

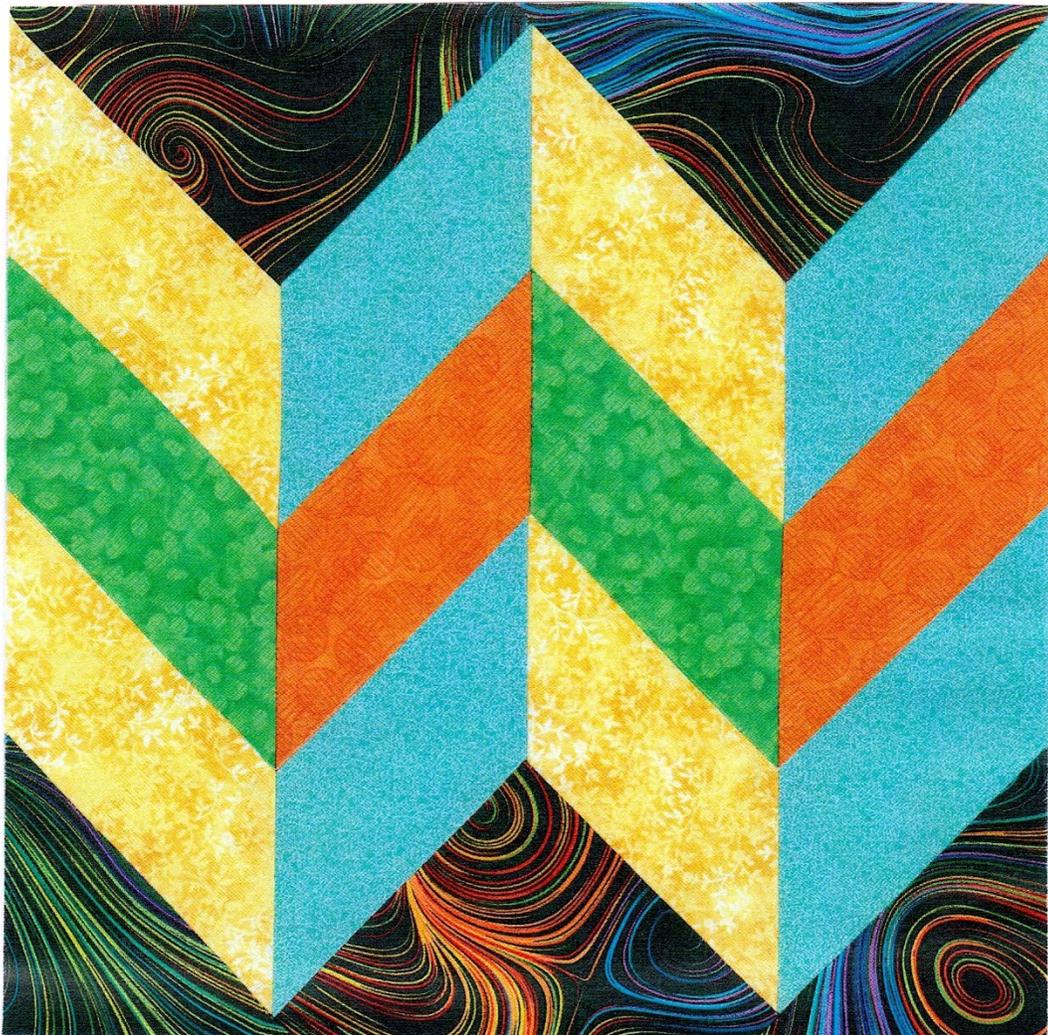
June 2023 Block of the Month
“Chevron”
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I found this block in *The Quilter’s Album of Blocks & Borders* by Jinny Beyer (EPM Publications, 1980). Ms. Beyer gave no history of the design, just the graphic design for a single block.

It’s shown with other four-patch designs, which means it can be chopped into fourths, and be made of LOTS of half-square triangles. (I have included a traditional breakdown of the pattern to do it that. I used jelly roll strips, which are often color coordinated, and combined them with a focus fabric.

Like lots of blocks, this one doesn’t shine until you combine multiple blocks to get interesting secondary patterns. I have included two versions for building the basic block, and just a few of the possible ways to combine groups of blocks.

I think it would be a great block to use with solid colors for a Modern quilt.



