

Big Sun

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I made this block during Hurricane Harvey. So many people were affected by this storm, and I remember wishing that a Big Sun would come and dry up all the rain. To me, the best quilting life is seeing people use their gift of quilting to help others. During hard times, quilters always come together to help raise funds and make quilts for those in need. ~Lissa

What You'll Need

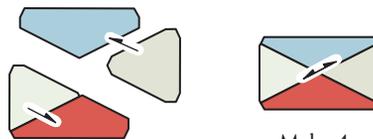
- 6 assorted cream print squares, 5" x 5"; cut into:
- A: 8 squares, 2" x 2"
 - C: 16 squares, 1½" x 1½"
- 9 assorted print squares, 5" x 5", cut into:
- B: 8 rectangles, 1¼" x 3"
 - D: 8 squares, 1½" x 1½"
- 1 yellow print square, 6" x 6", cut into:
- E: 2 rectangles, 1½" x 4½"
 - F: 2 rectangles, 1½" x 2½"
- G: 1 navy stripe square, 2½" x 2½"
- Template plastic

Assembly

Press all seam allowances in the direction indicated by the arrows.

1. Make plastic templates using the A and B patterns on page 29. Trace an A template onto each of the A squares. Trace a B template onto each of the B rectangles. Cut out eight of each shape.

2. Join two A and two B shapes to make a unit that measures 1½" x 2½". Make four units.



Make 4.

3. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of 12 of the C squares.

4. Place a marked C square on each D square with right sides together. Sew on the line, press, and trim the excess corner fabric, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Make eight half-square-triangle units.



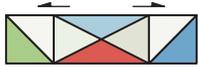
Make 8.

5. Referring to "Stitch and Flip" on page 137, sew marked C squares on each corner of an E rectangle as shown, noting the direction of the diagonal lines. Sew, trim, and press. Make two.



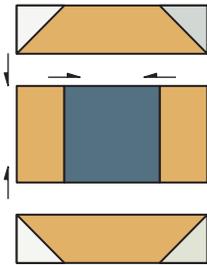
Make 2.

6. Arrange and sew two half-square-triangle units and one unit from step 2 together as shown. Make four side units that measure $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$.



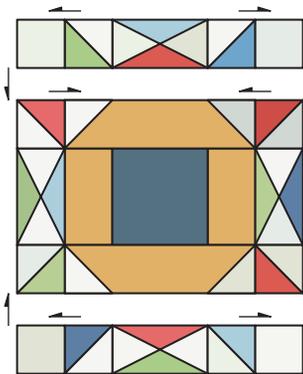
Make 4.

7. Arrange the unit from step 5, the F rectangles, and the G square in three rows as shown. Sew the pieces into rows and press. Join the rows and press to make the block center, which should measure $4\frac{1}{2}''$ square.



Make 1.

8. Arrange the remaining C squares, four side units, and the block center in three rows as shown. Sew the squares and units into rows and press. Join the rows and press to make a $6\frac{1}{2}''$ block.



ALTERNATE COLORWAY

