

WITH LOVE AT CHRISTMAS (CHRISTMAS PRESENTS)



A 12" finished block

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REQUIREMENTS

FABRICS: (Feel free to use scraps of fabrics)

- 1 fat Quarter for the Background
- 1 Layer cake (10" square) each in 2 shades of same color for Box A
- 1 Layer cake each in 2 shades of same color for Box B
- 1 Layer cake for the ribbon strips.

TOOLS:

Sewing Machine, Ruler, Rotary Cutter, Cutting Mat, Scissors, Spray Starch, Iron, fusible web, Fabric Markers and Pins

CUTTING CHART

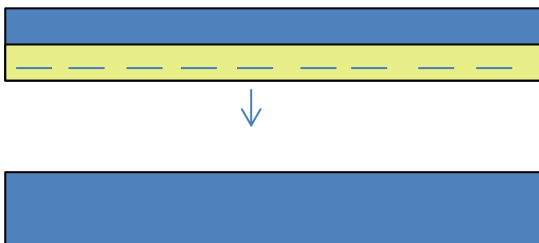
Note: You will be making 2 boxes so decide if you are making both in the same color way or in 2 different color ways. The cutting chart is for 1 box (Excluding the background pieces which are for entire block) so to make 2 in the same color way, cut double the specified numbers of pieces. Otherwise, repeat the cutting instruction in each color way.

- You can play with the color value to create the 3-D effect as desired and the example in this pattern is just for illustrations only. Go to colored samples at the end of pattern for other variations.

Fabric A (Top and Front of Box)	Cut: (2) 1.5 x 7" strips (this is cut longer than required so will be trimmed down after piecing) Cut (2) 2 x 4" strips
Fabric B (Side of Box)	Cut (2) 1.5 x 8" strips (this is cut longer than required so will be trimmed down after piecing)
Fabric C (Ribbon)	Cut: (1) 1 x 8" , (2) 1 x 7" , and (1) 1.25 x 4" strip
Fabric D (Background for the entire Block)	Cut: (4) 3" square (2) 3.5 x 12.5" strips

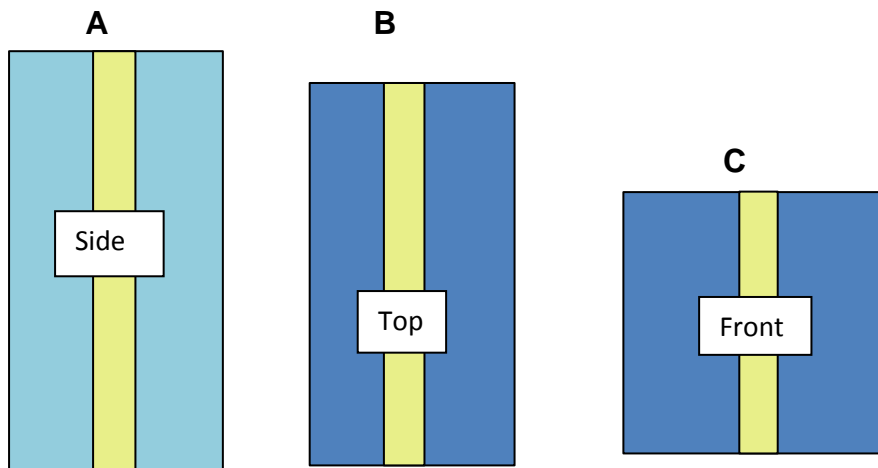
PIECING INSTRUCTIONS: (Use an accurate 1/4" seam allowance throughout)

- Sew your strips together as shown below with right sides together (RST):



After piecing, check that your center ribbon finishes at exactly 1/2" and entire strip at 3" for strips A and B. Ribbon for C should finish at 3/4 and entire piece trimmed down to 4" square (Measure 4" from the left and cut the excess off the right side)

For a fast piecing, chain piece and repeat for the top, front and side of both boxes such that you end up with new strips that looks like below:



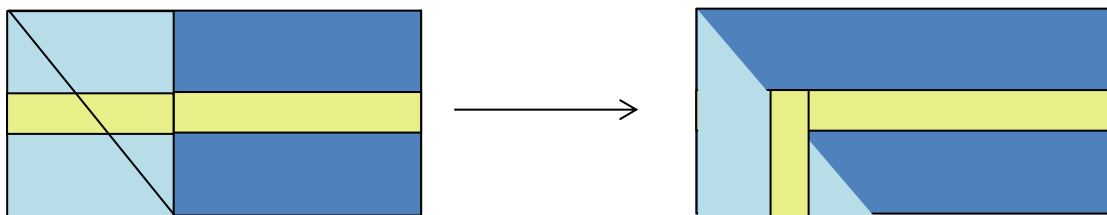
PIECING SIDE OF BOX

- From your new strip for side of box labelled A above, cut (1) 3" square (set aside)
- Trim the remaining strip A to 4" long.
- Place one of the 3" square from the background fabric right sides together on the bottom of new strip as shown below, sew together along the diagonal, cut off excess ¼" from the seam line, flip over and press your seam outward. Set newly created piece aside.



