

April 2024 Q4CL block drive – Framed squares and rectangles



This month it's all about careful colour choice using a fairly simple block. Inspired by Marnie McEllistrim's Maggie's Choice pattern.

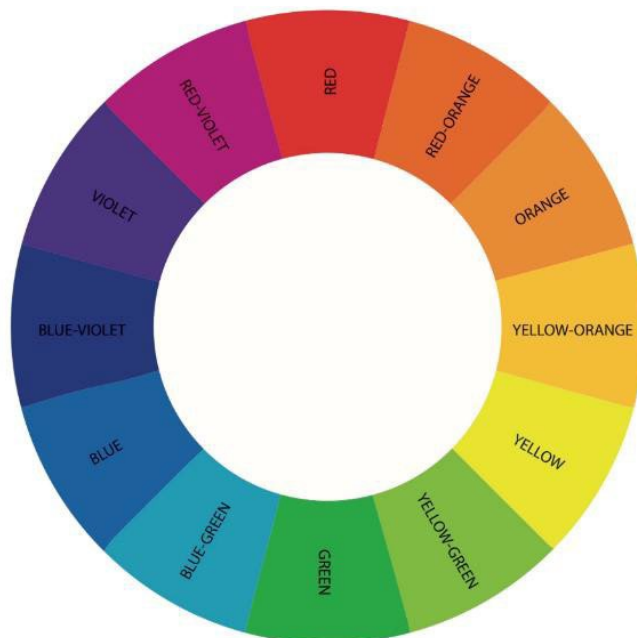
Use an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam throughout – if your pieces aren't coming out the right size, check your cutting and your seam allowance for accuracy and adjust accordingly.

Fabric type

Please do not use anything other than quilting weight cotton fabric i.e. no curtaining, stretch, suiting or upholstery fabrics. We are also unable to use blocks that include licensed fabrics.

Colour choice

Please use colours from one of the five following groups only per block (see colour wheel):



red/red-orange/orange/yellow-orange/yellow
green/yellow-green/yellow
green/blue-green/blue
blue/blue-violet/violet
grey

OR
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If you choose the blue/blue-violet/violet colour group for example, all of your fabrics could be blue as long as there's a good contrast between them. Take extra care with greens (do they belong with the yellow-green group or the blue-green group?) and purples (are they blue-violet or red-violet). Many fabrics I pulled out thinking they were 'purple' and would be great were actually red-violet which I don't want.

Please use solids, tone-on-tone or fabric that reads as solid.

These would be good fabric choices:



These would not be good fabric choices:

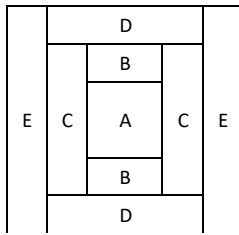


Block sizes:

I'd like to receive blocks that are 6½" square, and 6½" x 12½" rectangles. Please send **untrimmed** – too big is easy to remedy; too small is lots of extra work for me (or will lead to the blocks not being used).

I've included detailed cutting and piecing instructions.

6½" square block



Cutting:

green/blue-green/blue

red/red-orange/orange/yellow-orange/yellow

Option 1

Piece	Size	Quantity
A	2" x 2"	1
B	1¼" x 2"	2
C	1¼" x 3½"	2
D	2" x 3½"	2
E	2" x 6½"	2

Option 2

Piece	Size	Quantity
A	1½" x 1½"	1
B	1½" x 1½"	2
C	1½" x 3½"	2
D	2" x 3½"	2
E	2" x 6½"	2

Piecing:

- Using a ¼" seam, sew the two B pieces to opposite sides of the centre piece (A). Press towards the B pieces. The resulting piece should measure 2" x 3½" (option 1) or 1½" x 3½" (option 2). If not, you'll need to check your cutting and seam allowance.
- Sew the two C pieces to the other two sides of the centre piece (A). Press towards the C pieces. The resulting piece should now measure 3½" x 3½" (option 1 and option 2).
- Sew the two D pieces to opposite sides of the piece made at step 2. Take care to attach to the correct sides – refer to the diagram. Press towards the D pieces. This piece should now measure 3½" x 6½" (option 1 and option 2).
- Sew the two E pieces to the other two sides of the piece made at step 2. Press towards the E pieces. Your block should now measure 6½" x 6½" (option 1 and option 2). If it's more than this, please do not trim.

Step 1



Step 2



Step 3

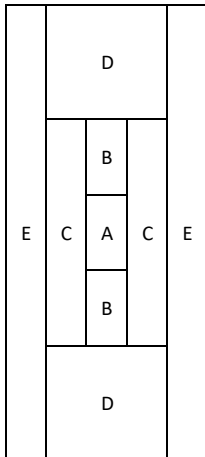


Step 4



6½ x 12½ rectangle block

Cutting:



Green/yellow-green/yellow

Cutting:

Piece	Size	Quantity
A	1½" x 2½"	1
B	1½" x 2½"	2
C	1½" x 6½"	2
D	3½" x 3½"	2
E	2" x 12½"	2

Piecing:

1. Using a ¼" seam, sew the two B pieces to opposite sides of the centre piece (A). Take care to attach to the correct sides – refer to the diagram. Press towards the B pieces. The resulting piece should measure 6" x 1½". If not, you'll need to check your cutting and seam allowance.
2. Sew the two C pieces to the other two sides of the centre piece (A). Press towards the C pieces. The resulting piece should now measure 6½" x 3½".
3. Sew the two D pieces to opposite sides of the piece made at step 2. Take care to attach to the correct sides – refer to the diagram. Press towards the D pieces. This piece should now measure 3½" x 12½".
4. Sew the two E pieces to the other two sides of the piece made at step 2. Press towards the E pieces. Your block should now measure 6½" x 12½". If it's more than this, please do not trim.