

NOVEMBER 2020 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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This block is "Endless Chain" from Jinny Beyer. Although it may look complicated, it is actually fairly easy to make with the 9 patch corners, and, once cut out, can be assembled in an afternoon. Made up in seasonal fabric, it would make a nice Christmas quilt.

(Note: In the New Year I will include some traditional blocks as it has been mentioned to me that some members would like to become more familiar with them)



Cutting:

White on white background:	six 8x2" rectangles four 2 3/8" squares one 4 1/4" square
Green:	three 8x2" rectangles one 3 1/2" square four 2 3/8" squares
Red:	one 4 1/4" square four 2 3/8" squares four 2x 3 1/2" rectangles

Assembly:

First make the 9 patch corners. Sew the 8x2" rectangles together lengthwise as shown (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

Cut the resulting pieces crosswise into 2" strips (Fig. 2) Then reassemble into 9 patch squares (Figs. 3 and 4)



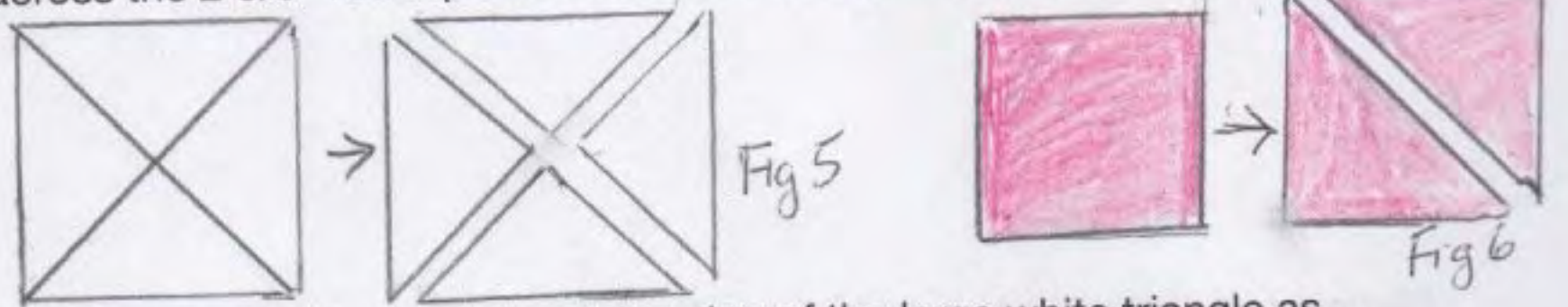
Fig 3.



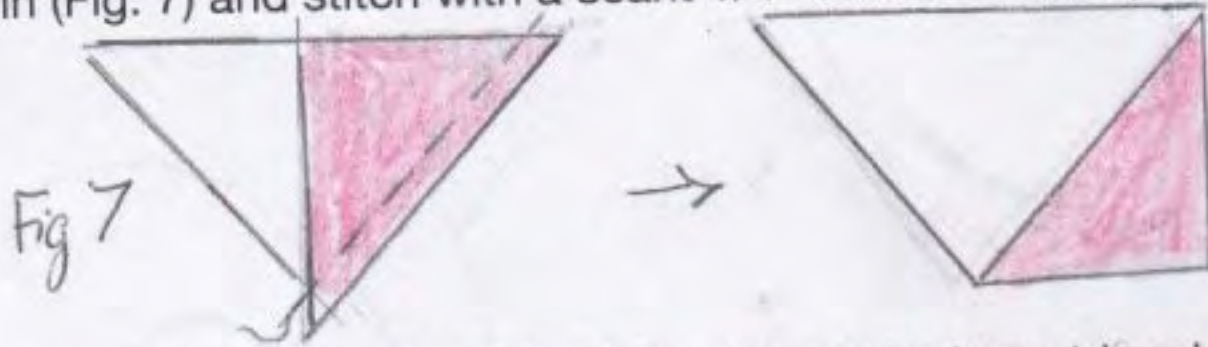
Fig. 4

Next make flying geese units.

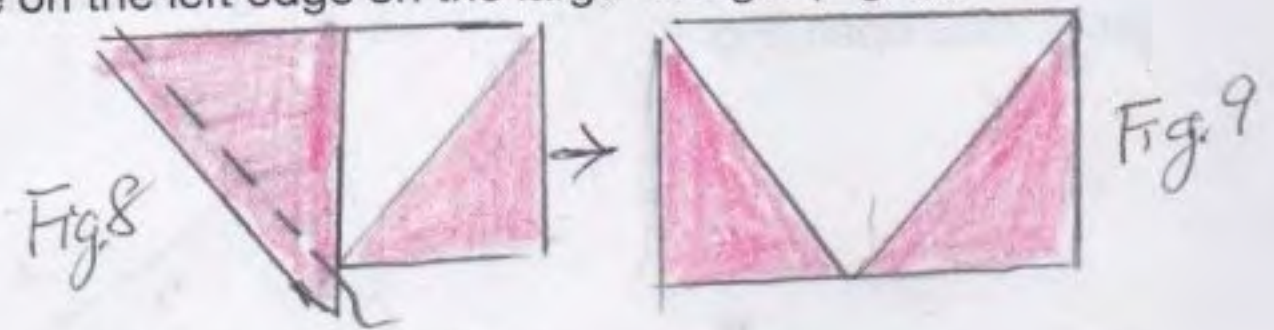
Take the white $4\frac{1}{4}$ " square and the red $2\frac{3}{8}$ " squares. Cut diagonally twice across the larger white square to make four triangles (Fig. 5). Cut diagonally once across the $2\frac{3}{8}$ " red squares to make 8 triangles (Fig. 6)



