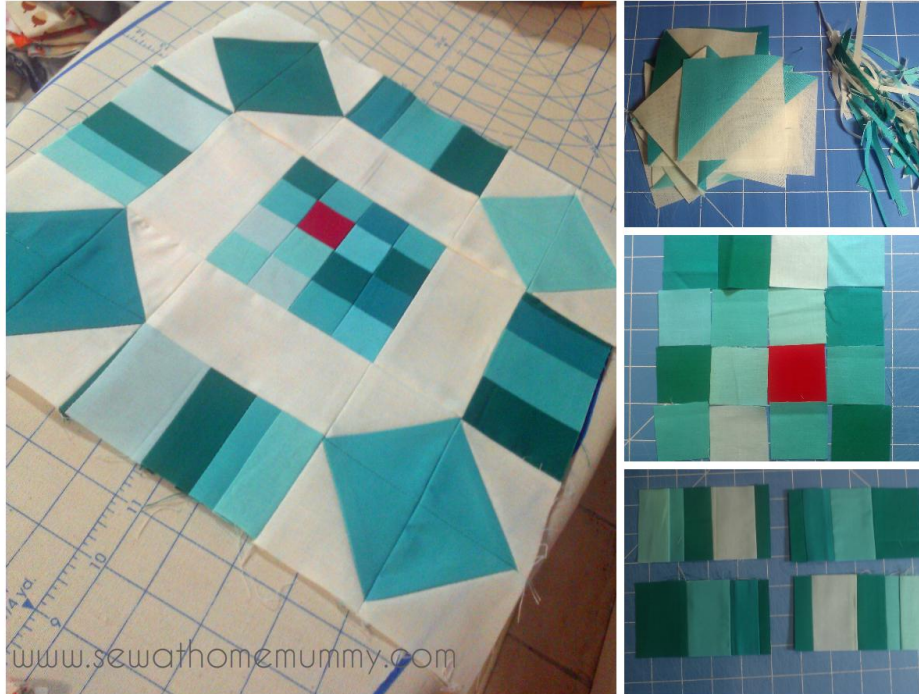
6. Sew together segments, first in rows, matching seams as you go, and press:



7. Sew rows together to complete your block!



Here's my second, alternate block. I strip pieced the outside rectangles with some scraps on aqua; the center square I used (16) 1 1/2" squares, pieced together. I used 4 shades of aqua for the corner 'diamond' units:



I hope you've been having fun with the block of the month! I'll be posting December's block, the last in this series, on December 1. I'll also be posting setting ideas for you, but please, feel free to put your own spin on the quilt!

Don't forget to upload pictures of your block(s) to the [Sew at Home Mummy: Classic meets Modern QAL group](#), and then link-up your photo to the blog post at [Sew at Home Mummy!](#)