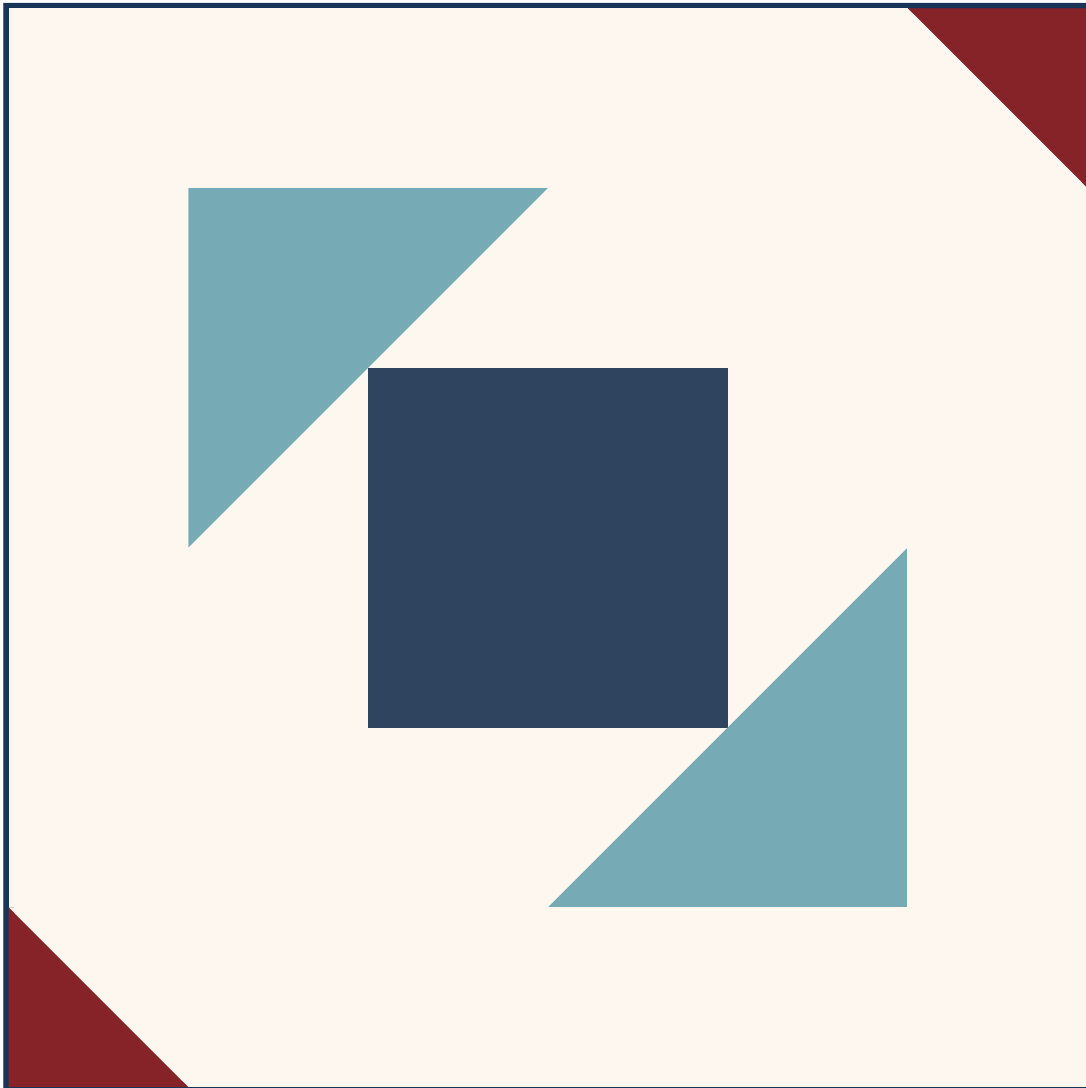


Firecracker Block

Confident Beginner Pattern by @AndreaHaverinen

→ Finished Block 12" x 12" ←



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→ A Firework Show in Fabric. ←



→ Firecracker Block

The Firecracker Quilt Block is designed for quilters who love making something beautiful from the scraps they already have. Simple on its own, the Firecracker Block looks energetic when pieced into a quilt.

This block is created starting with the inside square first, then adding pieces in layers until the final block is formed.

