

# Mystery Quilt 2018 - Advanced Beginner - Clue 2

## Unit 1-B



### Unit One: Square Within a Square, Coloring "B"

#### Cutting Directions:

1. From the Contrast: Gold/Cheddar fabric cut **(120) 2 5/8" squares**.
2. From the Feature: Pink/brown fabric cut **(480) 2 1/2 " Half Square Triangles** with the *easy angle ruler*.

**\*OR\***

If you are NOT using the *easy angle ruler* you can cut **(240) 2 7/8"** squares, and cut them in half diagonally to yield 480 half square triangles.

In this block use ONE Gold/Cheddar and FOUR Pink/brown triangles around each center square in this block,

**Note:** If you want to go scrappy with Unit 1-B, you can arrange your pink/browns and Golds in sets of 4 same as the indigos in the previous unit, with every group of 4 using a different blue or a different gold.

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Image-1



Image-2



Take the center square, and crease it in half with your fingers. Use this crease to align the point of the triangle at the center of the square. Having your triangle points in the right place is important with this unit. Sew triangles to one side of the square, but do not press yet. You'll press out your crease, and you need that for placing the triangle on the opposite side. Sew the second triangles on the opposite side using the crease to center the point. See Image-1.

After the second triangle is sewn opposite the first, press the units open and trim the dog ears even with the sides of the squares. Press seams towards the triangles you just added.

Adding the 3rd triangle: Since the *easy angle ruler* was used to cut the triangles, there is a notched edge that just fits the pressed out triangles. This makes positioning triangle 3 and triangle 4 extra easy. See Image-1

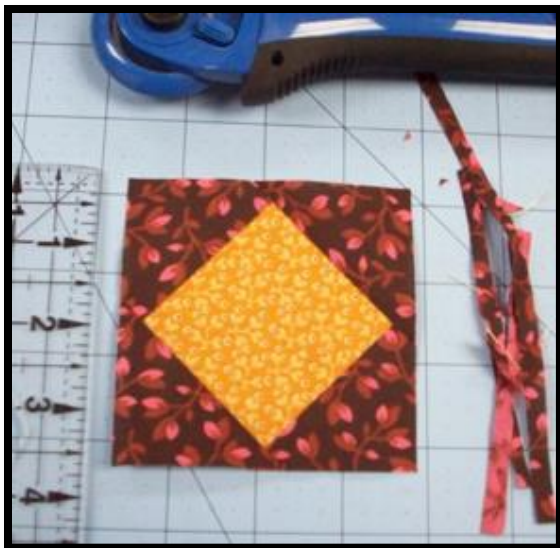
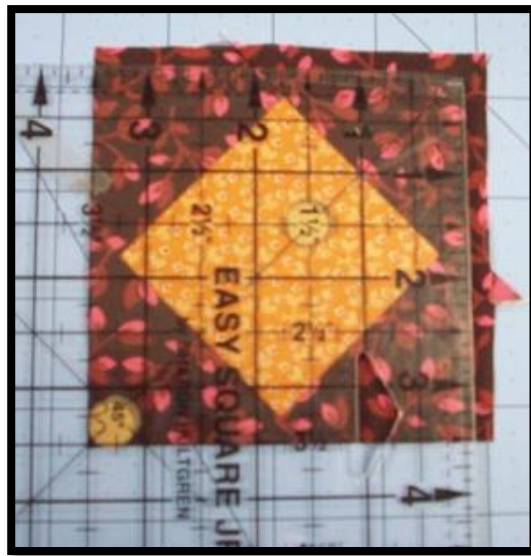
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It is also important to keep your seam allowance at a proper 1/4" so that your center square finishes to the right size. If your seam is too big, your square will shrink. If it is too small, your center square will be too big and you will lose points in the trimming process.

You can see above in the Image-1 the first two triangles, and using the notch from the *easy angle ruler* to add the 3<sup>rd</sup> triangle. The second pic shows pressing them out, all in a line on the ironing board.

**HINT:** When pressing, leave them all connected by the chaining thread. Iron them in a row, and then it is easy to clip them apart in between the units.

The 3rd pic is 4 units ready to be squared down. The method for squaring them is the same as with the previous unit.



Complete all **120 Unit 1-B** squares.

**\*\* This ends Clue #2 \*\***