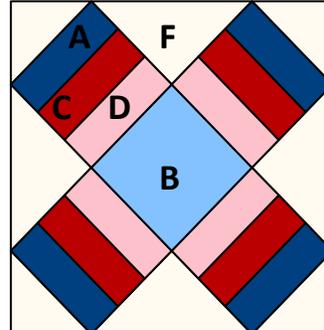
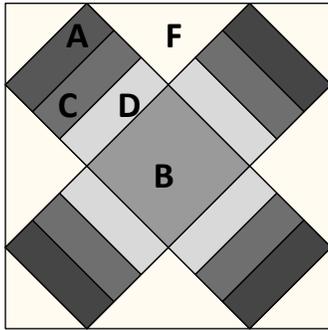


# River City Quilters' Guild Block of the Month 2022

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Each block finishes at 12" x 12". All seams are ¼ inch. Your prepared block should measure 12.5" x 12.5". Save any extra units, strips, or scraps for future blocks.



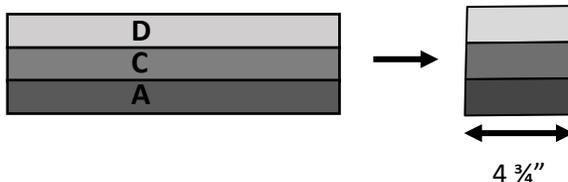
This is block #2778, called either "The House That Jack Built," or "Triple Stripe," from Barbara Brackman's *Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns*.<sup>1</sup>

### Center Square

Cut one (1) center square of fabric B:  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " x  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ "

### Striped 3-Color Square Units

These striped units measure  $4 \frac{1}{4}$ " x  $4 \frac{1}{4}$ " FINISHED, which is  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " x  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " before assembling the block. If you have enough width of fabric, you can strip piece the striped units. You will need 19.5" total length of strip. If you are using small fabric pieces, you can strip piece four units with two (2) 10" strips. Or simply cut four (4) pieces of each color. **Note:** two of the fabrics are cut at  $1 \frac{7}{8}$ " wide and one is cut 2" wide.



### If strip piecing:

Cut one (1) strip of fabric A:  $1 \frac{7}{8}$ " x 19.5"

Cut one (1) strip of fabric D:  $1 \frac{7}{8}$ " x 19.5"

Cut one (1) strip of fabric C: 2" x 19.5"

If strip piecing, cut the strips into units measuring  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " wide to get the  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " x  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " squares.

### If cutting four pieces of each fabric:

Cut four (4) pieces of fabric A:  $1 \frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ "

Cut four (4) pieces of fabric D:  $1 \frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ "

Cut four (4) pieces of fabric C: 2" x  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ "

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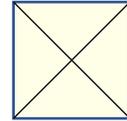
**Sew** the strips or rectangles together in your chosen color order. Press the seams in one direction or toward the darker colors, as you prefer.

## Quarter-Square Side Triangles

Cut a strip width of fabric from the BOM fabric F that is  $7 \frac{1}{4}$ " wide.

Cut one (1) square of the BOM fabric F from that strip:  $7 \frac{1}{4} \times 7 \frac{1}{4}$ "

Cut the square diagonally from corner to corner on BOTH diagonals to create four (4) quarter-square triangles. Save the rest of the strip for a future block.



## Corner Half-Square Triangles

Cut two (2) squares of the BOM fabric F:  $3 \frac{7}{8}$ " x  $3 \frac{7}{8}$ "



Cut each square across one diagonal. You will now have four (4) half-square triangles.

**Note:** I cut a 4" strip WOF (width of fabric) of the white BOM fabric, so I can use the remains of the strip in a later block. Then I trimmed down to get the squares for this block.

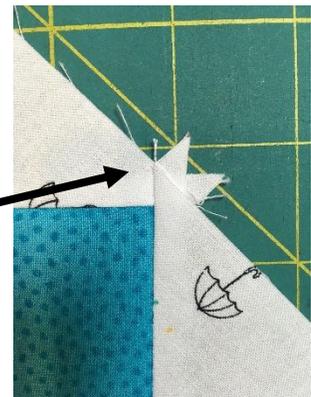
## Assembly

1. Sew two of the 3-color striped units to opposite sides of the center square and press the seams toward the center square. [Center section]
2. Sew a quarter-square triangle to both sides of each of the remaining two 3-color striped units. These are bias edges, so be careful not to stretch the triangles. Press the seams away from the 3-color units. It's easy to sew along the wrong edge--be sure to sew along the striped edge, NOT the solid color. Pin and check that the triangles are going the right direction. [Two side sections]
3. Sew the three sections together, nesting the seams at the center square. Press away from the large center unit.
4. Sew the half-square triangles to the block corners. Find the center of the long side of the half-square triangle (fold the corners of the long side together) and mark or finger press a crease. This is a bias edge so again be careful not to stretch the bias. Find the center of the striped unit, then match the centers and pin. [See photos below.] Note that the corners of the triangle will stick out beyond the top and bottom ends of the seam. Stitch. Press toward the corner.

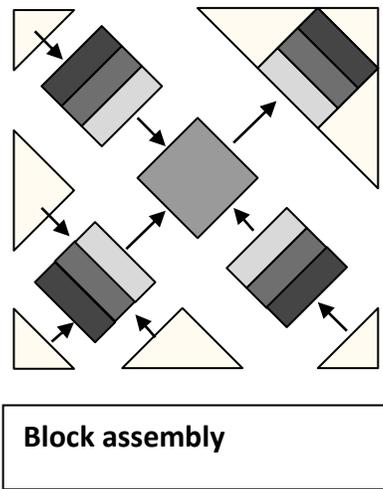


The points of the corner triangles extend equally beyond the edges of the block.

A nicely matched and pressed corner piece. You can trim the "dog ears" before piecing the block to any other block or sashing.



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<sup>1</sup>*Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns*, Barbara Brackman, 1993, American Quilter's Society, Paducah, KY, p. 356-357.