Andrea

→ The Designer

I believe quilting should be fun. My goal is that you enjoy this pattern! I (Andrea) am a graphic artist by trade, quilter by night, and tea drinker when the occasion calls for it. I'm a typical mom; busy, always wanting a chance to sit (by myself) and listen to the silence. If 2020 taught me anything, it's that my alone time is precious. You ever hear that phrase — the (wo)man who doesn't have time to sit and think for an hour a day must sit for two? Something like that; close enough. It's time for me to sit for two. *With tea.*

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→ The Block Pattern

Scrappy is the way to go this this exciting block. Dig through your bins and mix and match fabrics, colors, and prints to create a one-of-a-kind quilt that celebrates creativity, community, and the spirit of America. Whether you choose a classic red, white, and blue palette or a modern colorful approach, these blocks work together to build a stunning quilt commemorating America's 250th Anniversary - one scrap, one stitch, and one burst at a time. With its energetic points and simple design, this block pairs perfectly with the Americana Starburst Block, the second pattern in this series.

→ Before you begin

- **Choose your fabric.** The Firecracker Quilt Block is designed to use your scraps. Choose a color palette and mix & match fabrics to create a fun burst of color. Selecting 4-5 colors and a variety of prints are best for making multiple blocks that coordinate together.
- **Read through the pattern** to familiarize yourself with the construction before cutting your fabric. The cutting instructions are written so that each inner block is designed larger than it needs to be, then trimmed down. This results in better accuracy, especially for beginning quilters. Back sides of fabric are shown in a lighter shade than front sides of the fabric.

→ Definitions

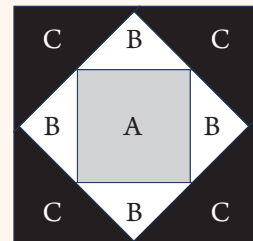
Seam Allowance - 1/4" throughout

RST - Right sides together

HST - Half square triangle

FQ - Fat Quarter of fabric, usually 18" x 22"

Note: The inside of this block is constructed like a traditional Economy Block. I've modified the block so that two opposite corners C are the same color on the outer square, and the other two are the same color as the middle square B.



→ Fabric Requirements

<i>Fabric Colors</i>	To make 1 block 12 ½" x 12 ½" unfinished 12" x 12" finished
Color A	1 - 4 ½" x 4 ½" square
Color B	1 - 5 ½" x 5 ½" square
Color C	1 - 3" square
Color D <i>background (off-white)</i>	1 - 5 ½" square 2 - 4 ¼" squares
1 Fat Quarter 18" x 22" <i>You will have almost half of the fat quarter left over.</i>	1 - 3" square 2 - 2 ½" x 8 ½" strips 2 - 2 ½" x 10 ½" strips

Fabric labels are included on page 6 of this pattern.

→ Block Construction

Square in a Square block

- Starting with 4 ½" **A** square and 2 - 4 ¼" **D** background squares, cut both background squares across the diagonal from corner to corner to make triangles. **Figure 1**
- Sew **D** background triangles to left and right sides of 4 ½" **A** square, RST (right sides together.) Open and press seams toward outer triangles. *Pro tip: Match up the centers of each piece - shown in the diagram with a yellow line. To find the middle, fold in half and finger press to make a mark. Line up the indentions of each piece to center.* **Figure 2**
- Sew **D** background triangles to top and bottom, RST. Open and press seams toward outer triangles. **Figure 3**
- Trim all four sides down carefully to 6 ¼" x 6 ¼" square. Each side should have ¼" seam allowance between the inner square and the trim edge. Press flat. **Figure 4**

You now have a
6 ¼" **Square in a Square** block.

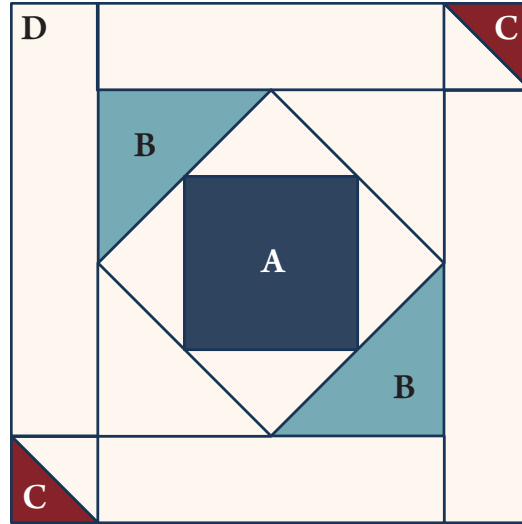


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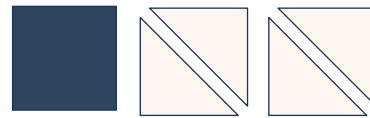