Place one small red triangle on the right edge of the large white triangle as shown in (Fig. 7) and stitch with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press open.



Place a second red triangle on the left edge on the large triangle (Fig 8), stitch and press open (Fig. 9).



Repeat to make four red and white flying geese units.
Then make four similar units using the red $4\frac{1}{4}$ " square and the four $2\frac{3}{8}$ " squares. (Each unit measures $2 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ ")

Sew together the flying geese units with the red $2 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles as shown (Fig. 10).

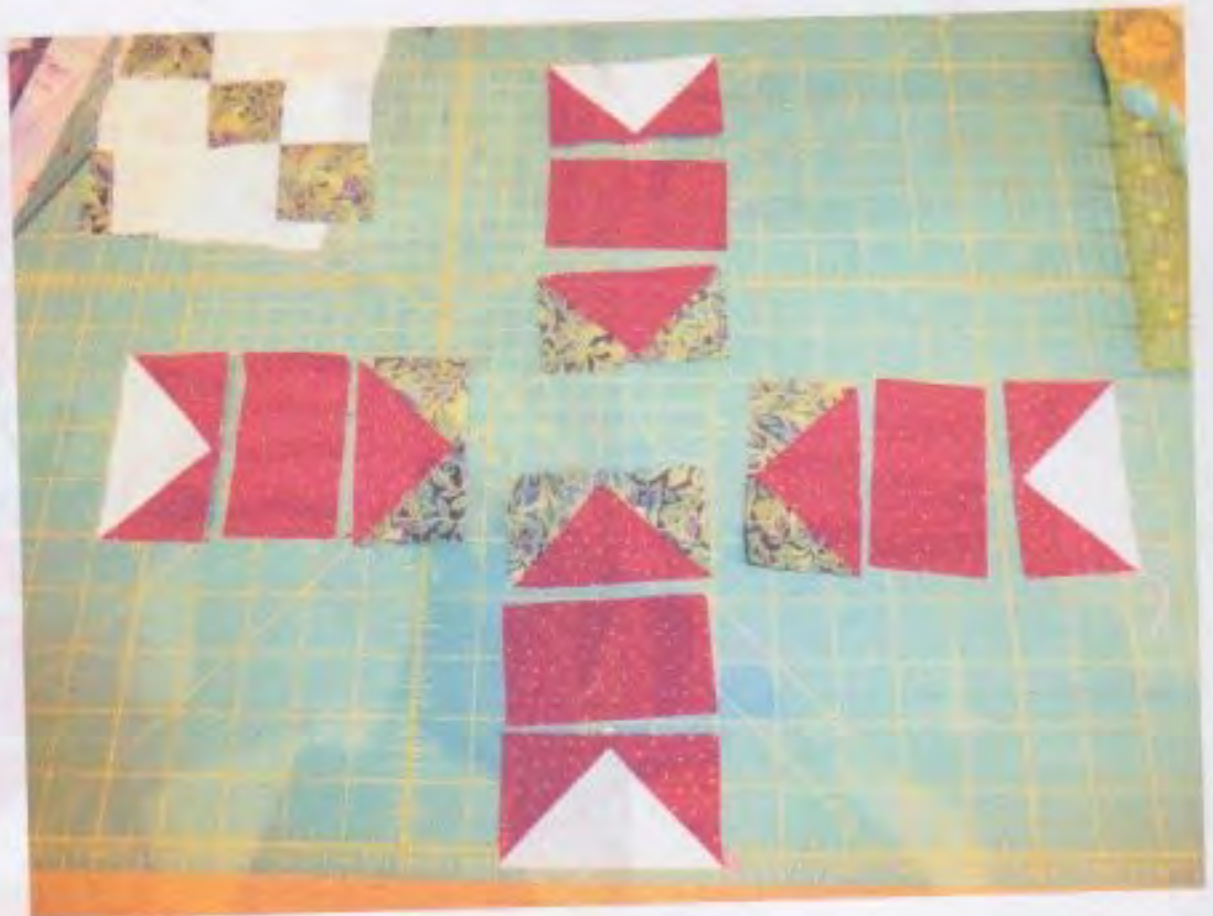


Fig 10

Assemble the block by combining the units you have made with the green 3 1/2" square in the centre as shown in Fig.10:



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You will have a 12 1/2" block.

