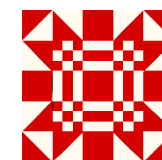


President's Challenge- March 2024

Here's a NEW block for you to make and bring back for March's meeting: New Mexico. It can be two colors, three colors or scrappy. It will be 15 ½" square.



Step 1: You will need 12 half squares that are 3 ½" square. Use any method you like, but here's the traditional method.

- Cut two 4 3/8" squares (one background and one color).
- Cut on the diagonal of each square.
- Put two triangles right sides together. Sew ¼" on the long side.
- Press the seam to the dark side. Trim to 3 ½" square. Repeat.

Step 2: Nine Patches – You will create four nine patches that will measure 3 ½" square. Use any method you like, but here's the traditional method.

- Cut five 1 ½" colored squares. Cut four 1 ½" background squares.
- Sew together rows:
 - color, background, color
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- Sew the rows together. Trim to 3 ½".

Step 3: Strip blocks- You will create four strip blocks that will measure 3 ½" square.

- Cut eight background strips measuring 1 ½" x 3 ½". Cut four color strips 1 ½" x 3 ½".
- Sew a background strip to a color strip. Press, seam to color side.
- Sew a background strip to the other side of the color strip. Press, seam to the color side.

Step 4: Cut five 3 ½" color squares.

Assemble as shown.

For more detailed and different instructions, go to :

<https://www.quilterscache.com/N/NewMexicoBlock.html> or

<https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/new-mexico-quilt-block.html>