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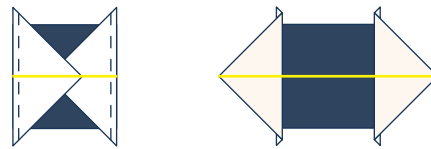


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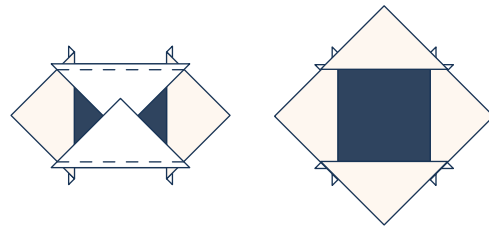
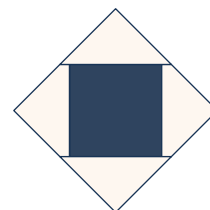
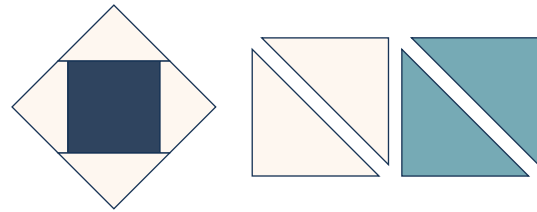


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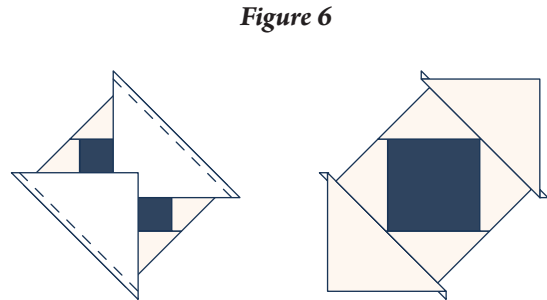


Modified Economy Block

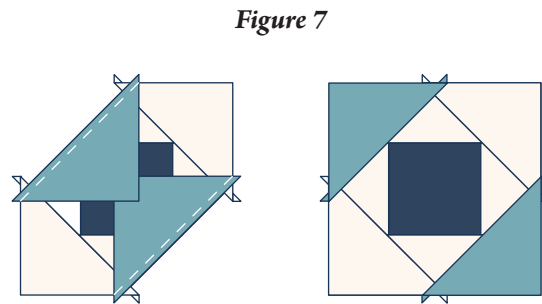
- Continue with $6\frac{1}{4}$ " block. Take $5\frac{1}{2}$ " **D** background square and $5\frac{1}{2}$ " **B** square and cut both squares across the diagonal from corner to corner to make triangles.



- Sew **D** background triangles to bottom left and top right sides of block, RST. Open and press seams toward outer triangles.

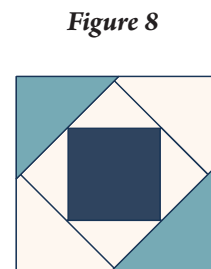


- Sew **B** triangles to top left and bottom right, RST. Open and press seams toward outer triangles.



- Trim all four sides down carefully to $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Each side should have $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance between the inner square and the trim edge. Press flat.

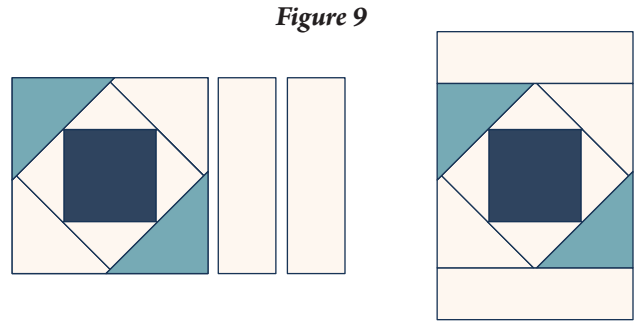
You now have an
 $8\frac{1}{2}$ " **Modified Economy** block.



