



*Amprior and District Quilter's Guild*  
*January 27, 2009*  
  
*Block of the Month*  
*Card Trick 12.5" x 12.5"*

*Instructions*

*Please make sure all cutting is accurate and seams are sewn at 1/4". It is really important so that when all the blocks are put together, it will ensure that the blocks will all be the same size*

You will need **4 contrasting Batik Colours (any colours)** and **1 Light Batik** for the Background

*Fabric*

*Cutting Instructions*

Colour 1-Batik

Cut 2 squares@ 5 1/2" x 5 1/2"

Colour 2-Batik

Cut 1 square@ 5- 1/8 " x 5 -1/8 "

Colour 3-Batik

Cut 2 squares@ 5 1/2" x 5 1/2"

Cut 1 square@ 5 -1/8 " x 5-1/8 "

Colour 4-Batik

Cut 2 squares@ 5 1/2" x 5 1/2"

Cut 1 square@ 5-1/8 " x 5-1/8 "

Cut 2 squares@ 5 1/2" x 5 1/2"

Cut 1 square@ 5-1/8 " x 5-1/8 "

Cut 4 squares@ 5 1/2" x 5 1/2"

Background –Light colour Batik

Mark each Batik square with the appropriate colour #, ie. with sticking a piece of masking tape with the # on the front, or marking the # on the wrong side of fabric with a pencil

*Piecing Instructions*

**Step 1**

**1/2 Square Triangle Unit**



*Colour 1*

*Colour 2*

*Colour 3*

*Colour 4*

Place a Colour 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" square right sides together with a Background 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" square. Repeat with the other 3 Colour 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" squares and Background 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" squares.

Draw a diagonal line (corner to corner) on the back of the White square

Sew an **accurate 1/4" seam** on both sides of the line

Cut on the drawn line-Press seam to the Colour side

Square **one of the units of each colour to 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"**, **trimming off about 1/4 "on each side.** You should have 1, 1/2 square triangle 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" of each colour. Make sure you still have the colour # marked on each unit. Set aside other half of 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" half square triangle for the next step

**Step 2**  
**Split quarter square triangle**

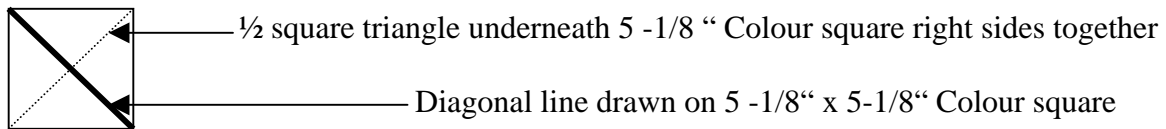


Using second half of  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangle made in Step 1 and the  $(5\frac{1}{8})'' \times (5\frac{1}{8})''$  Batik squares you will make 4 Split Quarter Square triangles.

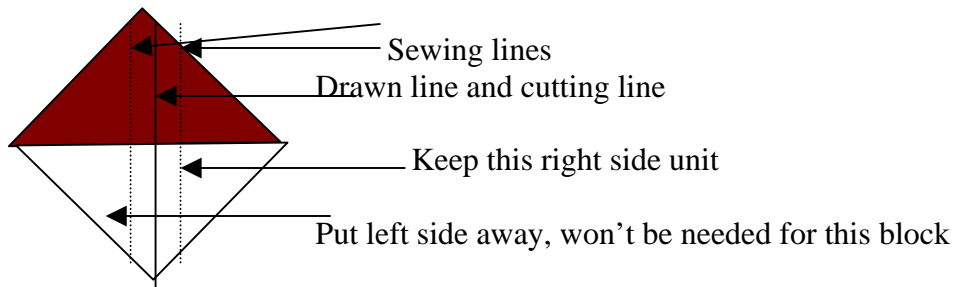
With right sides together, place already made  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangle with a coloured square in the following order:

- a)-  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangle Colour 1 with  $5\frac{1}{8}'' \times 5\frac{1}{8}''$  square Colour 4
- b)-  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangle Colour 2 with  $5\frac{1}{8}'' \times 5\frac{1}{8}''$  square Colour 1
- c)-  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangle Colour 3 with  $5\frac{1}{8}'' \times 5\frac{1}{8}''$  square Colour 2
- d)-  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangle Colour 4 with  $5\frac{1}{8}'' \times 5\frac{1}{8}''$  square Colour 3

Now draw a diagonal line from corner to corner so that drawn diagonal line runs opposite of diagonal line on  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangle.



Sew  $\frac{1}{4}''$  from each side of drawn diagonal line. Layout unit with half square triangle facing up and make sure Background colour is on the bottom.



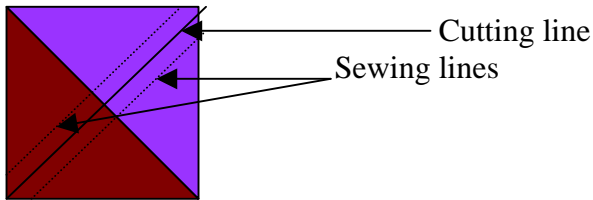
Then cut on drawn line. Keep unit on the right side and set aside left side unit. The left side unit will not be needed for this block. It is important that you keep the right unit for when you are putting the block together later.. Press seam towards Colour side. Square up the units to  $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ , making sure you trim off a little from each side. The "6" Bias Square Ruler" from That Patchwork Place is a handy tool for trimming.

**Step 3**  
**Quarter Square Triangle for centre of block**



Place  $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$  block of Colour 1 and Colour 2 right sides together. Draw a diagonal

line from corner to corner. Sew ¼” from each side of diagonal line. Cut unit on diagonal line. Press seam towards Colour 1. Set aside one half of this unit and set other side aside. You won’t need this half for this block. Repeat with colour 3 and 4 and press seam towards Colour 3. Put units together, so that Colour 4 is on top of Colour 1 and Colour 3 is on top of Colour 2 and seams are butting. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner across seam line. Sew ¼ “ from each side of drawn line. Cut on drawn line.



Press seam to one side. Trim to 4 ½ “. You now have 2 quarter Square triangles but will only use one. Layout block as per diagram and then fill in center block with unit that will complete the Card Trick! Only one unit will work. Make sure you use the right one!!!!



Sew pieces in each row together, then sew rows together.



Now sew rows together,



Press seams in each row in the opposite direction and then sew the rows together. Your block should now be complete. Block should measure 12 ½ “ x 12 ½ “ when finished. With the units that you set aside you could make another block but you will have to make extra ½ square triangles (the 4 outside corners).

Attached is an internet link to help you if my instructions are not very clear.

<http://www.allthingsfrugal.com/15.cardtrick.htm>

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