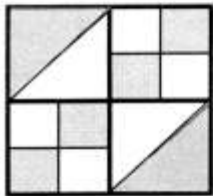


Quilters Guild of Plano
 Block of the Month - February 2004
 by Sew-n-Sew's small group

Ruby Jewel Box:

To view a whole quilt, look at "Aqua Jewel Box" *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*, April 2003, page 64.



Made from 2 four-patches and 2 half-square triangles!

Just 2 fabrics

Block Size: 8 1/2 inches unfinished (8 finished)

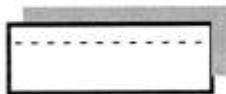
Materials: Use fabrics that read as solids from 6 feet away.

Beige tone on tone (2 1/2" x 10", and 5 1/4" square)

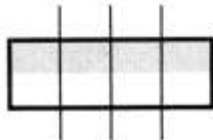
Medium or dark Red (2 1/2" x 10", and 5 1/4" square)

Instructions:

1. **Four-Patch:**



Cut a 2 1/2 x 10 inch strip of beige and red. With right sides facing, sew along one long side, using 1/4" seam allowance. Press to dark.

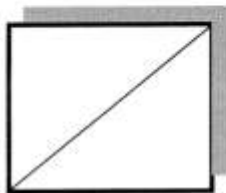


Cross-cut the strip into 2 1/2" segments.



Flip the segments (light to dark) and sew two segments together, butting the center seam. Makes two 4-patches. Each should measure 4 1/2".

2. **Half-Square Triangle:**



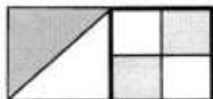
Cut a 5 1/4" square of the beige and red fabric. On the back side of the lighter fabric draw a line from corner to corner.

Place fabrics right sides facing, and sew a scant 1/4" seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut along the drawn line. Press the seam allowance towards the darker fabric.

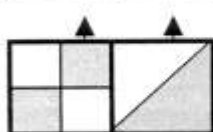
Using a ruler with the 45 degree angle along the sewn seam, trim the square to 4 1/2".

Makes two half-square triangle units.

3.



Sew a 4-patch to the lighter side of the 1/2-squares; press towards the 1/2-Square.



Sew the two sections together, butting the center seam.

Hint: Make sure the red section of the 1/2-square is towards the outside of the block and the red parts of the 4-patches form a line through the center of the block.