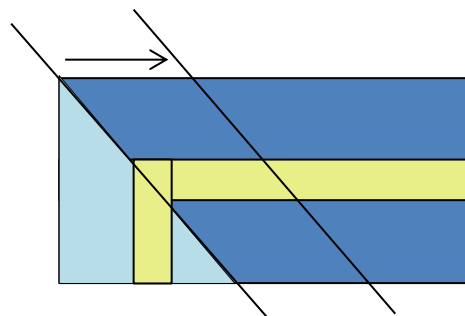
PIECING THE TOP OF BOX

- A. Place the 3" square set aside from strip A RST on top of your pieced strip labelled B as shown below, sew together along the diagonal, cut off excess ¼" from the seam line, flip over and press your seam outward.

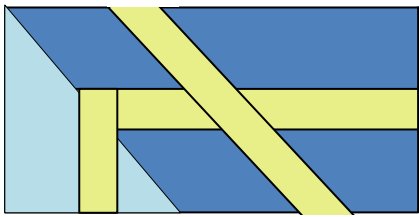


The next stage of piecing the diagonal ribbon is slightly challenging, hence there is an applique option for completing this. If you choose the applique option, Trim your top strip to 6.5", Skip step B and C, and proceed to D to complete the entire box before attaching the center ribbon.

- B. Place your ruler 1.25" parallel to the diagonal seam line and cut as shown below:

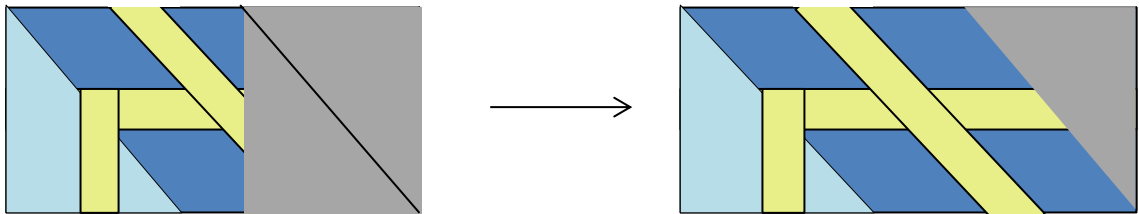


- C. Sew the remaining 1 x 7" to the cut pieces as shown below, trim off any excess (Be careful while piecing to avoid any stretch as pieces are now cut on the bias). Trim the entire piece to 6.5" before proceeding to the next step.



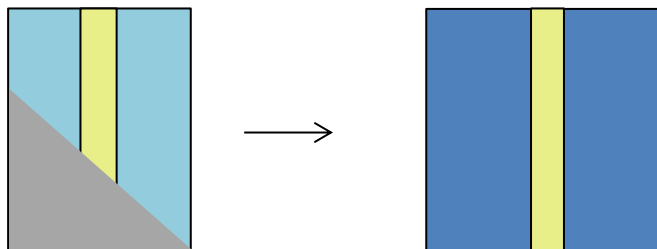
Lay cut pieces right side up making sure they are well aligned, flip first piece over, pin in place and sew, repeat for the other side.

- D. Place the other 3" square from the background fabric RST on the right corner of strip as shown below, sew together along the diagonal, cut off excess 1/4" from the seam line, flip over and press your seam outward.

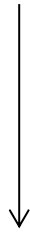
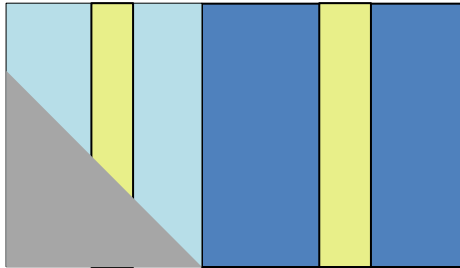
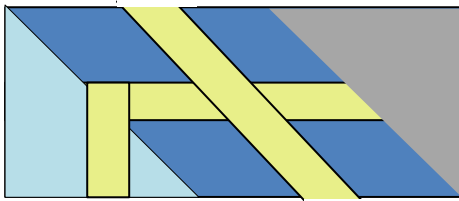


PIECING THE BOX

- Sew the pieced side of box to the pieced front of Box labelled C. Be sure to make sure the seams are well aligned.



- Sew the pieced top of box to the pieced bottom as shown below to complete the piecing of Box.
- Repeat all the steps above to piece the 2nd box and at this point you should have two pieced blocks measuring 6.5" each.

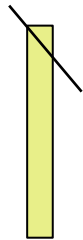


NOTE: Aligning the diagonal ribbon and the ribbon at the front of box might be slightly tricky: To ensure your seams align, lay the pieces together, open the pieces along the seam line about $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart. At this point, your seams should match up nicely, otherwise, realign and repeat the test. Pin in place once satisfied before sewing pieces together

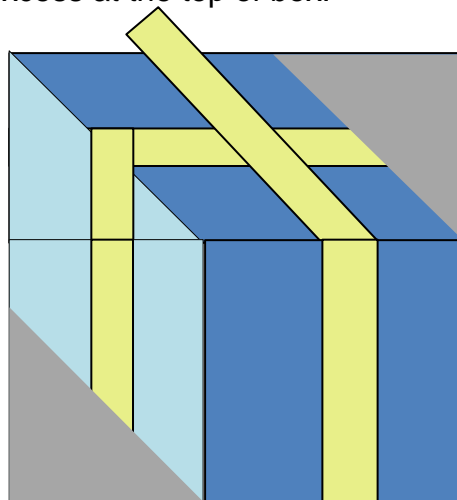
COMPLETING BOX (Applique option)

After piecing the entire block excluding the diagonal ribbon, to complete box,

- Iron your preferred fusible web to the wrong side of your 1 x 7" strip and leave to cool.
- Trim strip to $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and cut off the top along the diagonal as shown below:



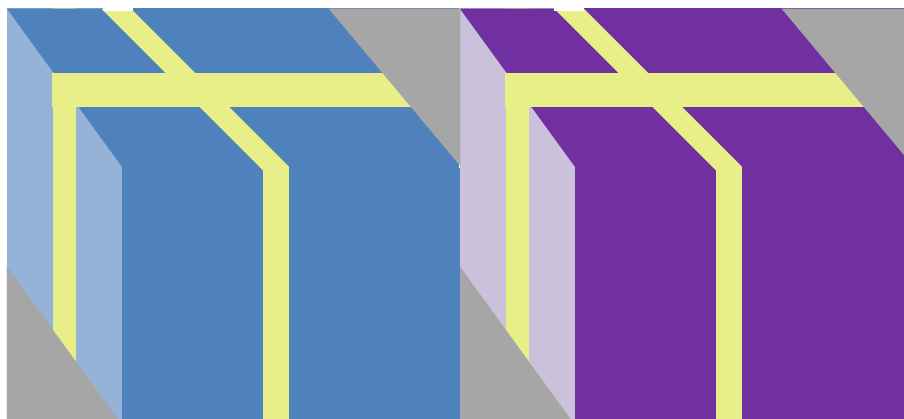
- Align your trimmed edge with the front ribbon of box as shown below and trim off excess at the top of box.



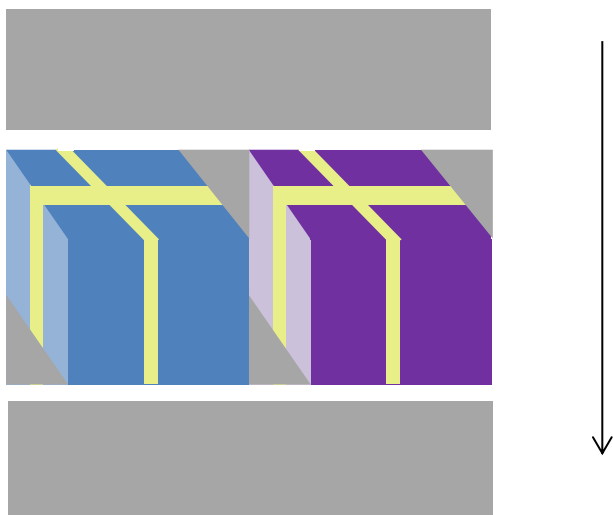
- Remove the paper from your strip, realign strip and fuse in place. Complete box by stitching strip down with your preferred stitch method.

PIECING THE COMPLETE BLOCK

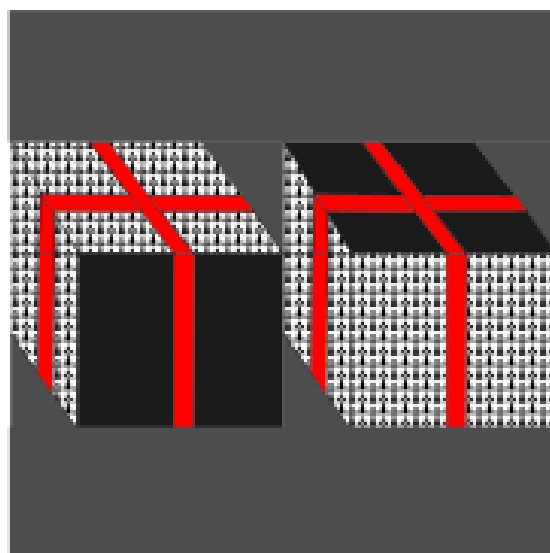
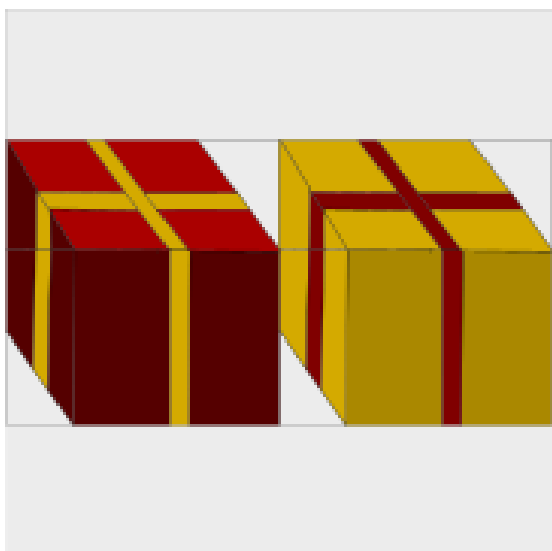
- Sew the 2 boxes together as shown below: (For variation see end of pattern)



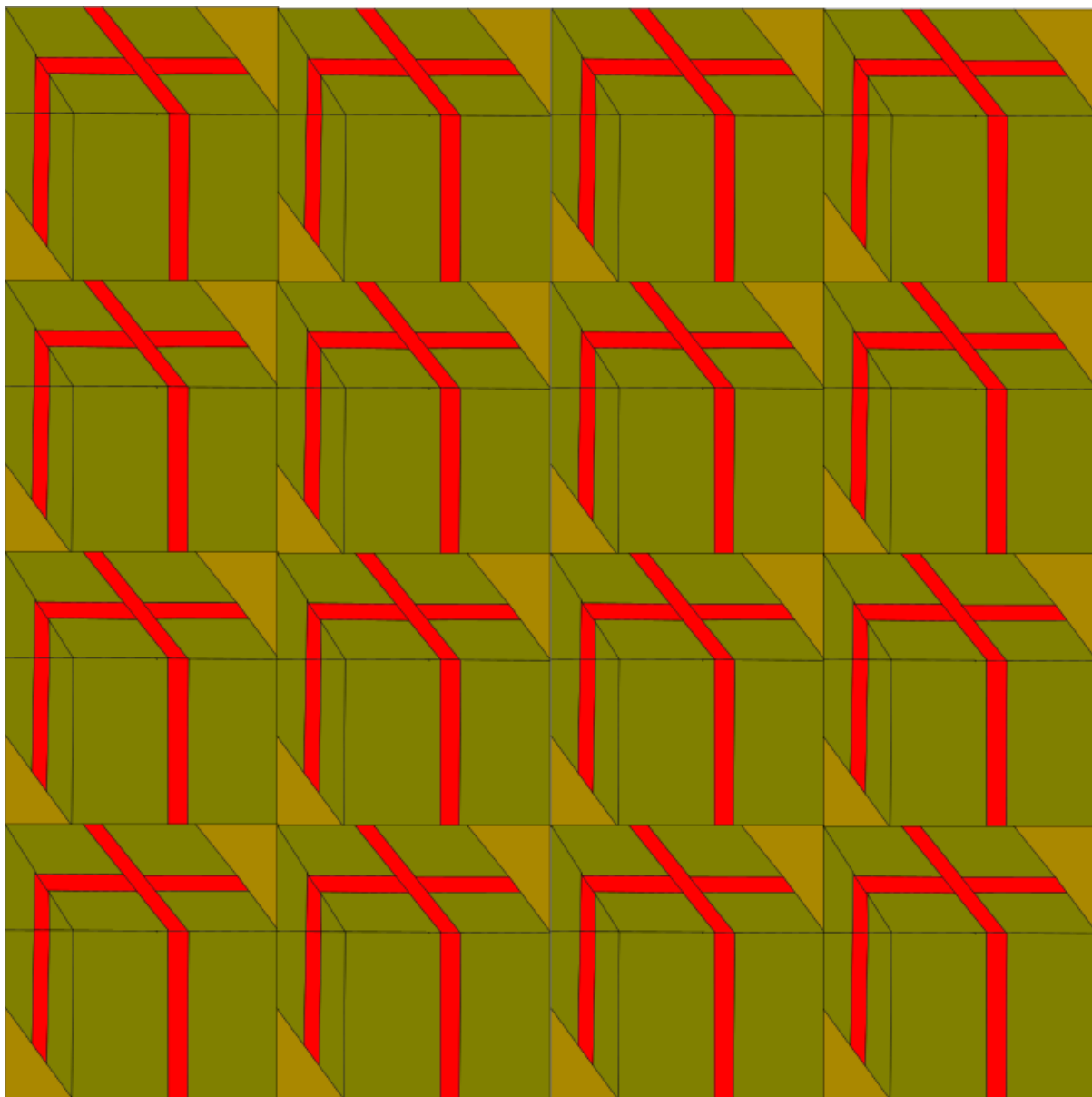
- Sew (1) 3.5 x 12.5" background fabric to the top and bottom of pieced block each.



