

IEGQ – Block of the Month  
February 2009

Card Trick

**Fabric:** Two bright contrasting fabrics with dots or circles  
White on white (WOW) for background

**Cutting:** Fabric A (circles or dots)

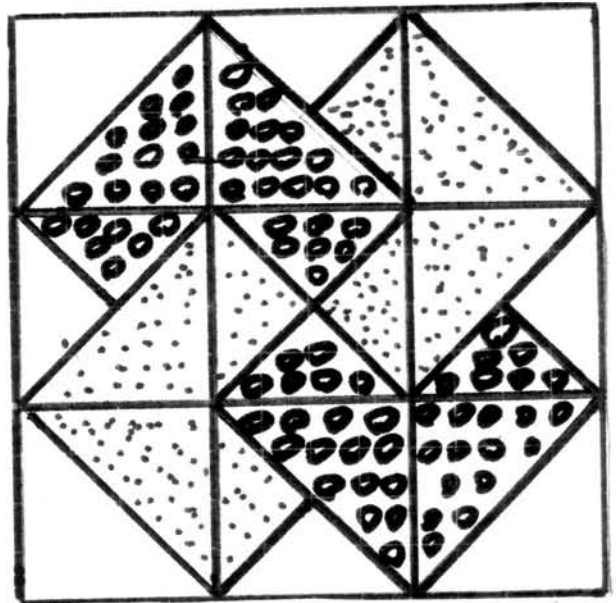
- (1) 4 inch square
- (1) 4 ¼- inch square
- (2) 4 ½ inch squares

Fabric B (circles or dots)

- (1) 4 inch square
- (1) 4 ¼- inch square
- (2) 4 ½- inch square

Fabric C (white on white)

- (2) 4 inch squares
- (2) 4 ½ inch squares



- Sewing:**
- 1) **Half Square Triangles** - Draw a diagonal line on the back of two 4-inch white on white squares. Match up with RST of fabric A and B. Stitch a scant ¼ inch on each side of penciled line. Cut on line drawn and press toward bright triangle. Square up to 3 ½ inches using the diagonal line on the ruler.
  - 2) **Quarter Square Triangle (Center Square)** – Use a 4 ½ inch square of fabric A and fabric B. On the back of one square draw a pencil line from corner to corner in both directions. With rst of fabric A and B sew a scant ¼ inch on each side of ONLY ONE drawn line. Cut the square on the UNSTITCHED diagonal line. Next cut the remaining penciled lines. At this point you will have four sections of triangles. Press to the darker triangle. Look at the pictured block and sew up two of the triangle sections making the center block. You will have two triangle pieces left over.

Square up the center square to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Eleanor Burns'  $6\frac{1}{2}$  square-up ruler works great for this. Just put the diagonal stitched line on the  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inch mark and trim. Turn square 180 degrees and trim the other two sides. The square up ruler has lines that will match both of your stitched lines making a perfect  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inch square.

- 3) Four Combination Squares – Cut the  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inch squares of fabric A and B in half diagonally. Put aside.

On the back of the two remaining  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inch WOW squares draw lines diagonally in both directions. Match up rst with fabric A and B. Stitch a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on each side of ONLY ONE penciled line. Cut on the pencil diagonal line without stitching and then cut on the remaining drawn lines. Open and press to the dark. You will have a couple of leftovers.

Look at the picture of the finished block and lay out your pieces in the correct order. Stitch the little triangles to the larger triangle with the larger triangle on the bottom. (When sewing the smaller triangles to the larger, find the center of the larger triangle and match it to the seam on the smaller unit. Do not stretch the bias edges to match the tips exactly as there will be a tiny discrepancy.) Square up your piece to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches using Burn's square up ruler or one similar.

- 4) Stitch your squares into rows pressing seams in alternate directions. Square up your completed block to  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches.