

Orange County Quilters Guild
Block of the Month for JANUARY 2015

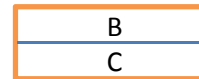
This month we will be making a simple block out of BRIGHT colors. You may bring in up to 5 blocks.

For each 8-1/2" unfinished block you will need:

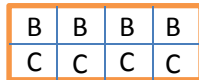
- Two 4 1/2" squares of a solid or "reads solid" fabric in a bright color. These are your Fabric A squares.
- ONE 2 1/2" x 10" strip EACH of 2 other bright fabrics that coordinate with the first fabric. These are Fabrics B and C

To assemble (using scant 1/4" seams throughout):

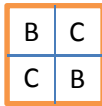
1. Take your B and C fabric strips and sew lengthwise, right sides together. Press the seam allowance toward the darker fabric.



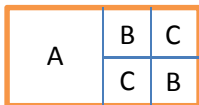
2. Cut your B-C fabric strip into 4 smaller units measuring 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" each.



3. Join 2 of the units along one long side, matching the center seams so that when you open out the units, they form a four-patch, checkerboard fashion. Repeat with the other 2 units so that you have 2 four-patch units.



4. Join one of the little four-patch units to one side of a Fabric A square. Press the seam allowance toward the large square. Open out the unit and place it on a flat surface.



5. Position the remaining 4 1/2" square and the remaining four-patch unit next to your sewn unit for comparison, so that when sewn together, the C fabric squares will form a diagonal as shown in the illustration below. Sew the A square to the four-patch, right sides together, and press the seam allowance toward the A square. At this point, you will have 2 units, each with a large square and a four-patch sewn together.

6. Place the two units, right sides together, so that the A squares are opposite each other. Stitch the final seam. Press the seam allowance open, or as you prefer. Your block should be arranged like this:

