

Aurifil Button

2014 Designer of the Month – August

Finished size: 12" square

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About the Designer

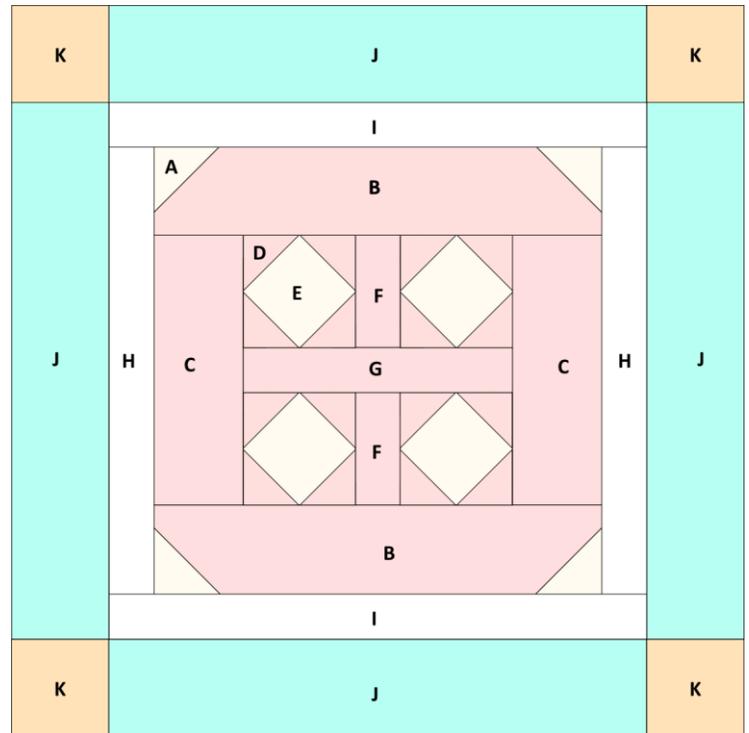
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Cutting

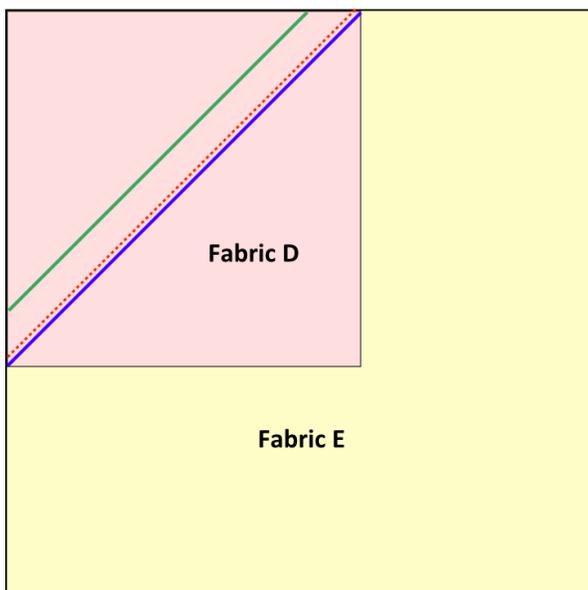
Unit	Fabric	Quantity	Size
A	Background	4	1.75" squares
B	Button	2	8.5" x 2.25"
C	Button	2	5" x 2.25"
D	Button	16	1.5" squares
E	Background	4	2.5" squares
F	Button	2	2.5" x 1"
G	Button	1	5" x 1"
H	Background	2	8.5" x 1"
I	Background	2	9.5" x 1"
J	Border	4	9.5" x 2"
K	Corners	4	2" squares



Piecing

Step 1: On the back of all fabrics **A** and **D** squares, draw one diagonal line from corner to corner (blue line in the drawing).

