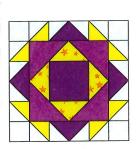


#### Aztec Jewel

# The following instructions are for a 12" block. Please see chart for additional sizes





FOR	CUT	NEED	3"	6"	9"	12"	15"
Α	4 🗌	4 🗌	1	11/2	2	21/2	3
В	8 🗌	16 🛮	1 <sup>3</sup> /8	} 1 <b>%</b> 8	2 <sup>3</sup> /8	27/8	3³/8
C	4 🔲	8 🖊	1 <sup>3</sup> /8	17/8	2 <sup>3</sup> /8	27/8	33/8
D	1	4 💌	21/4	31/4	41/4	51/4	61/4
Е	2	4 📈	17/8	27/8	-37/8	47/8	57/8
F	1 📜	4 🔀	21/4	31/4	41/4	51/4	61/4
G	1	1 🗟	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	21/2	31/2	41/2	51/2



The fabrics I chose to use for this block

## **Cutting Instructions**

All measurements include a ¼" seam allowance.

#### Blue

- Cut 1 5 ¼" square
- Cut 1 4 ½" square

#### Yellow-Orange

Cut 1 – 5 ¼" square; then cut on the diagonal twice (Not sure what this means? Check out
my post from last week about cutting once or twice on the diagonal)

#### Red-Orange

• Cut 2 – 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares; then cut each on the diagonal once

#### Yellow

- Cut 4 3 ¼" squares
- Cut 4 2 %" squares
- Cut 4 2 ½" squares

Red

Cut 4 – 3 ¼" squares

- 2. Sew the remaining yellow-orange triangles to the other two sides of the square as per step
- 1. Press the seams towards the triangles. Trim off the dog ears.



Sew remaining 2 yellow-orange triangles on to make a larger square

3. Sew a red-orange triangle to two opposite sides of the square made in step 2. Sew with the square on top this way the seam can be sewn exactly through where the other two seam cross to maintain points. Press the seams towards the triangles.



Sew 2 red-orange triangles to opposite sides

4. Sew the remaining red-orange triangles to the other two sides of the square as per step 3. Press the seams towards the triangles. Trim off the dog ears.

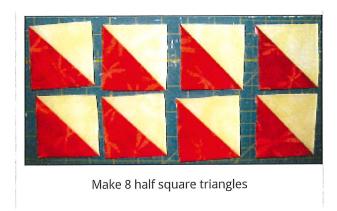


# Building the Block

All seams are a ¼" unless stated otherwise. All pieces are sewn with right sides together.

#### **HSTs**

Make 8 half square triangles using the red and yellow 3 ¼" squares. Square off to 2 ½". Here are directions on how to make half square triangles. If you decide to make several of these Aztec Jewel blocks then I suggest making the half square triangles with the grid method.



### Flying Geese

Make four flying geese units with the blue 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ " square and the 4 – 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " yellow squares. Here are the directions on how to make flying geese with a no waste method. Be sure to trim off the dog ears.



## Square in a Square

Note: You will be sewing on the bias as all the triangles have a bias edge. This bias edge is very stretchy so try not to handle too much or pull at it while sewing. Pinning will help to keep the pieces in place.

1. Sew a yellow-orange triangle to one side of the blue 4 ½" square. To make sure the triangle is centred on the square fold the triangle in half with right sides of fabric together and finger press a small cease. Fold the blue square with wrong sides together and finger press a small crease. Line up these creases on the two pieces. Repeat on the opposite side of the square. Press the seams towards the triangles.



1. Sew the HSTs to a plain 2 ½" yellow square. Make sure to orient the HSTs in the proper direction. See photos. Press the seams towards the yellow square. Make four total.



Sew HSTs to the yellow squares

2. Sew a unit from step 1 to each side of a flying geese unit. See photo for placement. Press the seam towards the HST. Make two.



Add Square & HST units to the flying geese

3. Sew an HST to each side of the remaing flying geese units. Make sure to orient the HST in the proper direction. Press the seams towards the HST. Make two.



Sew an HST to the remaining flying geese units

4. Sew a unit from step 3 to one side of the square in a square unit made earlier. Once again pin together and sew with the square on top to ensure sewing through the crossed seams to make a perfect point. Press the seam towards the square. Repeat on the opposite side with the remaining unit made in step 3.



Sew units from step 3 to the sides of the square in a square unit

5. Sew a unit from step 2 to the top of the unit made in step 4 following the same steps as step 4. Take care to match seams. Press the seams away from the square. Repeat on the opposite side with the remaining unit made in step 2.



Add remaining units to the top and bottom of the unit made in step 4