

Gypsy Wife by Jen Kingwell

Month 10 – Filler Blocks Square in a Square blocks

General Tips:

1. When following the book, an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam is needed. Check you seams to make sure they are $\frac{1}{4}$ " and if the $\frac{1}{4}$ " is off, adjust before proceeding. Also be careful to make accurate diagonal cuts when instructed.
2. If you follow the instructions in the book, you are cutting on a bias edge. I suggest using starch to reduce the stretching.
3. Some of the fabrics had more shrinkage than others so I suggest preshrinking all the fabric. I do this by spraying the fabric completely with Best Press but you could also use water. I use Best Press since it also helps with the bias edges.

Square in a Square Block:

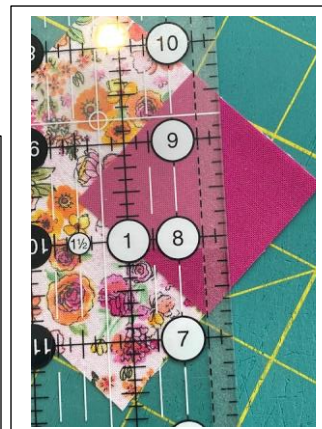


2 ½" finished

1. Draw a diagonal line on the 4 squares.
2. Line up on each corner with the diagonal line on the square as shown in relation to the corner.
3. Sew on the line.
4. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the diagonal line on the side closest to the corner. Press.
5. Repeat on all corners.



Tip: If you have problems with the finished block not being the correct size, check the corner before trimming. Each corner should line up with the corner of the centre square.



If you are confident in $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and cutting, you can use a ruler and trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the diagonal and then sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



3 ½ finished block

1. Draw a diagonal line on the 4 squares.
2. Line up on each corner with the diagonal line on the square as shown in relation to the corner.
3. Sew on the line.
4. Trim ¼" from the diagonal line on the side closest to the corner. Press.

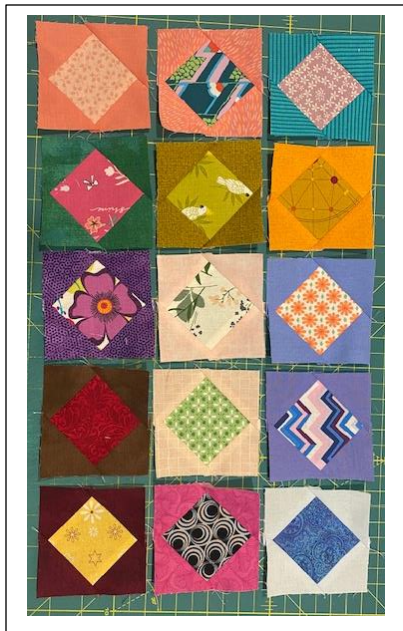


Final blocks (color combinations will be different based on your color combinations.

For the 3" and 4" finished blocks, follow the directions above using the cuts shown in the pattern.



Final 3 1/2" finished block



Twenty-three (23) 3" finished



Ten (10) 4" finished
(Choose color combinations you like)

