

Block of the Month 2022-2023, November

Reminder: Sewn blocks should MEASURE $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square to finish to 12".

Big Dipper

This block has 3 colors. Color A is lightest, Color B is medium, and Color C is darkest.

Cutting instructions:

Color A (pink in photo)

Two $7\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Color B (lighter green in photo)

One $7\frac{1}{2}$ " square

Color C (darker green in photo):

One $7\frac{1}{2}$ " square

Draw two diagonals on the back of each color A square. Put a color A square right sides together with a color B square. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of ONE of the drawn lines. Cut on BOTH drawn lines. When you open and press them, you will have FOUR triangles, each with two colors. Arrange and sew them into TWO quarter square triangles. Repeat for one color A square and one color C square. The video link below may be helpful in visualizing the process. It is only 2:46 minutes long.

[Quarter Square triangle video tutorial](#)

Now you have FOUR quarter square triangles. **Trim each so that they are $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.** This is important as your squares will be oversized. **Take care to center the block as you trim.** We used a $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square with a diagonal line in it to help center the block.

Refer to the photo and diagram for placement of the blocks when piecing.