Add borders

9. Continue with 8 1/2" block. Sew 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" **D** background strips to top and bottom of block. Press toward border pieces. Set aside.

Figure 9



10. Make HSTs (half square triangles) Gather **C** 3" square and the **D** background 3" square. Mark the back of the **D** background square on the diagonal from corner to corner.

Figure 10



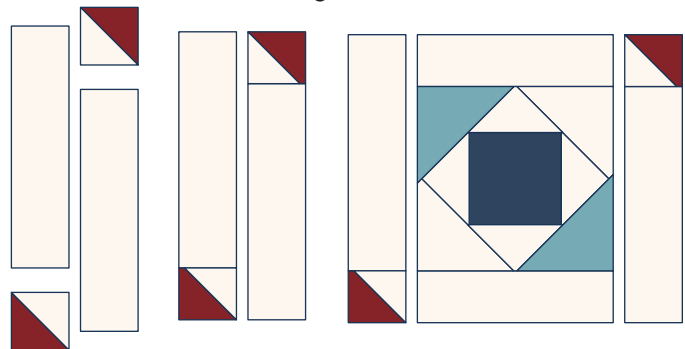
11. Place on top of the **C** square RST and sew 1/4" from the marked line. Rotate the square and sew another seam 1/4" from the line. Cut on marked line. Press toward **A**. Trim down to 2 1/2" square HSTs. **Figure 11**

Figure 11



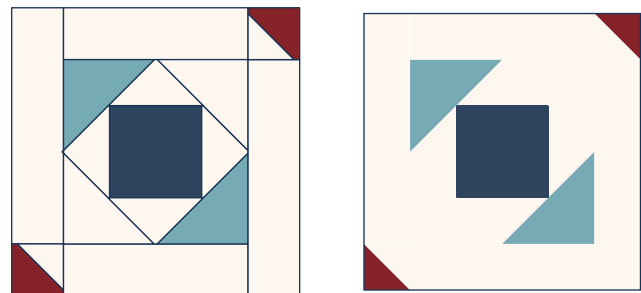
12. Sew HSTs to 2 1/2" x 10 1/2" **D** background strips according to diagram at the right. Press toward **D** background strips. **Figure 12**

Figure 12



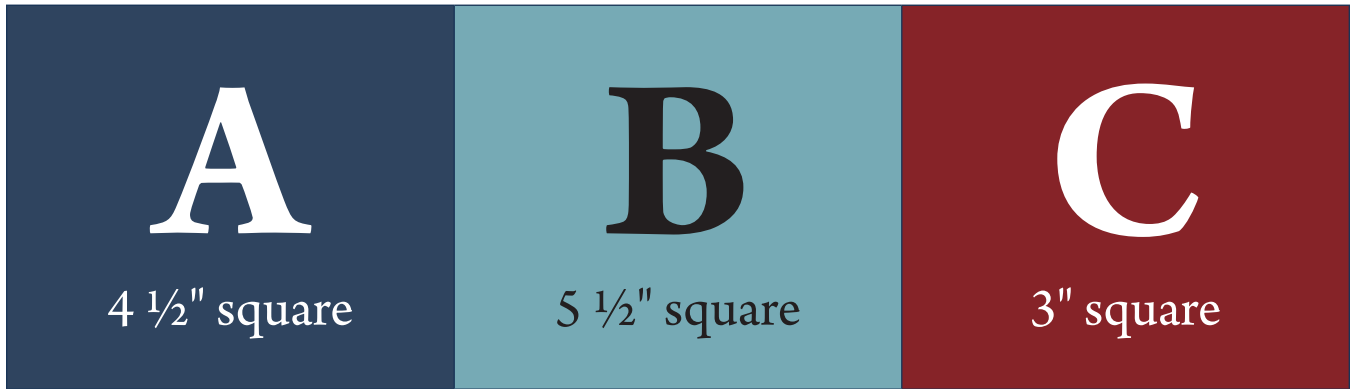
13. Add 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" strips to left and right sides of block. Press toward border pieces. **Figure 13**

