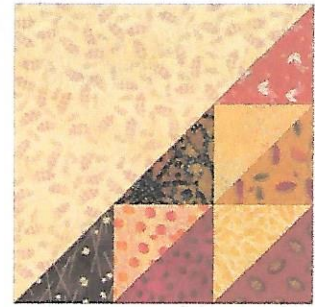




Pattern of the Month - September 2017
 "Autumn Rush" --part 1, the "Rush" block
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It's time for flocks of birds to head South for the winter, and for quilters to rush to the fabric shops (or dig into that stash) for all the gorgeous colors of Autumn - golds, reds, browns, along with all the bright accents and deep shadows that appear wherever there are trees turning color. This block has so many layout possibilities --it's a great opportunity to create your own marvelous rush of color, making it softer or brighter to please your senses, and make a wonderful throw or bed quilt for someone special - perhaps yourself? --Watch for part 2, "Autumn Leaf" block, coming in October!



The "Autumn Rush" 9" finished block is made from Triangle Square Units along with large and small triangles to complete the design. Cutting instructions are given for TWO blocks because that is a practical use of your fabrics, as you will see. Cut lots of parts, then mix and match to make lots of different scrappy combinations. Squares are cut just slightly oversize for ease of construction; squaring up where indicated will make them just right.

For TWO blocks: Cut one 10" light background square; cut in half diagonally to make two large triangles. (Note: Quilt shown uses 48 large triangles; 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards will yield 24 squares; cut in half diagonally for 48 triangles.) Cut three 4" squares each of assorted lights and darks, for the Triangle Square Units (see method, below) Cut three additional 4" squares of assorted darks; cut these in half diagonally, for small triangles.

Triangle Square method:

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on wrong side of each 4" light square. Lay light square on top of dark square, **right sides together**, matching edges. Stitch together, stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from line, on **both sides of line**. Cut apart **ON** the drawn line and press open, pressing toward dark. This makes two identical ones. **Trim and square up to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "**.

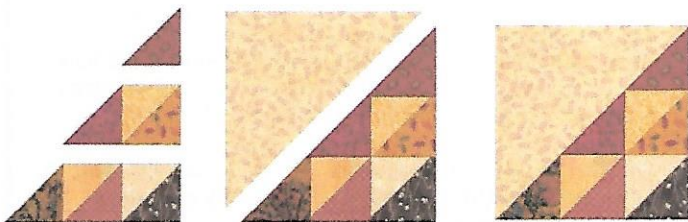


Make lots of scrappy combinations, using a variety of lights and darks, for a scrappy quilt.

Triangle Square Units

Assemble block: Use $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance

Each block uses 3 assorted light/dark Triangle Squares, 3 assorted small dark triangles, and one large light triangle. First, arrange smaller parts as illustrated below, and sew into rows, **keeping dark triangles all pointing in same direction**. Press seams in opposite directions to make matching easier; sew rows together, keeping the end triangle in its proper position. Lay the large pieced triangle on top of the large light triangle, **right sides together**. Pin together on longest side, stitch, and press seam toward light. Square up to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", taking care not to cut off the $\frac{1}{4}$ " that extends beyond the points of the small triangles; that will be your seam allowance when sewing blocks together! Make 48 for the quilt shown.



Autumn Rush Block



58" x 76" with 48 blocks, 2" borders
 Here's one possible arrangement-- \uparrow
 Try arranging blocks any way you like!