

Fabric Stash Blocks

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PLEASE NOTE: This fabric stash block first appeared in the Dec/Jan 2010 issue of QUILT Magazine. Many fabrics have a shelf life of about 6 months to 1 year. These exact fabrics may not still be available for purchase. Take heart! Your favorite quilt shop can help you select suitable substitutes in colors and patterns that will work just as well to make this block.



12" Hugs and Kisses block

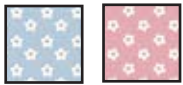
Send your love in this X and O block! Chocolate brown adds a modern feel to traditional blue and pink in the fresh scrapbook-style designs of the Itty Bitty Baby collectin for Marcus Fabrics. www.marcusfabrics.com



A - Cut (5) 2-1/2" blue star squares and (5) 2-1/2" pink flower squares



A - Cut (8) 2-1/2" brown dot squares



A - Cut (4) 2-1/2" blue dot squares and (4) 2-1/2" pink dot squares



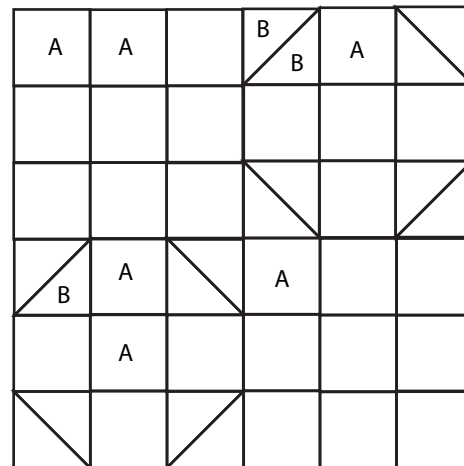
A - Cut (2) 2-1/2" brown swirl squares



B - Cut (4) 2-7/8" brown swirl squares, then cut in half diagonally once to make (8) triangles.



B - Cut (2) 2-7/8" blue dot squares, then cut in half diagonally once to make (4) triangles.
Cut (2) 2-7/8" pink dot squares, then cut in half diagonally once to make (4) triangles.



ASSEMBLING THE BLOCK:

Refer to block picture above; sew an (A) brown dot square between (2) (A) blue star squares to make a top/bottom 3-piece unit. (Make 2) Sew an (A) blue star square between (2) (A) brown dot squares to make a center 3-piece unit. Sew the center unit between the (2) top/bottom units to make a blue star/ brown dot nine-patch square. In the same manner make a nine-patch pink flower/brown dot square.

Stitch a (B) blue dot triangle to a (B) brown swirl triangle to make a corner square. (Make 4) In the same manner, sew a (B) pink dot triangle to a (B) brown swirl triangle. (Make 4) Sew an (A) blue dot square between (2) blue corner squares to make a top/bottom 3-piece unit. Sew an (A) brown swirl square between (2) (A) blue dot squares to make a center 3-piece unit. Sew the center unit between the (2) top/bottom units to make a blue dot/brown swirl nine-patch variation square. In the same manner make a nine-patch variation pink dot/brown swirl square.

Sew the blue star nine-patch square to the pink dot nine-patch variation square to make the top row. Sew the blue dot nine-patch variation square to the pink flower nine-patch square to make the bottom row. Sew the top row to the bottom row to make a 12-1/2" unfinished Hugs and Kisses block.