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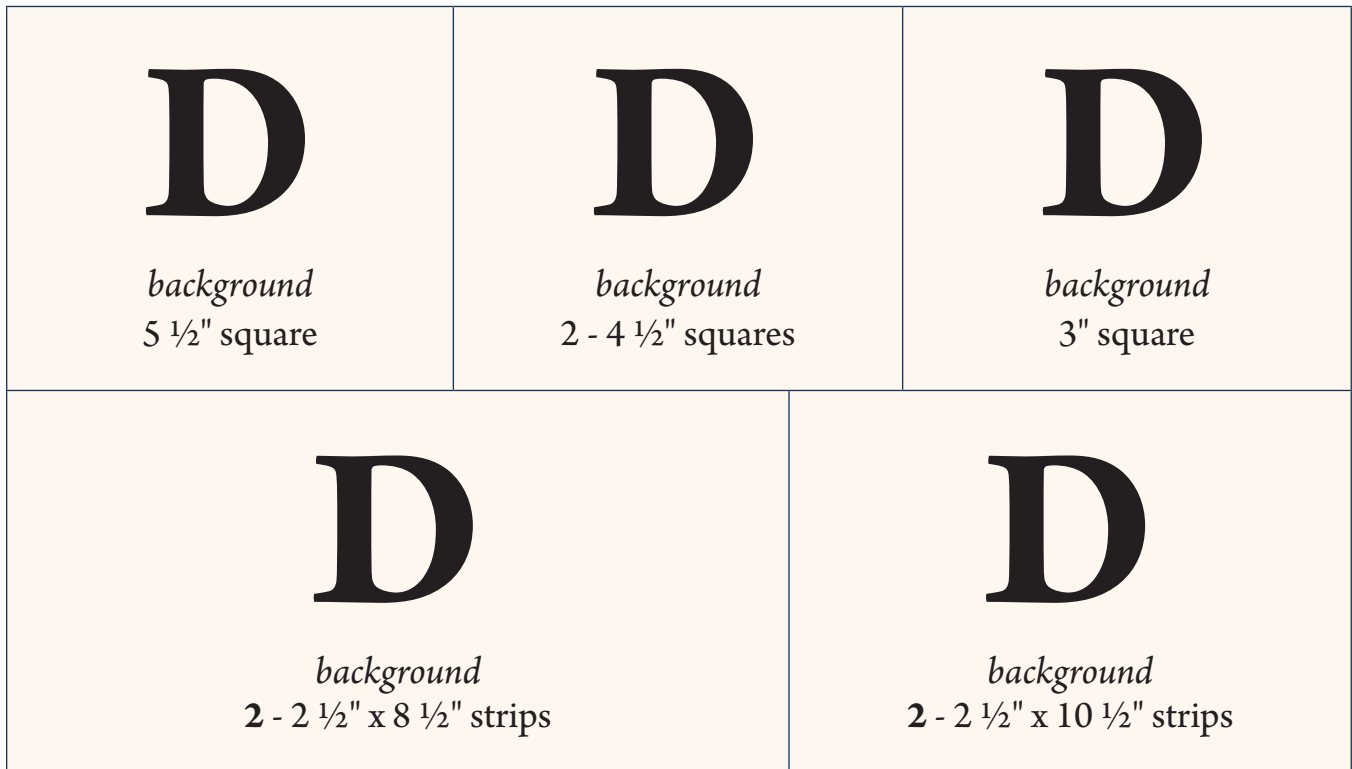


You now have a 12 1/2" unfinished block. The block will be 12" finished once it is sewn into the final quilt layout.

