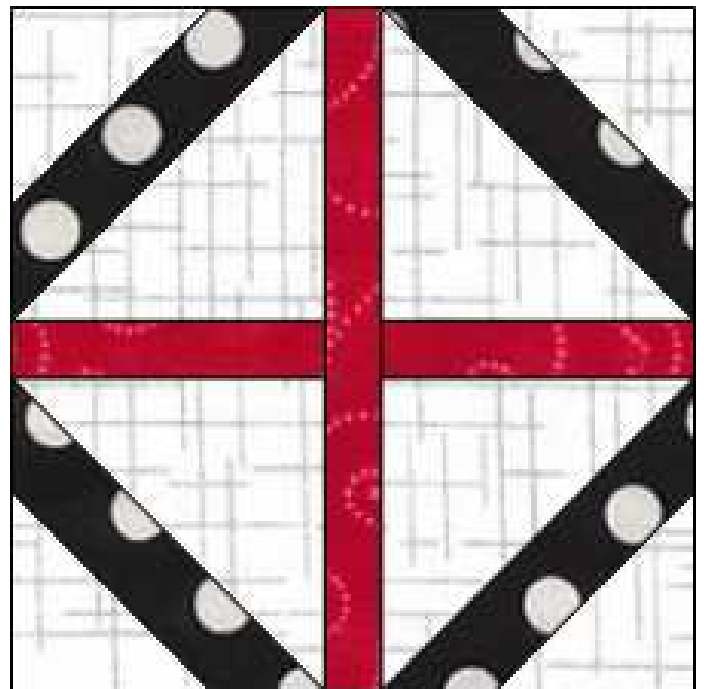
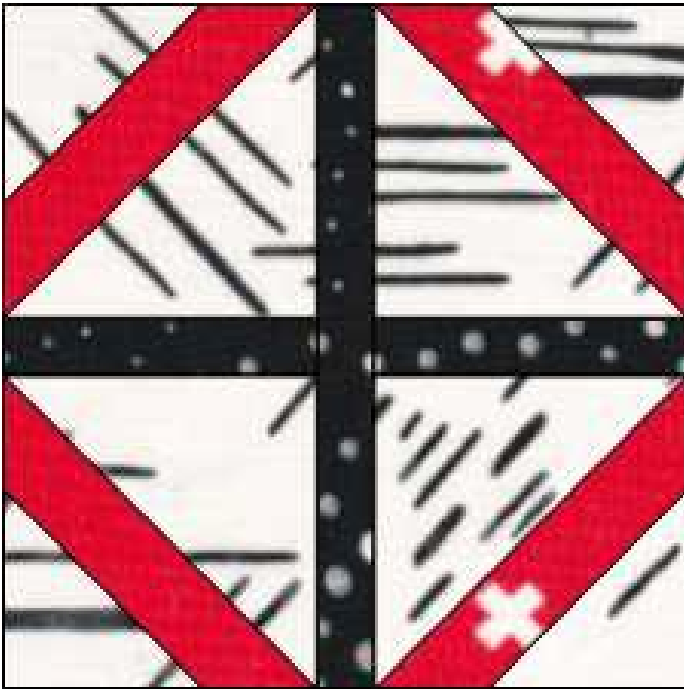


FVQG Block of the Month – May 2024

Diamond Around the Cross - 12” (finished) – 12 ½” (unfinished)



Same block – you decide – the centre cross is mostly black or mostly red.

I'm hoping that half of the group will make the centre cross mostly black (left photo) and half will make the centre cross mostly red (right photo).

OR here's an idea... why not make 1 of each block for our FVQG Block of the Month draw?

Use a mostly white fabric for the background – it can have some black or grey print on it, as long as it is still reading as a light fabric (no other colours!)

