

MONTH FIVE – BORDER 4, PIECED 6" BLOCKS 5-8 – September

BLOCK 5

This block is called *The Practical Orchard* and will be 6" square finished. Make two of this block. I made both blocks at once, both purple, but with different fabrics.

Fabrics requirements for block 5

This block requires two fabrics, I chose the background and one purple fabric

- A, C and F are purple
- B, D and E are background

Cutting

- A – purple – cut 2 x 3¼" squares, for half square triangles
- B – background – cut 2 x 3¼" squares, for half square triangles
- C – purple – cut 2 x 2½" squares
- D – background – cut 2 x 2½" squares
- E – background – cut 1 x 3¼" square, cross cut corner to corner twice = 4 triangles, discard 2
- F – purple – cut 1 x 3¼" square, cross cut corner to corner twice = 4 triangles, discard 2

Construction

- Using one A purple and one B background square create two half square triangles, trim to 2½" square. Repeat with the second A and B squares = 4 x 2½" half square triangle units.
- Lay the elements out as shown below, left
- Lay an E and F triangle right side together, matching all side. Stitch together starting at the 90° corner with the F triangle on top. Repeat with the second E and F triangles. Lay the two E/F triangles right sides together, matching the centre seams and stitch together, below centre. This element will measure 2½" square.
- Lay out the elements of the block, below right. Create rows, then the block.



The two blocks are now complete and will measure 6½" square and will be 6" square finished, when sewn into the quilt. Put aside until month 8, December.

