

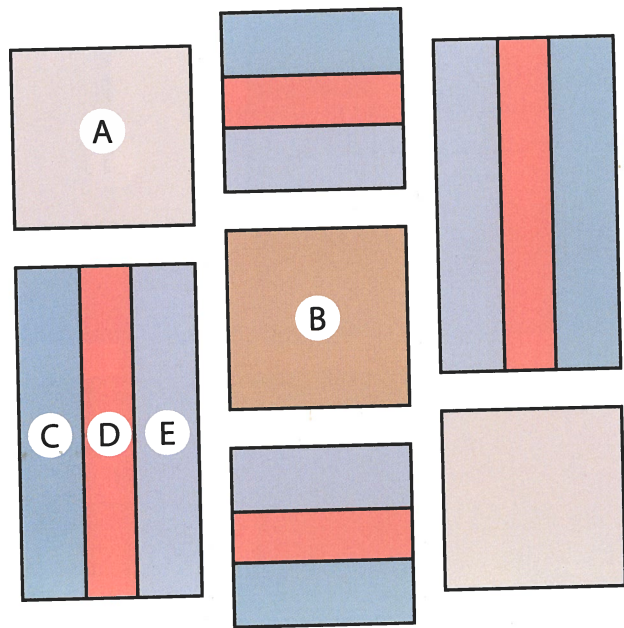
BLOCK
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creating movement with stripes

This block allows you to create a fun border around your chosen fussy cut. There are several options for determining how to incorporate stripes within the block. You can cut the strips of three fabrics all running in the same direction and vary the width of them to add interest. You can have the middle stripe running in the opposite direction to the outer borders, creating movement from many directions. You can even just use a stripe for one or two of the three border strips. Deciding upon how much of a stripe effect you want to create will help direct you in your fabric choice and orientation.



Elisabeth's Block



Block Diagram

FABRIC NEEDED

From Fabric A, cut:

(2) 3½" squares

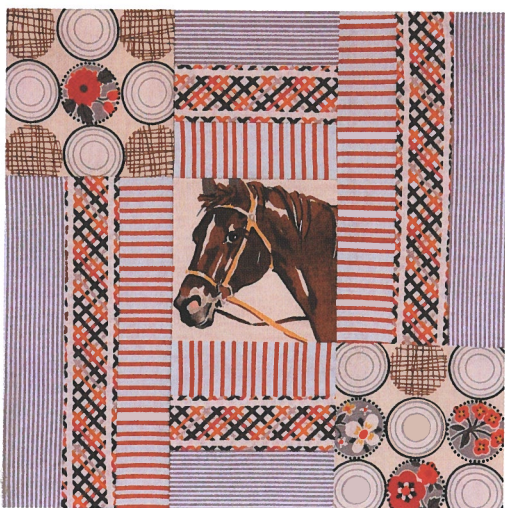
From Fabric B, cut:

(1) 3½" square

From Fabrics C, D, and E, cut:

(2) 1½" x 6½" rectangles from each fabric

(2) 1½" x 3½" rectangles from each fabric



Take Two: Nichole's Block

BUILD YOUR BLOCK

1. Before sewing, arrange the cut units according to the Block Diagram and double-check the directionality of your cuts.
2. Sew a 6½" Fabric C rectangle and a 6½" Fabric E rectangle to either side of 6½" Fabric D rectangle. Press. Repeat and set aside.
3. Repeat Step 2 using the 3½" rectangles.
4. Sew a Fabric A square to one side of an assembled unit from Step 2. Press. Repeat.
5. Sew an assembled unit from Step 3 to the top and bottom of the Fabric B square. Press.
6. Sew the three columns together and press.

TIP: Cutting a long strip of a striped fabric may be tricky, but it is often the best way to create consistent lines. Let the stripes direct your cutting. Pay attention to aligning the stripes and create a single strip that is the length of the combined strips needed. Then cut that strip into subsections, creating pieces that all match!
