



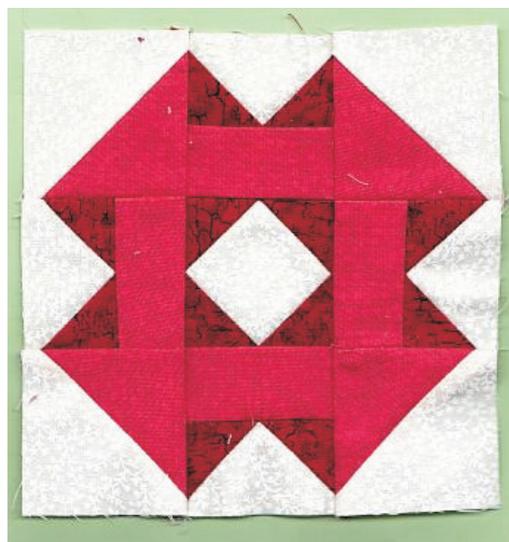
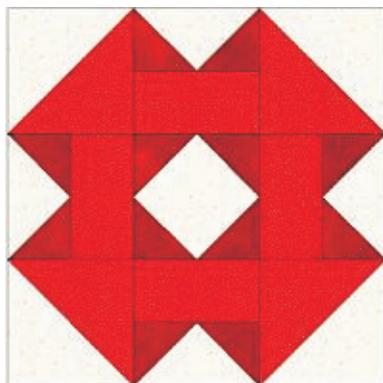
Garden Square

Skill level: Easy+

Cutting method: rotary cutting

Fabrics: 3 colors -
light, dark and
medium or med. dark

Cutting: use the
chart below for the
size block you need.



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Quantity to cut	3" block	6" block	9" block	12" block
Light:				
1	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"
2	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"
4	1" x 1.5"	1.5" x 2.5"	2" x 3.5"	2.5" x 4.5"
Medium:				
2	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"
4	1" x 1.5"	1.5" x 2.5"	2" x 3.5"	2.5" x 4.5"
Dark:				
12	1" x 1"	1.5" x 1.5"	2" x 2"	2.5" x 2.5"

Block size refers to finished size.

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Use a scant 1/4-inch seam allowance unless otherwise specified.

Step 1: Half-Square Triangle Units

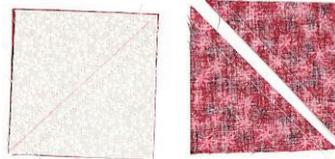
Draw a diagonal line on the back side of the two large light squares.

Place light squares on med. dark squares, right sides together. Sew 1/4-inch on each side of drawn line.

Cut squares in half on drawn line, making four units.

Press seam toward the light fabric -- this creates less bulk later.

Trim HSTs to size needed: 1.5" square for 3" block, 2.5" square for 6" block, 3.5" square for 9" block, 4.5" square for 12" block.



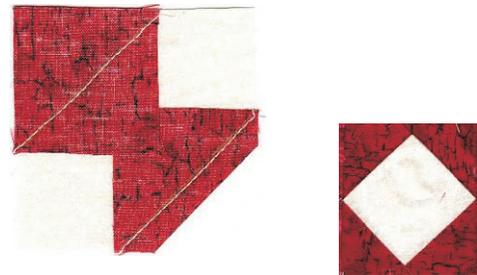
Step 2: Square-in-a-Square Unit

Draw a diagonal line on the back side of all 12 small dark squares. Set eight aside for later use; keep four for this unit.

Place a square on a corner of the small light square so that the line spans across the corner. Sew on the line.

Trim 1/4-inch from the line. Repeat for the corner directly opposite. Press seams toward the empty corners to make new corners.

Repeat this process for the remaining two corners.



Step 3: Flying Geese Units

Place one of the remaining eight small dark squares on the end of a light rectangle.

Sew on the line. Trim 1/4 inch from line. Press toward the dark fabric. Place another small square on the other end of the rectangle, sew on the line, then trim and press.

Repeat this process for the remaining light rectangles and squares to make four flying geese units.





Step 4: Grounded Flying Geese

Sew a med. dark rectangle to each flying geese unit.

Press the seams toward the med. dark rectangle.



Step 5: Center Row

Sew a grounded flying geese unit to the left and right sides of the square-in-a-square unit.

Press the seams toward the rectangles in the flying geese units.



Step 6: Top and Bottom Rows

Sew a half-square triangle unit to the left and right sides of the two remaining grounded flying geese units. You will have two rows that look the one pictured right.

Press the seams toward the grounded flying geese units.



Step 7: Sew the Rows Together

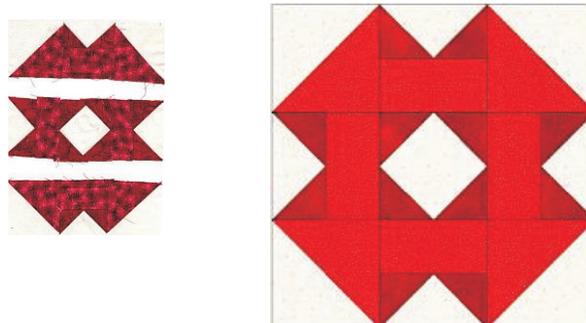
Pin the top and bottom rows together. If the seams don't match properly, make adjustments now by restitching the top and bottom rows to make them fit the center.

When the seams nest together well, sew the rows together.

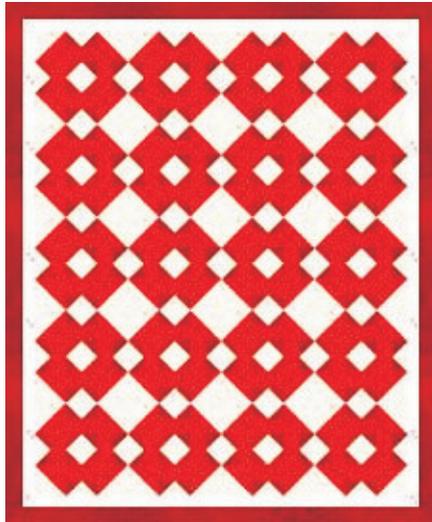
Press new seams away from the center.

Give the entire block a good press.

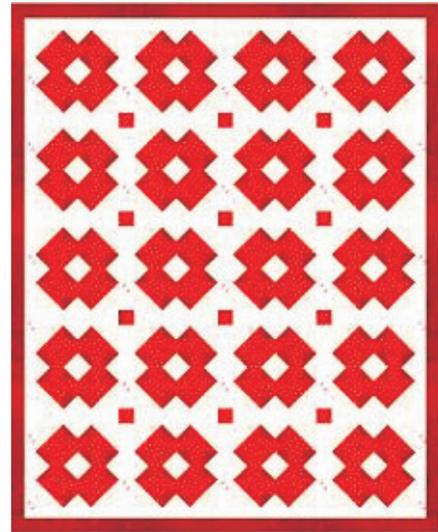
Measure the block and trim if needed to square it up to correct size.



Here's what this block looks like in some basic setting layouts:



without sashing



with sashing and cornerstones

Use the diagrams below to try your own color palettes.

