



"Pattern of the Month"

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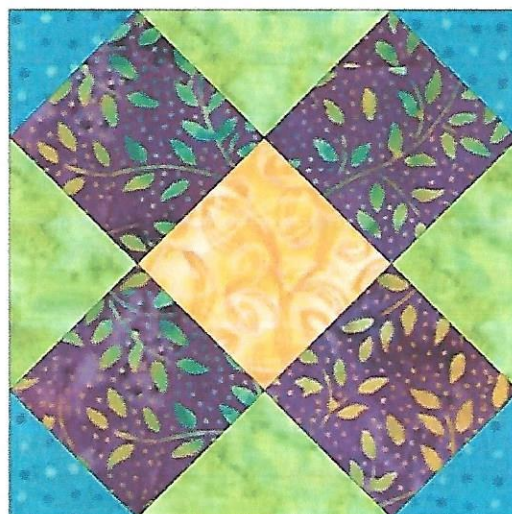
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Classic "Mosaic" Block (in 2 sizes)

A great block for using up scraps -- no wonder it's been popular for over 100 years! Depending on where you put lights and darks, different designs can be created. Add sashing between them to make each block stand out; or place them directly together or with alternating plain blocks to create other designs.

Thanks to Kay Hendricks for contributing this idea to "Pattern of the Month!"

--What can *you* do with "Mosaic"?



This block was originally made with templates, but we've discovered that a $5\frac{1}{2}$ " or $10\frac{1}{2}$ " block is easy to rotary cut, so we'll offer both—choose the size that works best for the quilt you are making.

Here's what to cut for one block:

(Finished size)

$5\frac{1}{2}$ " Block

(Finished size)

$10\frac{1}{2}$ " Block

Center square (cut 1)

$2\frac{1}{2}$ " square

$4\frac{1}{4}$ " square

Surrounding squares (cut 4)

$2\frac{1}{2}$ " square

$4\frac{1}{4}$ " square

Side triangles (cut 1 square)

4" square

$6\frac{1}{2}$ " square

(Cut the square twice diagonally  to make the 4 *side triangles*)

Corner triangles (cut 2 squares)

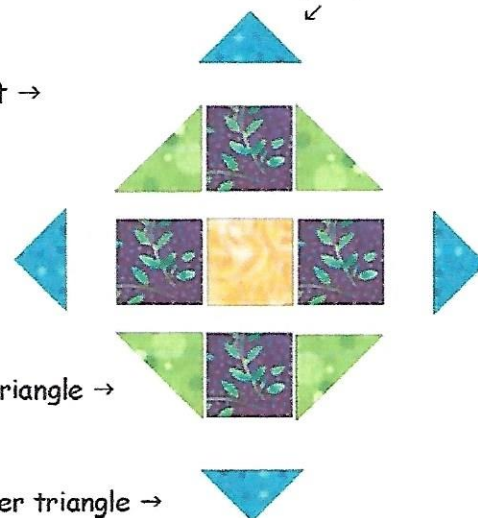
$2\frac{1}{4}$ " square

$3\frac{1}{2}$ " square

(Cut these 2 squares in half diagonally;   this makes the 4 *corner triangles*)

(NOTE: *Side triangles are larger than corner triangles.*)

To assemble block, arrange pieces "on point," as shown at right → and stitch together into 3 rows, including just *side triangles* in the rows. In first and third rows, press seams toward triangles; in middle row, press toward center square. Join rows together; then, add *corner triangles* last.

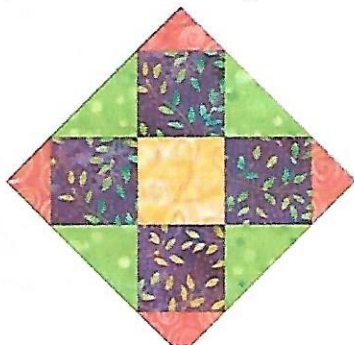


Unfinished size:

6" (or 11")

Finished size (in the quilt):

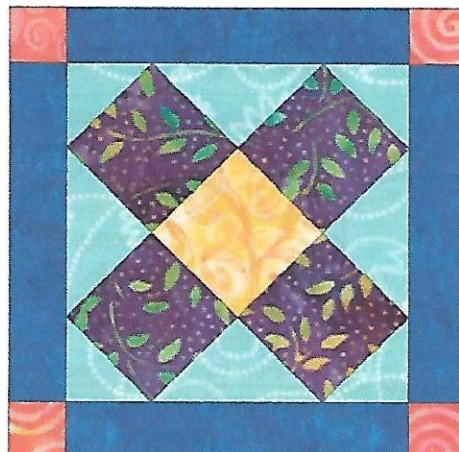
$5\frac{1}{2}$ " (or $10\frac{1}{2}$ ")



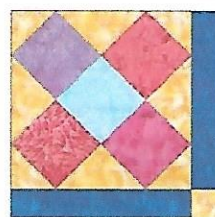
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The block can be made larger by adding sashing. Cut sashing strips the length of your unfinished block side (6" or 11" in this case), and as wide as you'd like them to be (remember to add an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the width, for seam allowances.) Also cut 4 squares for cornerstones, the same width as sashing strips.

For example, if your block is 6" unfinished, cut 4 sashing strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide x 6" long, and 4 cornerstones $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Adding them will increase unfinished size of block to 8" and finished size to $7\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Suggestion: A fast way to sash an entire quilt is to first add sashing to two adjacent block sides (add a cornerstone to one end of the second strip). Then sew blocks into rows, keeping the sashed edges oriented the same way, for example at bottom and right hand sides of blocks. →



When these half-sashed blocks are joined into rows, you will find you only need to add sashing and cornerstones to top and left sides of quilt to complete the sashing all the way around.

The Mosaic quilt at right has 36 blocks→

Using $5\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks, 1" sashing and cornerstones, and 2" borders, it measures 44" square.)

Or, with $10\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks, 2" sashing and cornerstones, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ " borders, it measures 86" square.

(To make a quilt using unsashed Mosaic blocks alternated with plain blocks, simply cut plain squares the same size as your Mosaic blocks.)

--Add this pattern to your box of pretty scraps, and any time you need a fun, recreational day, make a bunch of Mosaic blocks!