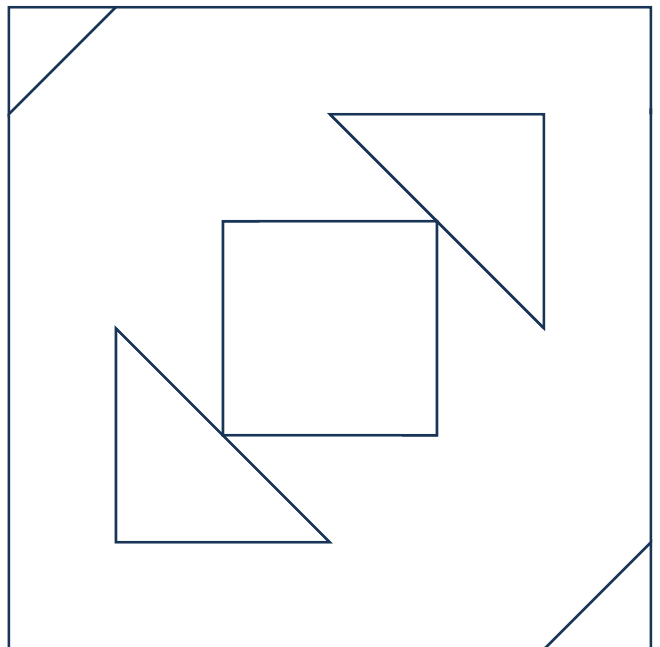
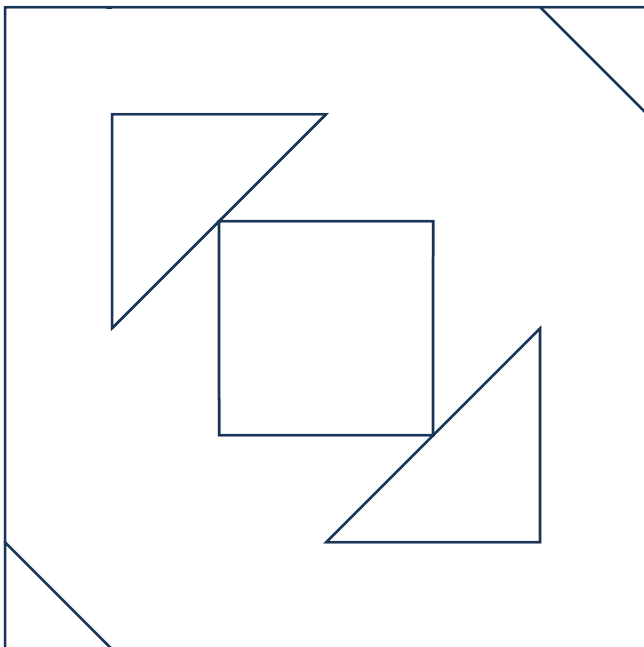
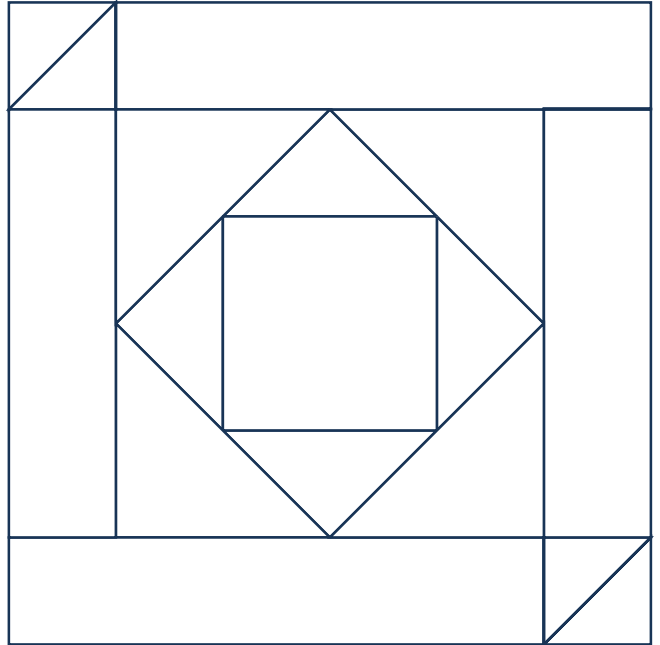
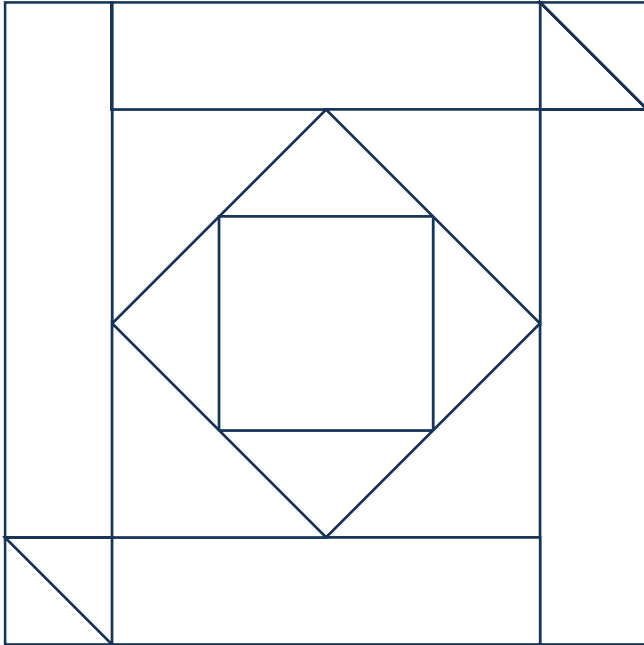
make one each per block



