

## Diagonal Bars Quilt Block

Block directions and guidelines for the May 2014 Block Lotto

This 7 inch (finished size) 2-color block is pretty quickly and easily made, but it is graphically interesting, I think, and provides an opportunity to practice 1/4 inch seams and working with bias edges.

It can also easily be foundation pieced and I have included a template for those that prefer to use that technique.



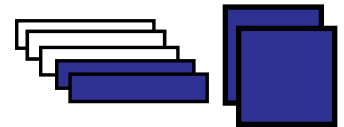
### Cut Fabrics for 1 Block

From **CREAM** fabric:

- Three rectangles 1 1/2 by 5 1/2-inches

From **BLUE** fabric:

- Two rectangles 1 1/2 by 5 1/2-inches
- Two 4 3/8-inch squares - these may be cut larger and trimmed to size.



### Sewing the Block

1. Sew the rectangles, alternating **BLUE** and **CREAM** fabrics, into a square. It should measure 5 1/2 inches
2. Cut the **BLUE** squares diagonally in half. and add the triangles to the edges of the square to form the 7 1/2 inch square (finished size is 7 inches).
3. If you cut the blue squares larger, carefully trim the block to 7 1/2 inches, making sure the blue fabric extends 1/4-inch from each of the points of the striped square.

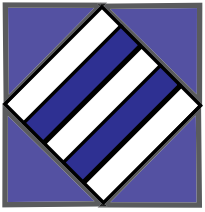


## Block Lotto Guidelines - April 2014

Fabric Guidelines:

- **CREAM** fabrics may be solid or cream/light tan tone-on-tone (TOT) prints
- **BLUE** fabrics may be solid or prints that are predominately blue. Think **TRUE BLUE** and avoid aquas, turquoise or teals (save them for the June block) or anything bordering on purple. Your **BLUE** fabric should be darker and have a strong contrast with the **CREAM**.
- You may use the same **CREAM** fabric in all your blocks, but the **BLUE** fabric must be unique in each of your blocks.

You can enter a **maximum of NINE blocks** for the May drawing.



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### Template for Paper Foundation Piecing

- Print this foundation pattern with no scaling. In addition to using the 1-inch square to confirm that it printed correctly, measure the outside square to confirm that it is 7 1/2 inches.
- Cut fabrics for paper piecing the block as for traditional piecing to avoid ending up with bias edges on the outside of your block. Cut them 1/2 inch larger to make it easier for placement.
- If you paper piece your block, remove the paper before sending it to the winner.

