

Easy X Quilt Block

Block directions and guidelines for the November 2014 Block Lotto

Easy X is a 7-inch square (finished size) quilt that is quickly made from a pile of large and small squares.

I made this block.

You can make a **MAXIMUM of NINE BLOCKS** for the drawing in November.

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Fabric Guidelines for the Block Lotto

This month we will return to a popular past color combination: jewel tones with black or very dark.

The **BACKGROUND** fabric is dark. It can be black solids or black-on-black prints or **VERY DARK** fabrics in other colors in solids or tone-on-tone prints.

The X fabric is a color-saturated, rich colors based on gems like rubies, emeralds, and sapphires, often referred to as jewel tones.

You make multiple blocks, you can use the same **DARK BACKGROUND** fabric in multiple blocks, but the jewel tone X fabric in each block should be unique.

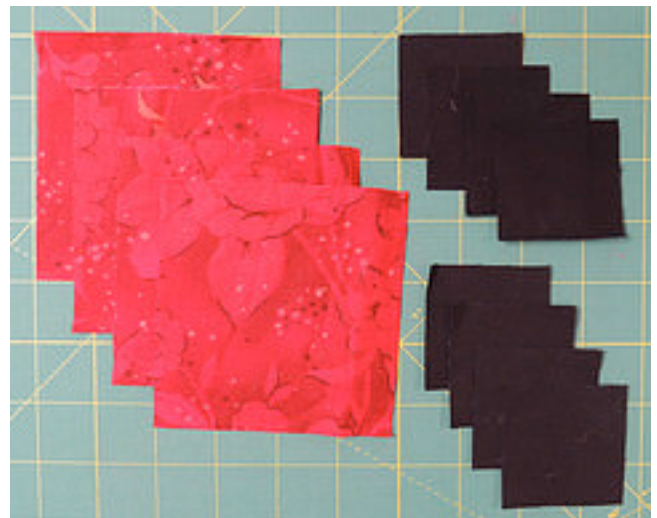
Cutting for One Block

From **BACKGROUND** fabric, cut:

- Eight 2-inch squares

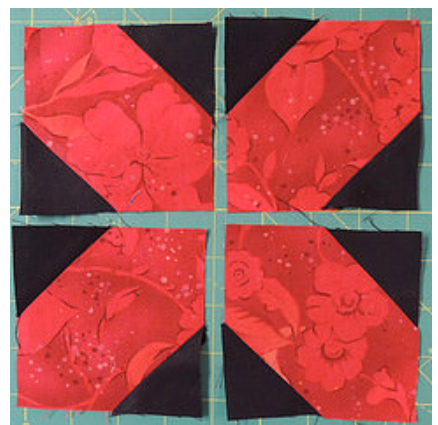
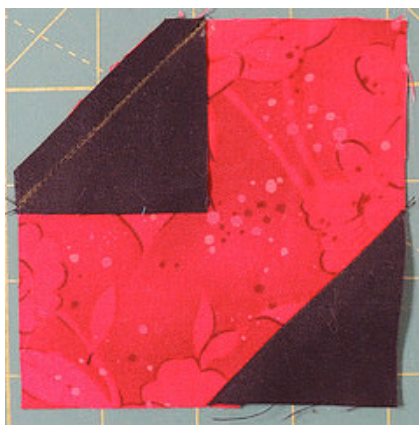
From X fabric, cut:

- Four 4-inch squares



Sewing the Block

1. Stack a small BACKGROUND square on top of a large X square, in a corner, with the outside edges aligned. Right sides of the fabrics are together.
2. Draw a line across the diagonal of small square, and then sew ON the line.
3. Trim, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch beyond the sewn line.
4. Press. (See note about pressing this block below)
5. Repeat with a second BACKGROUND square in the opposite corner.
6. Complete three more units.
7. Lay out the four units to form the X shape and assemble the block like a 9-patch.



A Note About Pressing

When you are making the individual units, if you press the seams toward the DARK on two units and press the seams toward the X fabric in the other two, you can layout the units so that the seam allowances are going in opposite directions where the seams meet.

Here's a photo of the back of the block, so you can see what that looks like.