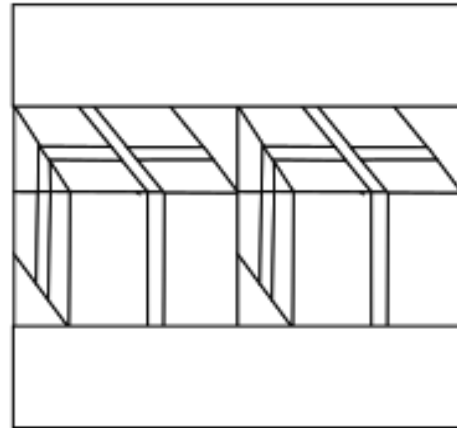
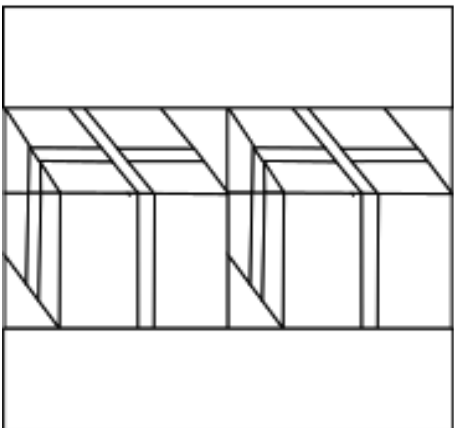
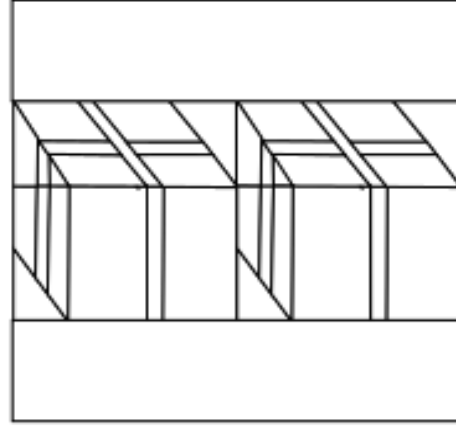
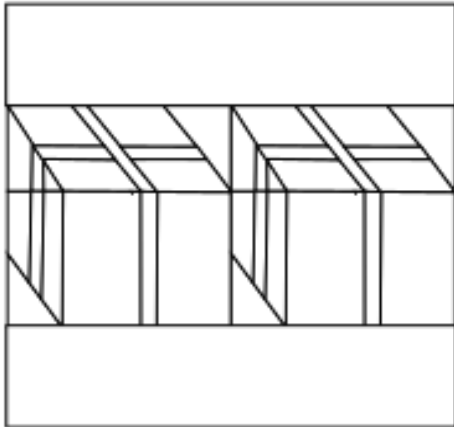
SAMPLE COLORING VARIATIONS



Sew a couple boxes together without the borders to make an entire quilt such as below: (Each box can be made in different colors for more variations)



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