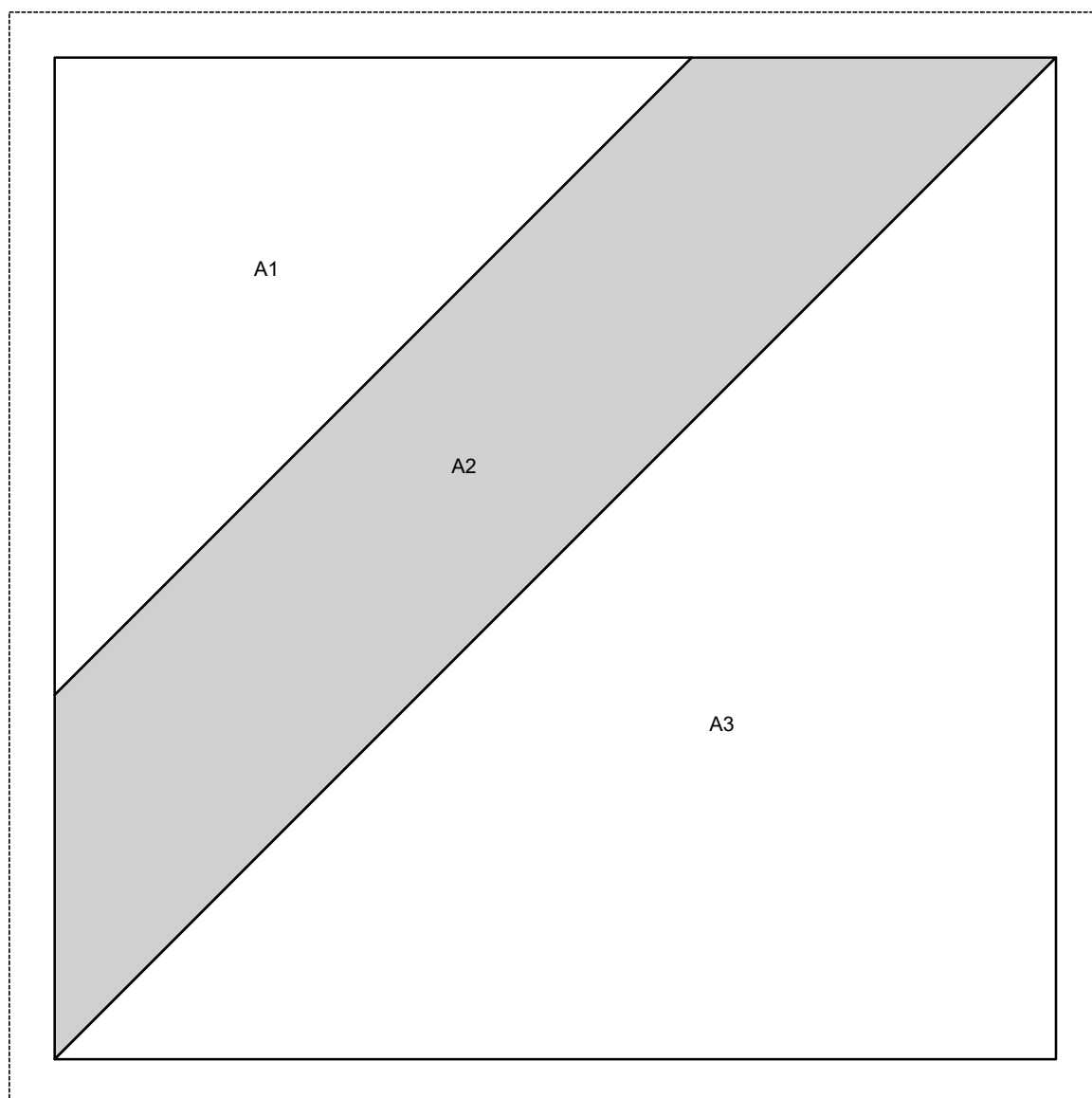
Print out the paper piecing block (4 times) at 100% or 'actual size'. We're doing this as a paper piecing unit, as the size is a little bit weird. 'Google' how to paper piece if you're not familiar with how to do it or check YouTube for videos of how to paper piece.

If you're making the cross in black, then the middle of the paper piecing block (marked A2) will be red and visa versa. The section marked A1 and A3 will be the background (mostly white fabric).

For the cross in the middle, cut 2 strips that are 6" x 1 ½". Sew these short strips between 2 of the completed foundation blocks that are placed as shown.

The long strip is 12 ½" x 1 ½". Sew this between the 2 sections that are pieced.

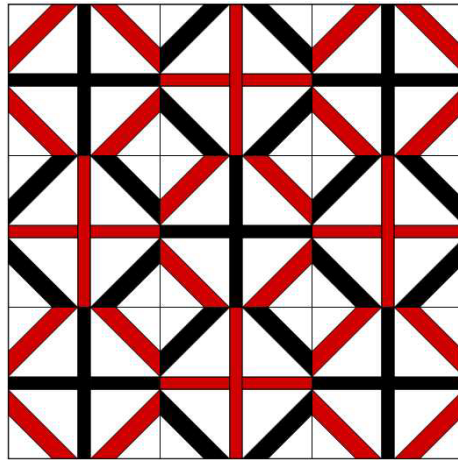
solid line is the seam line and outside line is cutting line. Wait until you've pieced each of the 4 units before you trim them down. They will measure 5 1/2" (finished)



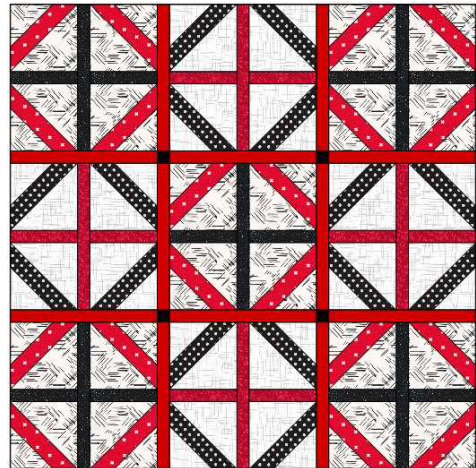
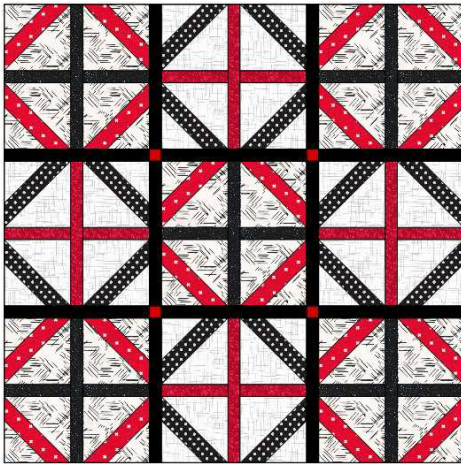
print at 100% or 'actual size' - 4 copies

Some ideas for settings:

This one is alternating blocks (red cross / black cross) with no sashing



These 2 are alternating blocks (red cross / black cross) with sashing same size as the crosses.



On the left - is alternating blocks (red cross / black cross) with sashing that is red and 4 inches (finished) with black squares. On the right - is alternating blocks (red cross / black cross) with sashing that is black and 4 inches (finished) with red squares.

