



BRANDYWINE VALLEY QUILTERS

January 2020 Block of the Month



Bright Gem

January was established as the first month of the year by the Roman calendar. It was named after the Roman god Janus (Latin word for door). Janus has two faces which allowed him to look backwards into the old year and forward into the new one at the same time.

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10 1/2" unfinished

10 " finished

Fabrics:

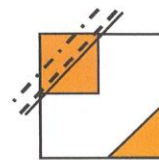
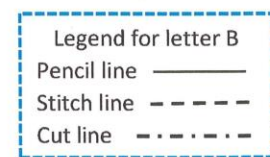
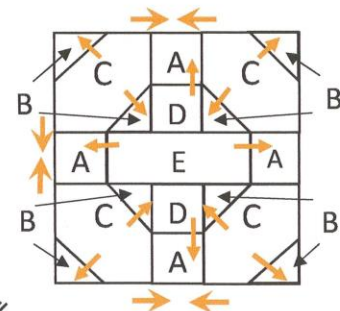
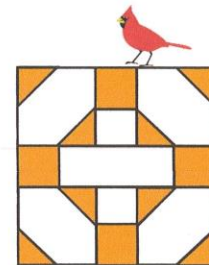
One bright solid fabric of your choice. Fabric color can be amethyst, azure, black, blue, brown, cobalt, emerald, gold, green, jade, lavender, lime, navy, orange, pink, purple, red, rose, yellow, etc. **One white solid.**

Cutting:

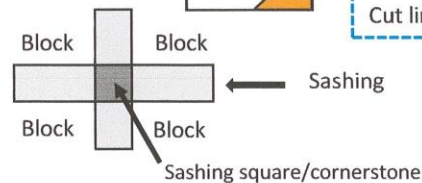
- 4 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares from bright fabric for letter A
- 8 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares from bright fabric for letter B
- 4 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares from white solid for letter C
- 2 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares from white solid for letter D
- 1 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle from white solid for letter E

Sewing:

First, draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the bright fabric squares for letter B with a pencil. Align the 8 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares at the opposite corners of Letter C. Stitch next to the drawn lines and trim 1/4" seam allowance on the outer edge. **See legend.** Press according to the **orange arrows**. Next, sew letter A to letter D and letter A to the one letter E. Press according to the **orange arrows**. Sew the 4 1/2" squares to the letter A & D units and press toward the center unit. Sew the top and bottom units to the center A & E unit and press toward the center unit. Make sure the **center B** seams match with the **letter A** seams.



Suggestion: This particular block would make a nice bed quilt with light gray for the sashing and medium gray for the sashing square or cornerstone. See example to the right.



Anne Marie's Scrap Tip If you have more than one sewing machine, identify each of the bobbins and the machine by using a permanent black or colored marking pen. For example, one machine and the bobbins are marked with a **red X**. See the example to the right. Another machine and the bobbins may be marked with a **large green dot**.

