

Norfolk County Quilters' Guild  
President's Challenge 2025  
Block #7 February

For this block, I used 4 different feature fabrics – 2 for the small block and 2 for the large block  
Cut the following pieces:

For small 6" x 6" block

For large 18" x 18" block

**Centre:**

1 2.5" x 2.5" square (feature)

1 6.5" x 6.5" square (feature)

**Four corner squares:**

4 2.5" x 2.5" squares (background)

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**8 Quarter Square Triangles:**

4 3" x 3" squares (feature 1)

4 7" x 7" squares (feature 1 or 3)

4 3.5" x 3.5" squares (feature 2)

4 7.5" x 7.5" squares (feature 2 or 4)

4 3.5" x 3.5" squares (background)

4 7.5" x 7.5" squares (background)

There is no piecing for the centres or corners. They consist of the single squares you cut above.

**Piecing the 4 Quarter-Square Triangles:**

1. Draw one diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the 3.5" x 3.5" background squares.

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2. Using the 3.5" x 3.5" squares only, place one feature2 and one background right sides together.

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3. Sew two seams, ¼ " from the drawn diagonal, one on each side of it.

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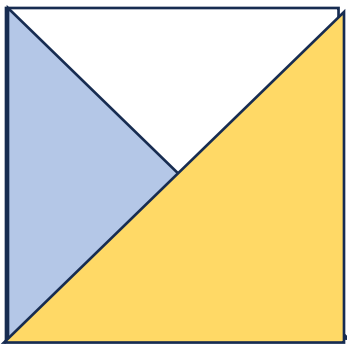
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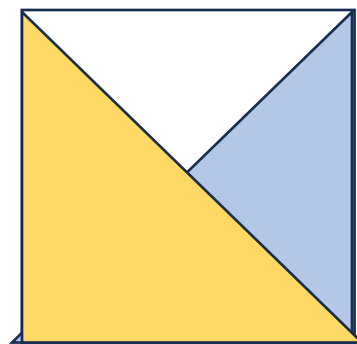
6. Repeat with all of these squares until you have made 8 HSTs. Trim all HSTs to 3" x 3" if necessary.
7. Take each HST from above and pair it up with one of the 3" x 3" feature1.
8. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the unpieced squares.
9. Place each pieced HST with an unpieced square, right sides together.
10. Sew two seams, 1/4" from the drawn Diagonal, one on each side of it.
11. Cut along the drawn diagonal line.
12. Press the seams as you wish.
13. You now have 8 QSTs. Trim so that each measures 2.5" x 2.5"

6. Repeat with all of these squares until you have made 8 HSTs. Trim all HSTs to 7"x 7" if necessary.
7. Take each HST from above and pair it up with one of the 7"x 7" feature3/1.
8. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the unpieced squares.
9. Place each pieced HST with an unpieced square, right sides together.
10. Sew two seams, 1/4" from the drawn Diagonal, one on each side of it.
11. Cut along the drawn diagonal line.
12. Press the seams as you wish.
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Did you just make too many QSTs? Well technically, you have! But you need to make double the number you actually need so that they rotate in the same direction. Please see the diagrams below for the explanation:



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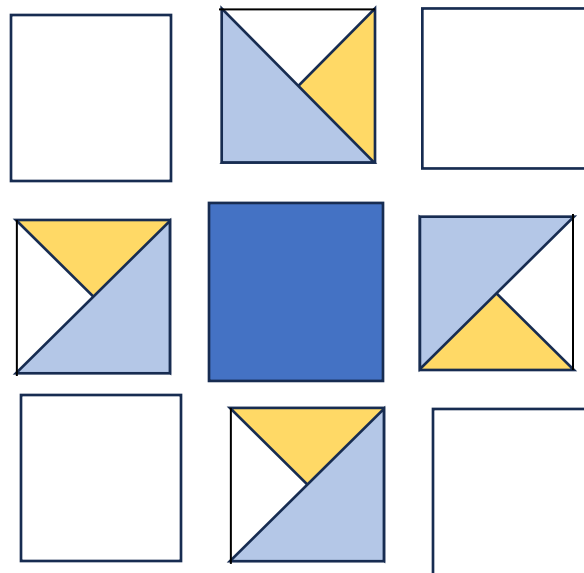
If you take some from the left pile, and some from the right pile, then the blocks will NOT look like they are rotating properly around the centre square.

It is important that you take 4 from one pile (it doesn't really matter which), and put aside the 4 in the other pile. Don't discard them. We will use them in another month's block!

14. Arrange your 9 blocks using the diagram below.

15. Sew the blocks together, press, and trim to 6.5" x 6.5".

15. Sew the blocks together, press, and trim to 18.5" x 18.5"



Remember, as always during this challenge, one of the squares in the large block will be replaced with the small block. Choose any of the squares you wish, and have fun!

