

Mirror Mirror--March 2022 Block of the Month

March's block has bilateral symmetry—the right side is a mirror image of the left side. It uses half-square triangles made two at a time. This technique shows up often in quilting blocks, [here](#) is a link to a video tutorial. I used a two 10" Kaffe Fassett layer cake print squares for "square A" and "square B," and Kona "Snow" for the background fabric.

Materials:

From the layer cake set or other print fabrics:

- two 10" squares, contrasting but complimentary

From the background fabric:

- one 5" width of fabric strip (there will be some left over)

Cutting instructions:

Square A **and** Square B:

- two 4"x4" squares
- two 2"x3.5" rectangles

Background Fabric

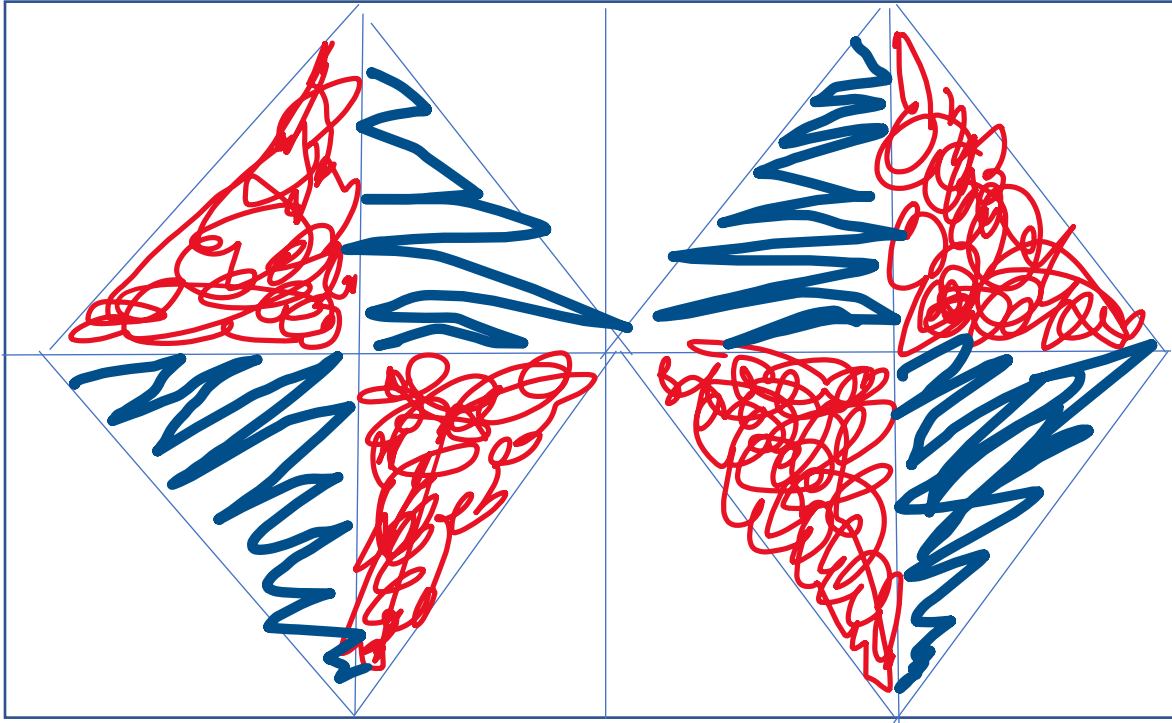
- four 4"x4" squares
- four 3.5"x5" rectangles

Half-square Triangle Assembly:

- Pair the A and B 4" squares with neutral 4" squares. Turn the neutral square wrong side up (if there is a right and wrong side) and mark a diagonal line along the back. Sandwich the A and B squares right sides together with the neutral squares, with the neutral square on top.
- Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam **along each side** of the drawn line. Cut along the line, open the half-square blocks and press seams open.
- Trim the blocks to 3.5" using the 45° line on a quilting ruler. Align the 45° line with the seam of the half-square triangle unit and trim down to 3.5", making sure each fabric is exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the square. (See the [tutorial](#) if you want a visual demonstration.)

Block Assembly

- Pair the A and B rectangles and sew together, right sides facing, along a long edge. Press open to make a 3.5"x3.5" square. Press seam open.
- Sew a 5"x3.5" neutral rectangle to either side of the squares you just made. Make sure the A and B pieces are horizontal. Press seams to the inside.



- Sew the Half-square triangle units together in strips, then sew the strips together, as shown. Press seams in the opposite direction for each strip so they will nest together.
- Sew the horizontal strips to the top and bottom of the half-square triangle section. Make sure the pattern that is on top is also on the bottom, to emphasize the mirror effect.

The block should measure 12.5"x12.5" at this point. Trim to adjust if needed.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RO_pyTkDorw is the address of the video, just in case