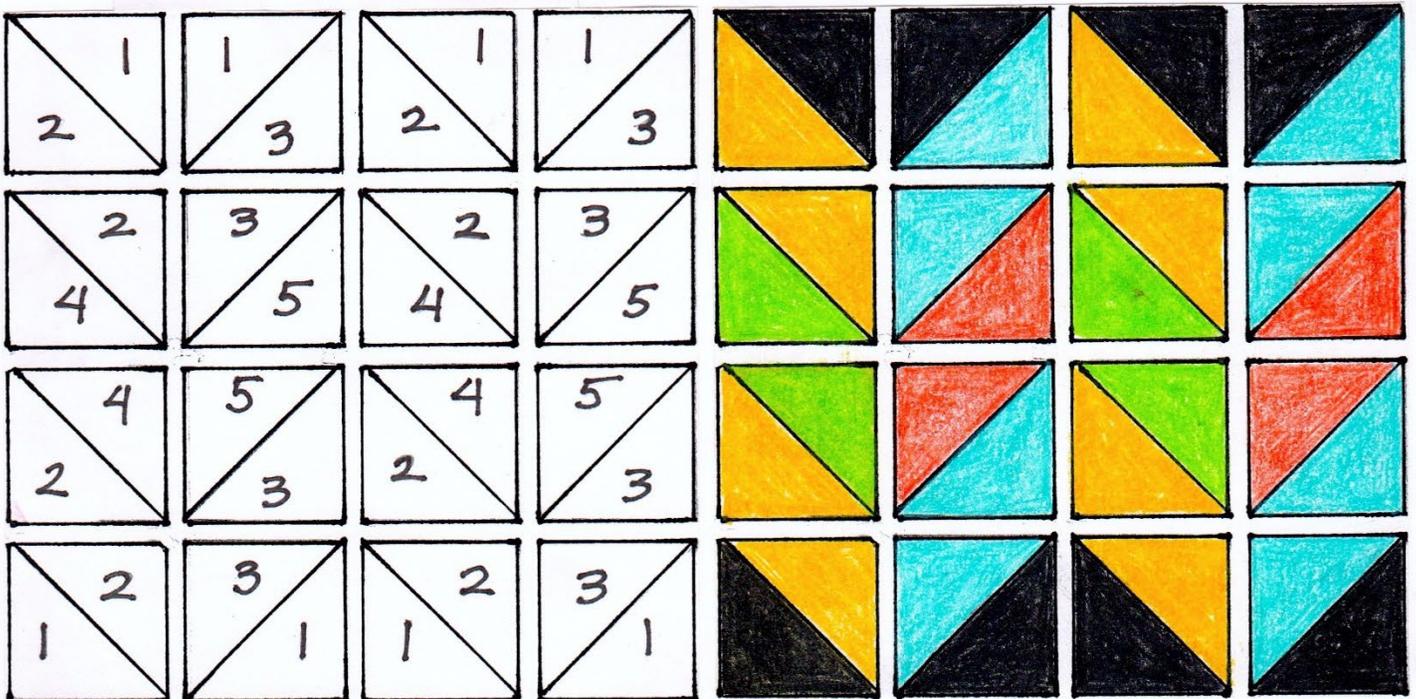
To make a 12 ½” unfinished block, cut 16 4” squares in the colors and amounts listed (see diagram). Cut squares in half for triangles, pair with correct color, and stitch. Trim each new square to 3 ½”. Reassemble following diagram. You don’t have to use the colors I’ve used, but I recommend keeping the corner triangles dark to set off the whole pattern.

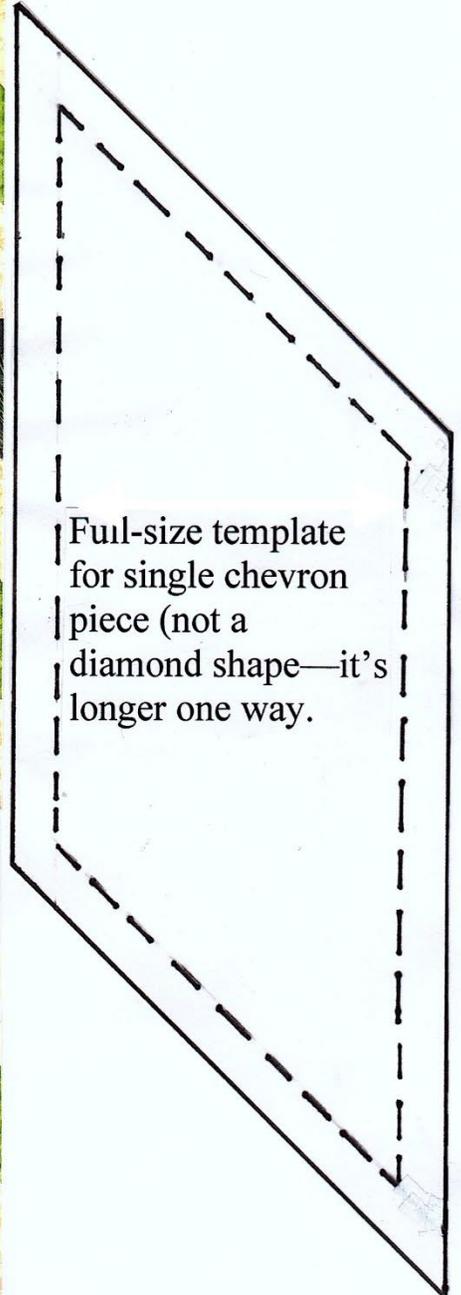
The jelly roll version is slightly smaller to accommodate the 2 ½” pre-cut strips so widely available. I have included full-size templates for cutting either single pieces or to cut the chevron sections after sewing your fabric strips together. IN EITHER CASE, REMEMBER TO TURN THE TEMPLATE AROUND FOR HALF YOUR CHEVRONS, SO THAT THE SECTIONS JOIN IN THE CENTER IN A “V” SHAPE. Sew all the diagonal pieces together into the chevron center, then add the outer triangles.

Outer triangles: cut one 8” square, cut apart into 4 equal triangles; use three for the large triangles. For corners, cut one 4 ½” square, divide into two triangles for corners. Stitch triangles to chevron center (see finished block). Trim away excess to align with sides, top and bottom of chevrons, leaving ¼” seam allowance. Unfinished block will be about 12” x 12”, to finish at 11 ½” by 11 ½”. The slightly smaller size is from using the Jelly Roll strips. The plus is way fewer pieces per block.

- #1 black cut 4 squares
- #2 yellow cut 4 squares
- #3 aqua cut 4 squares
- #4 green cut 2 squares
- #5 orange cut 2 squares

Color layout
for half-square
triangle blocks.





Side-side
arrangement



Stepped
arrangement



“Spinning”
arrangements:
one with center
square, one with
center pinwheel



Full-size template for
cutting pre-joined
chevron strips.

