

October 2026 Block of the Month – Criss-Cross

Criss-Cross gives you several creative possibilities with four 3 ½” unfinished mini blocks to make up the unfinished 12” block. It uses two coordinated fabrics around a center square as its basis. The center can be a fussy cut fabric or a solid to add interest with your quilting design. The dark strip fabrics create a star secondary design. It’s October’s block so fall fabrics will be fun to make a seasonal block. Option 2 allows for using an Exchange Block in the lower right corner.

	Patch	Fabric	Size	Option 1	Option 2
Center		Light	3 ½” square	4	3
Strip	1	Medium	2” x 3 ½”	4	3
Strip	2	Medium	2” x 5”	4	3
Strip	3	Dark	2” x 5”	4	3
Strip	4	Dark	2” x 6 ½”	4	3
Corners	5	Light	2” square	8	6
Exchange Block			6 ½” square	0	1

Sewing Guide for Criss-Cross:

Draw a diagonal line on reverse side of the 2” squares. Place a 2” square on one end of each dark strip. Follow the diagram for orientation of the angle. Sew on the marked line. Press each 2” square into a triangle and trim. Assemble the mini blocks. Each mini block is assembled the same. However, notice the rotation of the mini blocks to form the star design while sewing the mini blocks together.

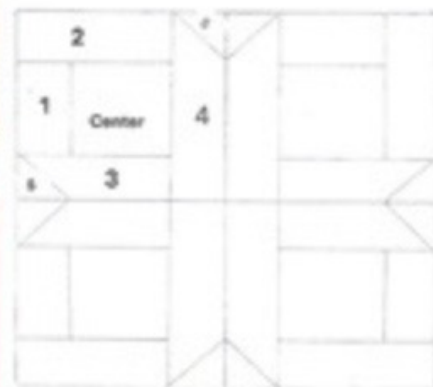
Block will measure 12 ½” unfinished.



Original Block



Exchange Block



Piecing Diagram