



Union Square Block



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This month's block is the Union Square, which is one of the many blocks based on the [Ohio Star Block](#). The Union Square corners dress up the basic Ohio Star that you see in the center of the block. This will be a finished 18" square, making it a great size to be used as a pillow or table topper also.



If you are buying fabric for each block on a monthly basis, you will need five fabrics for this block: a teal, a yellow, a green, a pink and the gray background fabric.

Please see more details about fabric requirements [here](#). You will follow the *Alternate Cutting Instructions* below if you are cutting from a kit.

Please also download the [BERNINA Block Party Fabric Chart](#).

If you are using the Sun Print 2017 Andover fabric line by Alison Glass, the specific colors are listed in bold:

Fabrics

Fabric A Teal **A-8483-T** Fat Quarter



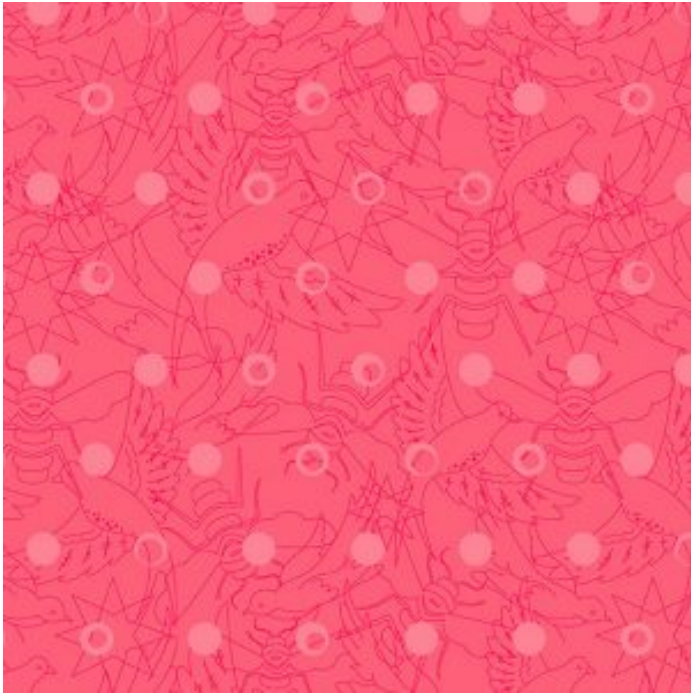
Fabric B Yellow **A-8482-Y** Fat Quarter



Fabric C Green **A-8483-**
V Fat Quarter

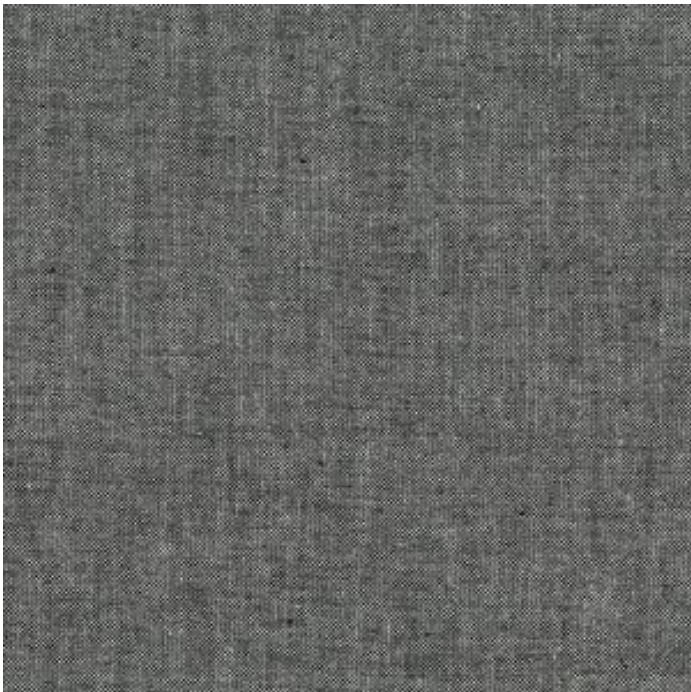


Fabric D Pink **A-8484-E** Fat Quarter



Fabric E Gray **A-C-Black** Fat

Quarter



Supplies to Create the Union Square Quilt Block

Patchwork Foot #37/37D or #57/57D or #97/97D

Straight Stitch Needle Plate for domestic machines

Machine with Embroidery Capability and Embroidery Foot #26 (if quilting with embroidery machine) or Adjustable Ruler Foot #72 (if using a BERNINA Domestic Sewing Machine for ruler work)

OR

Ruler Foot #96 (if using the Q20 Sit-down Model)

BERNINA Q-matic Longarm Quilting Automation System (optional)

BERNINA Ruler Work Kit (if using Q 24 the Q 20 Longarm Machine on a frame) includes Ruler base, Ruler foot #96 and Straight Ruler

