



Rising Star Quilters April 2014 Block of the Month

Please return your finished block(s) at the [May 27th meeting](#).

Batik Card Trick Block

Finished Block Size: 9 inches (9.5 inches Unfinished)

This month's block is made with batik fabrics. The kit includes a cream botanical batik background fabric, and fabrics for two batik cards. You will need to provide solid or print batiks for the remaining two cards.

Cutting Instructions:

Background Fabric: This is the light mottled fabric in the block diagram above. Using the cream batik provided in the kit, cut two $3\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares. Cut each $3\frac{7}{8}$ inch square in half on the diagonal. Cut one 4.25-inch square – cut the square on the diagonal twice to get four quarter-square triangles.

Card Fabric: The cards are the green, purple, blue, and raspberry fabrics in the block diagram above. With the batik fabric for one card, cut one $3\frac{7}{8}$ inch square, then cut that square in half on the diagonal.

Cut one 4.25-inch square – then cut the 4.25-inch square on the diagonal twice to get four quarter-square triangles. Set two of the four quarter-square triangles aside, as only two will be used for each card.

Repeat these cutting steps for each of the three remaining batik card fabrics.

Piecing Instructions:

The Card Trick Block is a standard nine-patch block with 3 rows and 3 columns.

Fabric placement is important for this block to capture the look of overlapping cards, so please follow the block diagram carefully. We recommend that you lay out your fabric pieces to match the block layout before you begin sewing.

The corner squares are half-square triangle blocks made with a background fabric and a card fabric. For the squares comprised of 3 pieces (2 quarter-square triangles and a half-square triangle), sew the quarter-square triangles together first in the proper orientation, then sew that unit to the half-square triangle.

The center square consists of 4 quarter-square triangles sewn together.

Sew the units together by row, and then sew the rows together.

If you have any questions, please email us at blockmonth@risingstarquilters.org