DOUBLE DIAMOND QUILT BLOCK

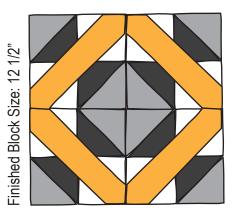
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Step 1: CUT FABRIC.

Fabric A: cut four 4" squares
Fabric B: cut four 4" squares

Fabric C: cut eight 3 1/2" squares

Fabric D: cut four 2" x 10" strips (cut along straight grain)



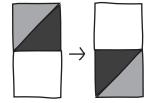
Step 2: MAKE HALF-SQUARE TRIANGLES.

With right sides facing, stack together two 4" squares, one of fabric A and one of fabric B. Draw a diagonal line and stitch 1/4" from the line on either side, as shown. Then cut along the line to create two pieces. Repeat with the remaining 4" squares until you have 8 half-square triangles. Trim and square up each piece.



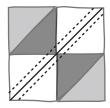
Step 3: MAKE FOUR-SQUARE PIECE.

Sew a half-square triangle piece to a 3 1/2" square of fabric C. Press seams open. Repeat with another half-square triangle and 3 1/2" square. Sew these two pieces together, as shown. Press. Repeat until you have four pieces with four sections each.



Step 4: CUT FOUR-SQUARE PIECES.

With one four-square piece facing wrong sides up, draw a line along the diagonal of the two solid pieces, as shown. Cut 1/4" from both sides of this line, creating two pieces. Repeat with the remaining four-square pieces until you have 8 triangular pieces.



STEP 5: SEW DIAGONAL STRIPS.

Fold a 2" x 10" strip in half to mark the center. With right sides facing, sew one of the eight triangular pieces to this piece, centered on the mark. Press seam open and sew another triangular section to the other side of the strip, again with right sides facing. Press.Repeat with the remaining pieces. Trim all pieces, if needed, to make sure they are 6 1/2" square.



STEP 6: ASSEMBLE BLOCK.

Carefully matching seams, sew the four 6 1/2" squares together as shown. Press seams open.