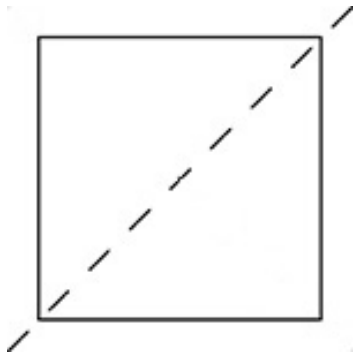
Free Motion Couching Foot #43 (for use with either the Longarm or the domestic machine)

LaEspiga Cord #18 (your choice of color) or any other cord that works in the #43 foot

Cutting Instructions to Create the Union Square Quilt Block

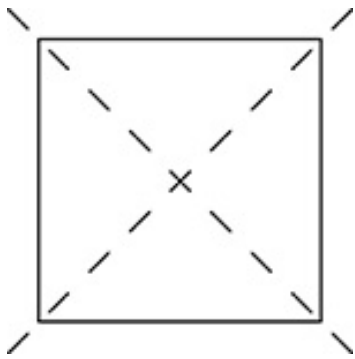
Fabric A

4 Squares 3 7/8"; cut in half diagonally making 8 triangles



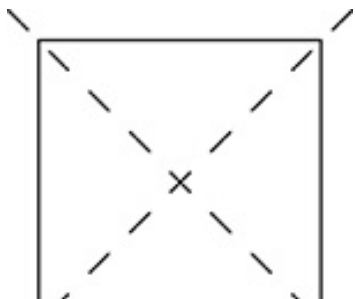
Fabric B

2 Squares 7 1/4"; cut in quarters diagonally making 8 triangles



Fabric C

1 Square 7 1/4"; cut in quarters diagonally making 4 triangles (Insert 02 Crosshatch)





Fabric D

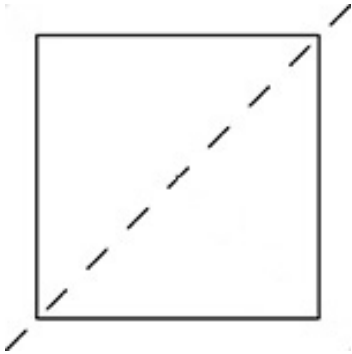
1 Square $6\frac{1}{2}$ "* (* Option: replace center with a different fabric such as silk dupioni)

4 Squares $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

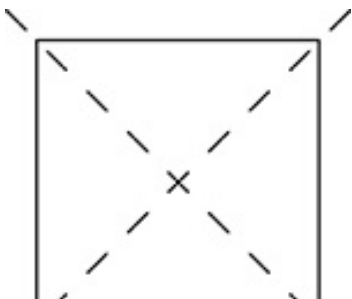
Fabric E

4 Squares $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

4 Squares $3\frac{7}{8}$ "; cut in half diagonally making 8 triangles



1 Square $7\frac{1}{4}$ "; cut in quarters diagonally making 4 triangles





Alternate Cutting Instructions

Fabric A:

Cut a $3 \frac{7}{8}$ " strip; cut 4 squares

Fabric B:

Cut 2 $7 \frac{1}{4}$ " squares from left over fabric from Block 5

Fabric C:

Cut a $7 \frac{1}{4}$ " strip; cut 1 square. 35" of strip will remain

Fabric D:

Cut a $6 \frac{1}{2}$ " strip; cut 1 square

Use the same strip to cut 4- $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Fabric E:

Cut a 3 7/8" strip; cut 4 squares. Trim remaining strip to 3 1/2" width; cut 8 3 1/2" squares

Cut a 7 1/4" strip; cut 1 square. 35" of the strip will remain

Piecing

Seam together the Fabric A triangles to the Fabric E triangles to create half square triangles (HST).



Make 8 HST units.



Seam together 4 of these HST units to a Fabric E (Gray) 3 1/2" square, sewing the teal triangle edge to the gray as shown.



Seam together the remaining 4 HST units to a Fabric D (Pink) 3 ½" square, sewing the teal triangle edge to the pink as shown. Make 4 units.



Piece together these two units to create a 6 ½" square as shown. Make 4 units.



Seam together 4 Fabric B (yellow) triangles to 4 Fabric (gray) triangles.

Make 4 units.



Seam together 4 Fabric B (yellow) triangles to 4 Fabric C (green) triangles. Make 4 units of each.

Piece the triangle units together to form 6 ½" squares as shown. Make 4 units.



We are now ready to construct the three strips that make up the block.

Make 2 of the following strips for the top and bottom rows of the block.



Make 1 of the following strip for the middle of the block.



Sew the three strips together creating the Union Square Block.



If you are going to make the entire quilt from the [Block of the Month Series](#), set this large block aside for now. The instructions for piecing together all the blocks will come at the end of the series.

Each month, I also give you instructions for a different quilting technique so that you can experiment with different techniques. When it comes time for the final quilting, you will be ready to decide which quilting techniques you like best.