background pieces needed per block

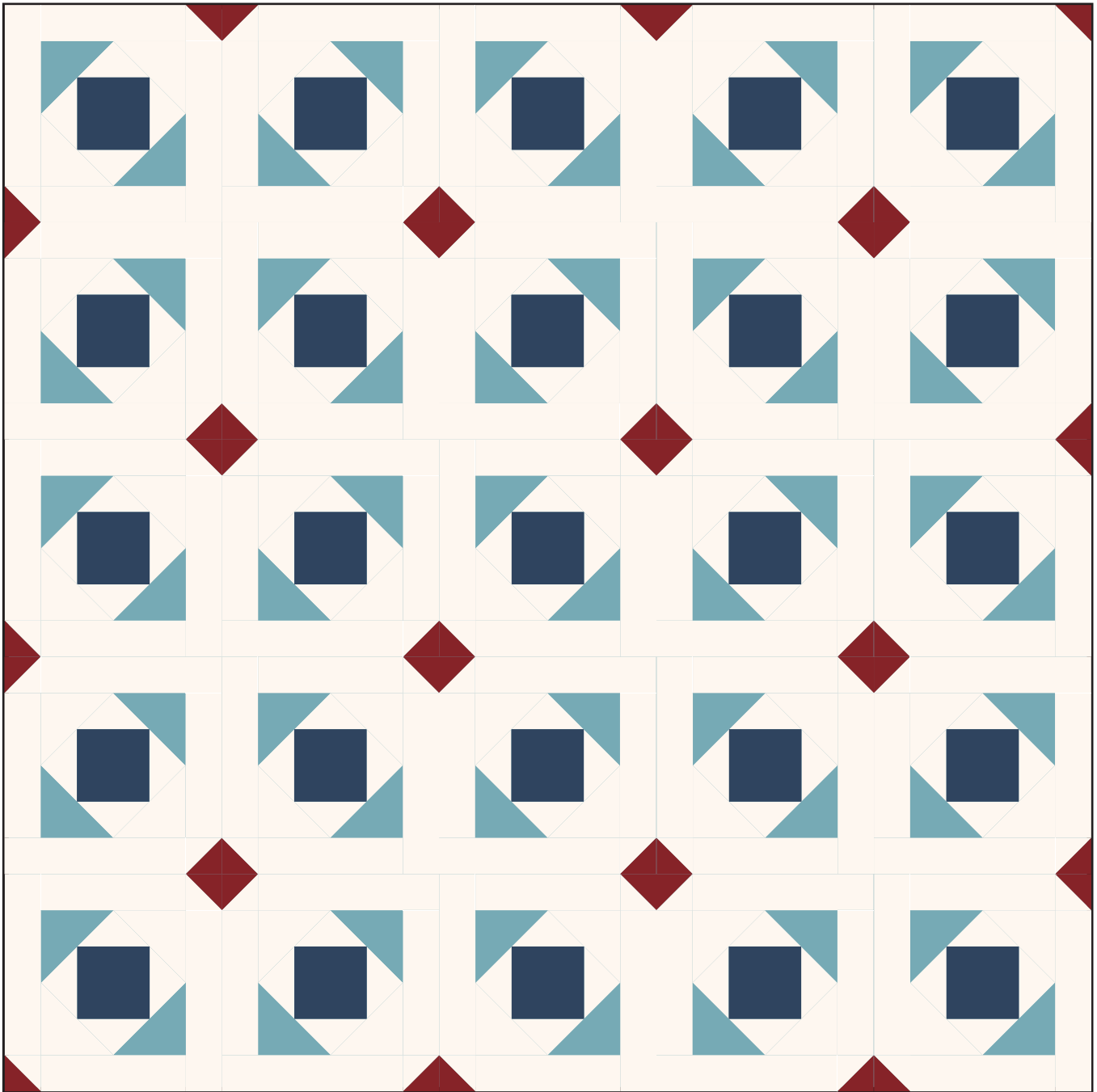


→ Coloring Page



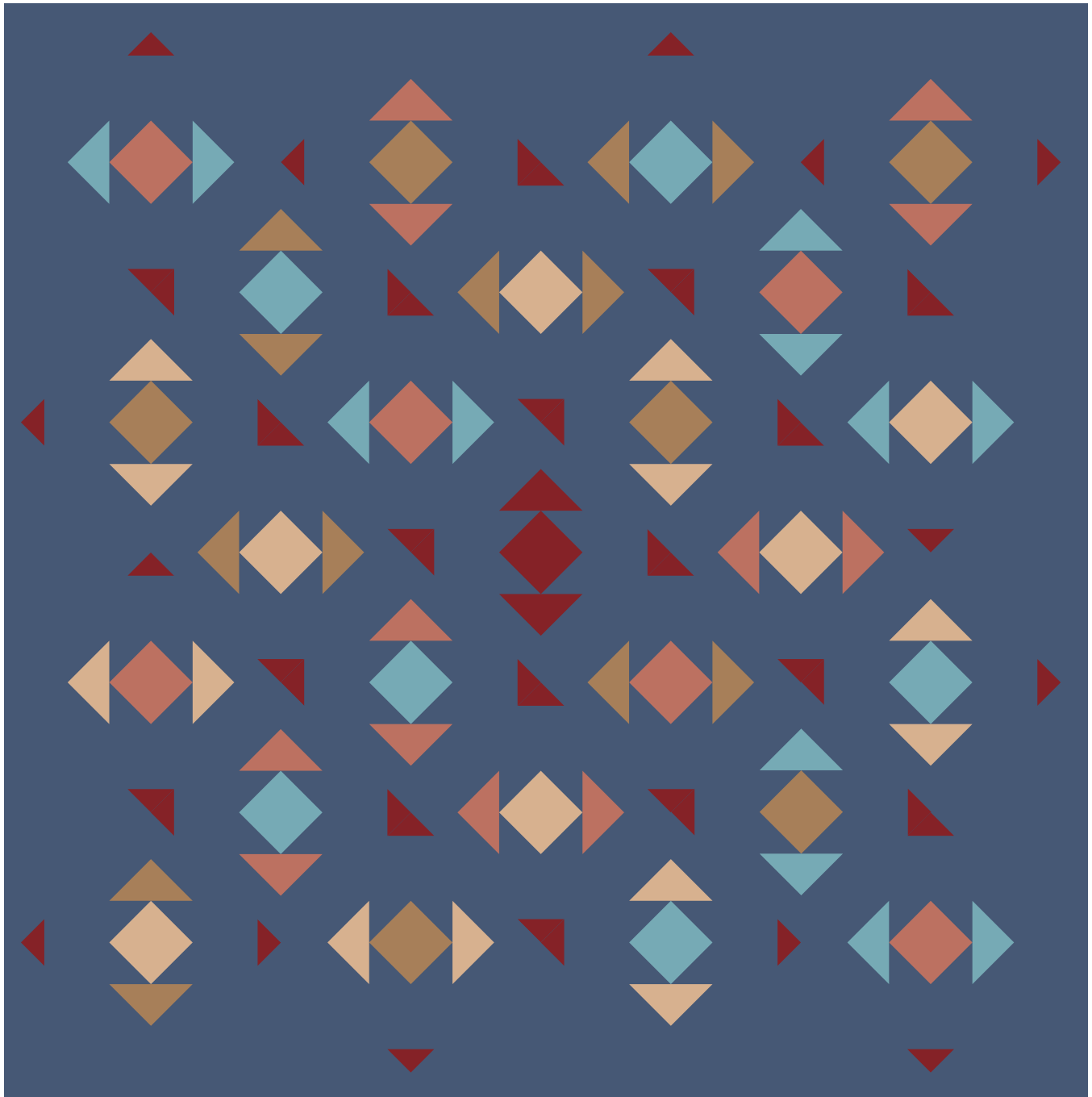
→ Quilt Layout - traditional ←

Make 25 similar blocks and create the following layout.



→ Quilt Layout - on point

Make 25 scrappy blocks, turn on point, and add HST inset blocks to create the following layout.



→ Quilt Layout - Americana

Make 16 scrappy Firecracker blocks and pair them with 9 scrappy Americana Starburst blocks, turn them on point and add HST inset blocks to create the following layout.

