

# Block of the Month - May 2018

## Checker Block

### CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

#### For the small HST

5" x 5" square in a light shade  
5" x 5" square in a dark shade

#### For the large HST

7.5" x 7.5" square in a light shade  
7.5" x 7.5" square in a dark shade

#### From a neutral fabric

(2) 4.5" x 7" rectangles

#### From the sashing fabric (black)

2" x 4.5" rectangle  
2" x 7" rectangle  
2" x 12.5" rectangle

The half square triangles (HST) can be the colour of your choosing.

### PIECING INSTRUCTIONS

*All seams are a scant 1/4" unless otherwise indicated.*

Step 1: Take the light colour 5" square and draw a line on the diagonal on the wrong side of the fabric.

Step 2: Pair the light 5" square with the dark 5" square. Place squares right sides together and sew 1/4" on both sides of the marked line.

Step 3: Cut along the marked line, and press your seams open. Repeat Step 1 - 3 with 7.5" squares.

\*\*\*This method will yield 2 HST each but you will only use one of each per block\*\*\*

Step 4: Line the seam up along the 45 degree line on your ruler (this works best with a square ruler), and trim your HSTs: SMALL HST is trimmed down to 4.5" square. LARGE HST is trimmed down to 7" square.

Step 5: Arrange the pieces of your block as shown in the photo below. Sew the top row together. Sew the bottom row together. Press all seams open.

Step 7: Sew the top row to the long sashing strip and press your seam open. Sew the bottom row to the other side of the long sashing strip and press your seam open.

Once sewn together, your block should measure 12.5".

