FIXER UPPER
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I live in a fixer upper. I will never forget that first month and all the sweat it took to rip out carpet, linoelum, baseboards, old wallpaper, etc. Of course, all the work was worth it, and I end up with a beautiful, blank canvas. Over the last couple years, I’ve been adding to it little by little and love the home it’s become.

This block reminds me of those early fixer upper days; we start simple with a square and keep building upon it. Just as satisfying as a real home project (but much less time and mess).

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

(For fabric choices refer to the diagram)

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ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Begin block assembly by sewing (1) B rectangle onto either side of the A square. Press seams outward.

2. Complete the block center by sewing (1) C rectangle onto the top and bottom of the unit. Press seams outward.
   Use the following guide for block center measurements:
   a. 4” Block: 2 ½” x 2 ½” unfinished (2” x 2” finished)
   b. 6” Block: 3 ½” x 3 ½” unfinished (3” x 3” finished)
   c. 8” Block: 4 ½” x 4 ½” unfinished (4” x 4” finished)
   d. 12” Block: 6 ½” x 6 ½” unfinished (6” x 6” finished)

3. Place (1) D square with a drawn diagonal line onto each corner of (1) E square, right sides together and edges aligned.

4. Stitch along the drawn diagonal lines of each D square as shown. Stitch on (2) opposite corners first, then complete the unit by stitching on the (2) remaining corners.

5. Use a rotary cutter to trim ¼” away from the drawn diagonal lines as shown, removing excess fabric at each corner.

6. Press seams toward the corners to complete.

7. Repeat to create (12) stitch and flip units. Use the following guide for stitch and flip unit sizing:
   a. 4” Block: 1 ½” x 1 ½” unfinished (1” x 1” finished)
   b. 6” Block: 2” x 2” unfinished (1 ½” x 1 ½” finished)
   c. 8” Block: 2 ½” x 2 ½” unfinished (2” x 2” finished)
   d. 12” Block: 3 ½” x 3 ½” unfinished (3” x 3” finished)

8. Lay out units as shown in the diagram. Sew together in (3) horizontal rows, pressing seams open to reduce bulk.

9. Sew horizontal rows together to complete the block.

10. Trim block using the guide listed below:
    a. 4 ½” x 4 ½” unfinished (4” x 4” finished)
    b. 6 ½” x 6 ½” unfinished (6” x 6” finished)
    c. 8 ½” x 8 ½” unfinished (8” x 8” finished)
    d. 12 ½” x 12 ½” unfinished (12” x 12” finished)

DESIGNER INFO