2024 Block of the Month Pattern

CHARMWOOD

BLOCK 12: DECEMBER

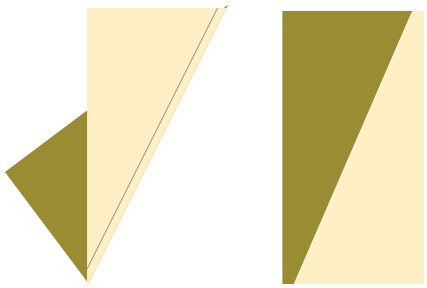
Unfinished Block: 20½" x 20½" | Finished Block: 20" x 20"

MATERIALS

- Standard Sewing Supplies
- Fabric A
  - (5) 5" x 10" rectangles
- Fabric B
  - (1) 5" x 10" rectangle
  - (1) 4½" square
- Fabric D
  - (1) 5" x 10" rectangle
  - (1) 4½" square
- Fabric E
  - (1) 5" x 10" rectangle
  - (1) 4½" square
- Fabric F
  - (1) 5" x 10" rectangle
  - (1) 4½" square
- Fabric G
  - (1) 5" x 10" rectangle
  - (1) 4½" square

CREATE DECEMBER BLOCK

1. Cut each 5" x 10" rectangle along the diagonal ***from upper right to lower left***.
2. Place a Fabric A and Fabric B triangle RST with the longest edges aligned. Offset the top piece from the bottom piece so that their edges intersect right where the ¼" seam will begin. *Note: using a vanishing fabric pen to mark ¼" seam allowances is helpful on this step.*
3. Sew with a ¼" seam allowance, taking care not to stretch the bias edge. Open and press the seam toward Fabric A.
4. Trim the HRT unit:
   - **Position the block with the diagonal seam at upper right. Using a quilting ruler with ¼" markings, align the ruler so that the intersection of the ¼" horizontal and ¼" vertical ruler markings is exactly on top of the seam.** The edges of the ruler should be parallel to the edges



of the HRT. Trim the top and right edges of the unit. The diagonal seam will be offset slightly from the trimmed edges; it will not align with the corner of the block.

- Rotate the block 180 degrees and trim unit to 4½" x 8½". *Note: the ¼" intersection on the ruler should again fall on top of the diagonal seam.*

5. Repeat steps 2-5, pairing a Fabric A triangle with each Fabric D, E, F, and G triangle. There will be (2) HRTs per fabric for a total of (10) HRTs.
6. Sew Fabric F, B, E, G, and D HRT units together, in that order, with the main fabric triangle pointing up, to make the 8½" x 20½" top row. Press seams toward the right (Fabric D) end of the row.
7. Repeat step 6 with the remaining HRT units sewn in the same order, but this time with the main fabric triangle pointing down.
8. Sew 4½" squares together in the same order to make the 4½" x 20½" center row. Press seams toward the left (Fabric F) end of the row.
9. Arrange rows and sew together to complete the 20½" square block. Press all seams open.

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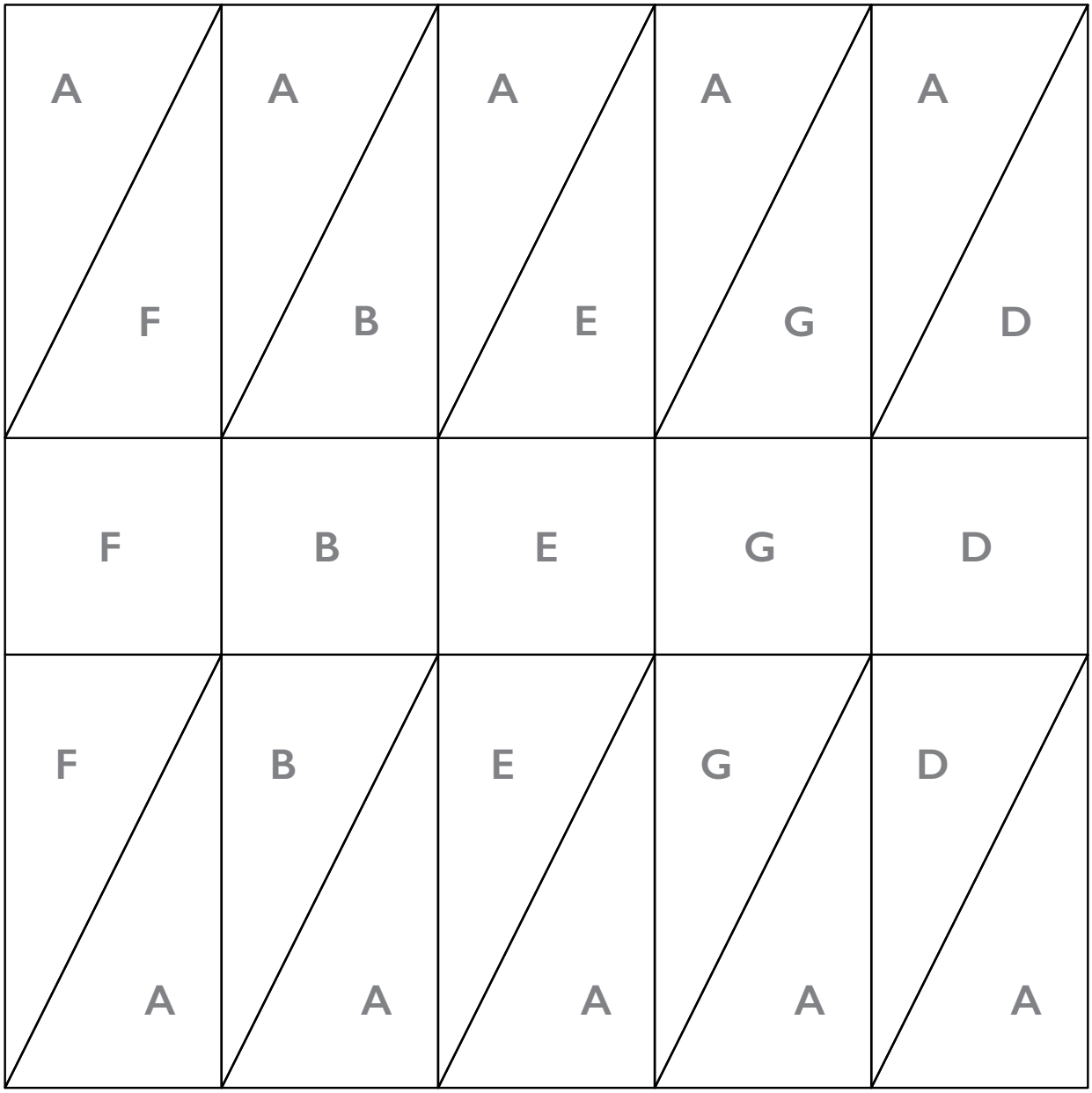
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