

SEPTEMBER 2010 BLOCK A MONTH BATIK PATHS & STILES



FABRIC AND CUTTING:

9-1/2" unfinished

This month's block is made with a light batik and a contrasting medium or dark batik in Fall colors of your choice.

Color #1
(Light Batik) - Two 3-7/8" squares
 - Two 1-1/2" x 14" strips

Color #2
(Medium or
Dark Batik) - One 3-1/2" square
 - Two 3-7/8" squares
 - One 1-1/2" x 14" strip

Draw a diagonal line on the back of both 3-7/8" light batik squares. Stack one of these squares on top of a medium/dark 3-7/8" square, right sides together, and stitch 1/4" away from the drawn diagonal line on both sides of the line. Cut along the drawn line and press the seam to the darker fabric. Repeat this process with the remaining light and medium/dark 3-7/8" squares. You will end up with four half-square triangle patches.

For the center side units, sew a light 1-1/2" x 14" strip to a medium/dark 1-1/2" x 14" strip, right sides together along the 14" edge. Press seam toward the darker fabric. Stitch another light strip to the other side of the medium/dark strip and again press the seam toward the darker strip. This 3-piece strip set should measure 3-1/2" x 14". Sub-cut into four 3-1/2" square sections.

Using the photo above, lay the block out into three horizontal rows (the light side of each half-square triangle patch faces the outside of each corner and the 3-1/2" medium/dark square is the middle of the block). Using 1/4" seam allowance, sew the three squares of each row together, pressing the seams in the top and bottom rows toward the outside of the block and the squares in the middle row toward the middle 3-1/2" square. Sew these three completed horizontal rows together, pressing seams to the outside of the block. Your block should measure 9-1/2" square.

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