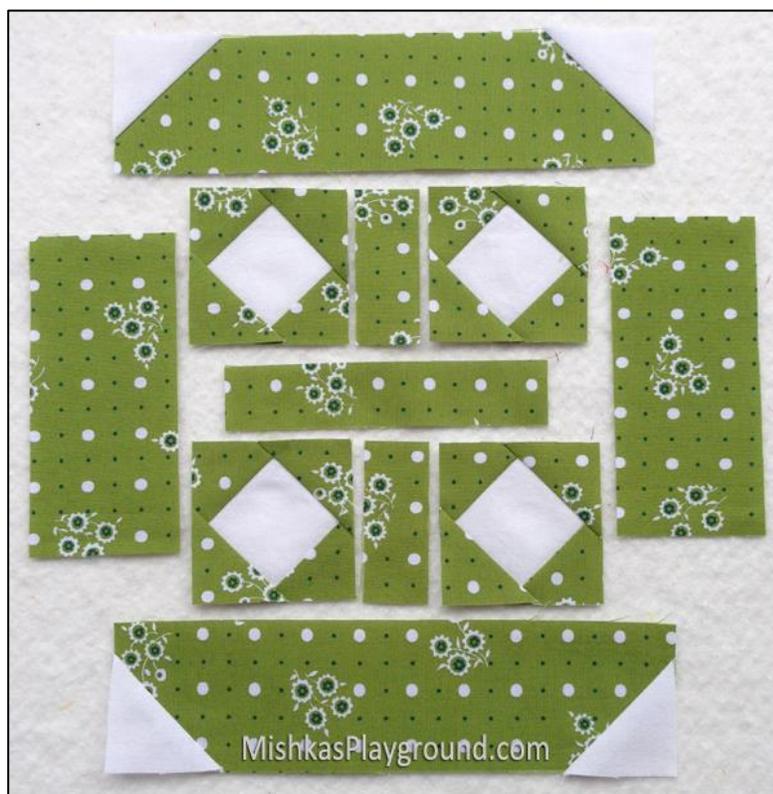
Step 2: Align a fabric **D** square in the corner of a fabric **E** square. Stitch just on the outside of the diagonal line that you drew (red line). Trim just the excess fabric **D** square, 1/4" away from your stitching line (green line). The excess fabric **E** square will remain in place. Press the seam towards the outside of the block. Repeat for all four corners of each of the fabric **E** squares. Once complete, press very well, and, if necessary, square-up the units to 2.5" square.



Step 3: Attach a small fabric **F** rectangle to the side of one of the **E/D** squares completed in Step 2. Stitch with the small rectangle unit on top. Press seam towards the rectangle. Attach another **E/D** square to the other side of the rectangle, again stitching with the rectangle on top. Press seam towards the rectangle. Repeat for the other fabric **F** rectangle and two **E/D** squares.

Step 4: Attach the fabric **G** rectangle to the bottom of one of the units created in Step 3. Stitch with the rectangle on top. Press seam towards the rectangle. Attach the remaining unit created in Step 3 to the other side of the rectangle, again stitching with the rectangle on top. Press seam towards the rectangle.

Step 5: Attach fabric **C** rectangles to both sides of the unit completed in Step 4. Press towards the rectangles.



Step 6: As you did in Step 2, align a fabric **A** square in the corner of a fabric **B** rectangle. Stitch just to the outside of the drawn line. Trim the excess from fabric **A** only, and press the seam towards the outside. Repeat for the other corner, making sure that the diagonal lines match the drawing. Repeat for the other fabric **B** rectangle and fabric **A** squares.

Step 7: Attach the **A/B** rectangle units to the top and bottom of the centre unit. Press seams towards the **A/B** rectangle.

Step 8: Attach the fabric **H** strips to the left and right sides of the centre unit. Stitch with the **H** strips on top. Press towards the strips. Repeat with the fabric **I** strips on the top and bottom.

Step 9: Attach the fabric **J** borders to the left and right side of the centre unit. Stitch with the fabric **J** borders on the bottom. Press towards the borders.

Step 10: Attach fabric **K** squares to both sides of two of the fabric **J** rectangles. Press seams towards the fabric **J** rectangles.



Step 11: Attach the two borders created in Step 10 to the top and bottom of the centre unit, nesting the seams at the corners. Press towards the borders. **Unfinished block size:** 12.5" square.