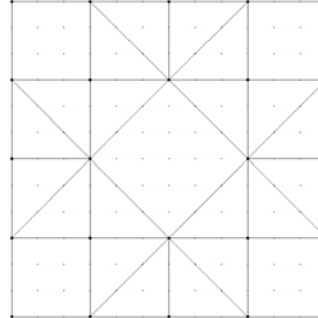





Signature Cross Block

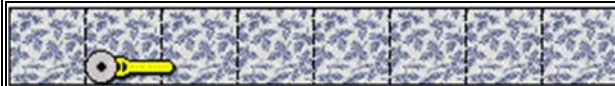


Note that there are many ways to construct this block and its units. Feel free to be creative! As to colors selections and placement, please use strong brights or jewel tones for Color One – this is the cross motif; very darks, even to black for Color Two – this is the background; and white for Color Three – the central signature portion.

Supplies List per block and Cutting instructions:

	Color One needs: one 3½" x 28" strip AND one 3⅞" x 15½" strip
	Color Two needs: one 3⅞" x 15½" strip
	Color Three needs: one 6½" square

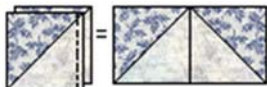
Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block:



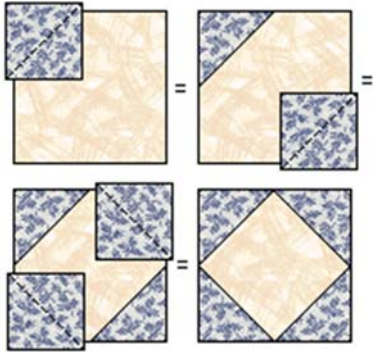
First mark and cut the Color One 3½" x 28" strip into eight 3½" squares.



Then speed piece the half squares, by stacking the Color One and Color Two 3⅞" x 15½" strips, right sides together. On the back of the top strip lightly mark the 3⅞" square lines and mark the diagonals as shown at left. Now sew ¼" above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square lines. Cut apart on the diagonal lines AND on the square lines. This will give you eight half squares. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabrics. These should measure 3½".



Next sew the half squares together along the lighter side, using ¼" seams. Make four of these units, pressing seam allowances to one side.



To piece the center snowball unit, place a Color One $3\frac{1}{2}$ ' square atop the Color Three $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square, right sides together and all edges aligned. (It is shown staggered here just so you can see there are two layers) On the back of the top square, lightly mark the diagonal in the direction shown at left. Sew ON this diagonal line. Trim off the excess seam allowance and press the remainder towards the outer triangle. Repeat this with another Color One square on the opposite corner, and then again with the two remaining open corners, pressing the last two additions towards the center square. This should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Now piece the block! First make rows as illustrated, and then join them, using all $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams. Press seams in alternating directions as you go, to avoid bulky areas!

Don't forget to use an indelible fabric marker to sign your name and the year to the central diamond.

Based on the block by Marcia Hohn of Quilter's Cache:

<http://www.quilterscache.com/S/SignatureCrossBlock.html>