

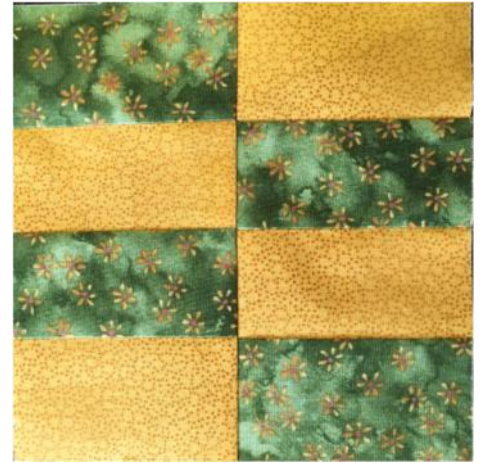
# Community Quilts Block of the Month September 2021

## Easy Block for Scrappy Autumn Quilt(s)

This month your block kit will have 4 light and 4 dark rectangles (2" x 3.5" each), used to make a 6.5" square.

### Please Note:

- PLEASE do NOT trim your blocks at any stage.
- The block shapes have been cut using the Accuquilt Go! fabric cutter and are therefore quite accurate.<sup>1</sup>
- The block design has three horizontal seams and only one vertical seam, which translates to three possible seam errors vertically versus one possible seam error horizontally. So... using seams which are not a scant ¼" could result in a rectangular completed block rather than the 6.5" square we are hoping for. If you are unsure please check that your seam size is a scant ¼" before starting.<sup>2</sup>



### Assembling the Block

1. Consider the layout of the block as shown in the photo above. **Note:** the position of the light and dark rectangles alternate, **AND** the top left hand corner rectangle is "dark". We need this placement of the light and dark pieces to be consistent for the overall quilt pattern.
2. With right sides together and matching the corners for each pair of light and dark rectangles (i.e. do this 4 times) sew along the long edge to join and press the seam to the dark side. Resulting in 4 pairs of rectangles.
3. With right sides together join/sew 2 of the pairs you have just sewn together to form one half of the finished block, maintaining the layout established in step 1. Press the new seam(s) to the dark side. Repeat for other pairs.
4. Pressing all the seams to the dark side will facilitate nesting the seam intersections as you join the two columns, right sides together) in this final step to complete the block.
5. Press and your block is done!



<sup>1</sup> Some inaccuracy can occur with loosely woven or lightweight fabric. Or if fabric is inadvertently fed through the machine along the width of the fabric (stretches more) rather than along the more stable length of the fabric (grain). In all cases the shape can be slightly smaller (never larger!) than it should be.

<sup>2</sup> If you wish to check your scant ¼" seam you can ask the presenter for ideas on how you can do this.