

## October 2022 Block of the Month: Frame it Up

October's block offers choices—a checkerboard frame around a big center square to showcase a large print (version 1) or a center of half-square triangles (version 2). I used one 10" Kaffe Fassett print square as "Square A" and a coordinating solid for "Square B," and Kona "Snow" for the background fabric.

Materials:

From the layer cake set or other print or solid fabrics:

- one 10" square print for the center (Square A)
- one 10" square print or solid for the frame (Square B)

From the background fabric:

- Enough fabric to make ten 2.5" squares
- Two 5" squares (only for version 2)

Cutting and assembly instructions for both versions—Make Strips for the Frame

- Cut ten 2.5" squares from Square B and ten 2.5" background fabric squares
- Sew together the squares to make four strips—two 4 alternating square strips and two 6 alternating square strips

Cutting and assembly instructions for version 1

- Trim the large print 10" square to 8.5" square
- Sew a 4-square strip to each side of the large square (make sure a background fabric square is on the top on one side and on the bottom on the other side)
- Sew a 6-square strip to the top and bottom (make sure to reverse the order on the top and bottom—see the finished block)
- Trim to 12.5" if needed

Cutting and assembly instructions for version 2

- Cut two 5" squares from Square A
- Using these and the background fabric 5" squares make four 4.5" half square triangles. (Instructions in [this](#) video, sorry about the ads.)

Assembly:

- Sew these half-square triangles into an 8.5" square using your choice of design—diamond, pinwheel, whatever appeals to you.
- Sew the 2.5" square strips onto this square—see the instructions for version 1.



Version 1



Version 2