

Cups and saucers. Did you know that the tea cups were first imported by the East India Trading Company from China during the time of George IV of United Kingdom? The cups made of porcelain and clay began to manufacture in both, China and India. In the year 1750, a man named Robert Adams influenced the addition of handles to the cups. He motivated this new design because the traditional ones could sometimes be very clumsy. At first, it was the custom to drink the tea from the tea bowl. Later, a small amount of tea was poured into the saucer to promote rapid cooling. With time, the size of saucers has changed significantly, now functioning more like a platform to hold the cup in its center.

### Cup and Saucers quilt block

#### Cutting instructions:

From Background fabric (1) Cut 2 4" squares (a)  
 Cut 8 2 ½" squares .....bisect on one diagonal (b)  
 Cut 4 2" squares (c)

Fabric 2: Cut 2 4" squares

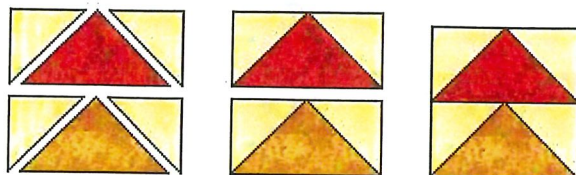
Fabric 3: Cut 1 4 ¼" square.....bisect on both diagonals

Fabric 4: Cut 1 4 ¼" square.....bisect on both diagonals

Fabric 5: Cut 1 3 ½" square

#### Flying geese

Sew a diagonal triangle of background fabric cut (b) to each side of triangle from fabric 3 and 4. Make 8 flying geese. Each geese should measure 3 ½" x 2" Sew the block together by placing the one from fabric three on top.....followed by the block from fabric 4 Each flying geese pair should measure 3 ½" x 3 ½"

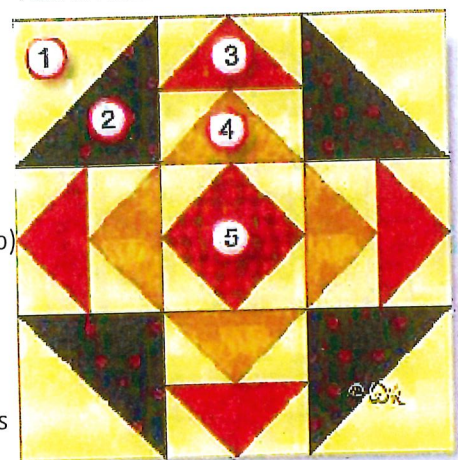


**Make 4**

#### Half square triangles

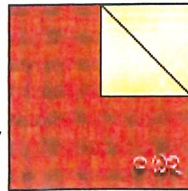
Sandwich a 4" square (a) with 4" square from fabric. 2 . Draw a diagonal line one the background square and sew ¼" on each side of drawn line. Cut on drawn line and square up to 3 ½" block. Make 4

#### Fabric Placement



### Square in Square

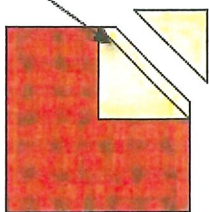
Grab the 4 2" square of the background fabric and draw a diagonal line across each square on the wrong side of the fabric. Place the fabric on the corner of the 3 1/2" fabric of fabric 5. Sew a scant seam close to the drawn line. Cut away the corner piece 1/4" away from the sewn line. Flip and press the new corner. Repeat the process for the remaining corners. Starting with the opposite corner to the first piece.



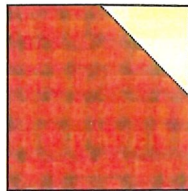
With pencil, on wrong side of fabric, draw diagonal line across small square.

Sew on pencil line.

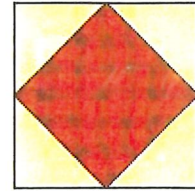
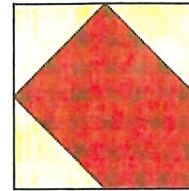
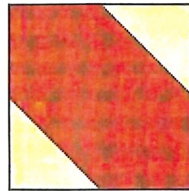
Sewn line



Cut away corner pieces 1/4" from sewn line

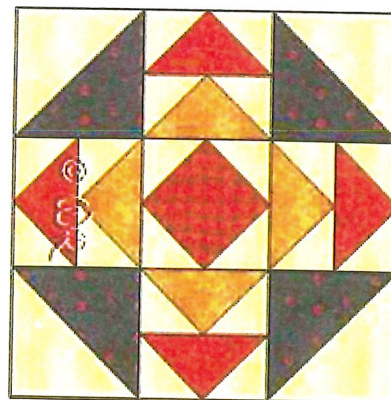


Flip corner back



Repeat process for remaining corners, starting with opposite corner to first piece.

Assemble the block per diagram bellow.



### Borders for the Cup and Saucer block

The Cup and Saucer block will be surrounded by flying geese. Go ahead and make them and put them aside until you join the quilt blocks

Corner squares.....Create a square in square block. You already created this block earlier for the center of the Cup and Saucer block. This time Cut two 5 "x 5" squares for center and cut 8  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " of background fabric. Make a diagonal on the wrong side of all small squares. Place one small square on top of the corner of the larger squares (right sides together). Sew a scant seam along the diagonal. Cut the corners off.....flip and press...continue for all four corners. The unit should measure 5" x 5" when completed.

Flying geese borders. Flying geese was also introduced in the Cup and Saucer block. This time you need to create two stripes, using 4 units of flying geese. The strips will measure 5" x  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " once completed. Use the same method for the corner square to create 8 geese units. Sewing the corners of each unit and flipping and pressing... You will require 8 dark rectangles of  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5" and 16 background squares of  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $2\frac{3}{4}$ ". Each unit should square to 5" x  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches.