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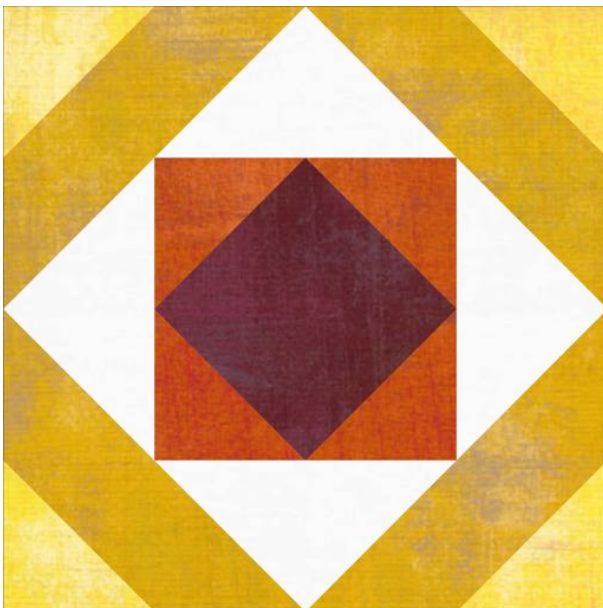
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# SQUARES IN SQUARES

Foundation Paper Piecing Pattern

3", 3.5", 4", 4.5", 5", 5.5", 6", 6.5" & 7" blocks

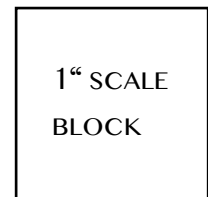


## HI THERE, FELLOW SEWING ENTHUSIAST!

Don't we all have our favorite fabrics that we keep even the tiniest scraps of cause we just can't throw away those cuties? Even if we don't know what we could possibly sew with them? Well, I've got a solution for you. Have you ever tried fuzzy cutting? With this technique you can highlight even the smallest parts of your beloved fabrics and show it off in whatever shape you like. Just select a specific motif or design part of the fabric and by adding some patchwork around it you can enlarge it to whatever size you need to make a mug rug, a pillow, a wall hanging, a tote bag or even a whole quilt. One of the most popular shapes for this technique is the square in square and this pattern lifts it to the next level – squares in squares. So let's have some fun with scraps!

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- ◆ When printing the pattern, make sure you do not choose ,fit to page' in your printer settings. Set the printer to ,actual size', ,with no scaling' or ,100% scale' (phrasing may differ depending on your printer). You can also check this 1" scale block for accuracy.
- ◆ Shorten the stitch length on your sewing machine to at most 2.0 or less. This way the paper gets more perforated when you sew and will be easier to tear off at the end. Backstitch at the start and the end of each line. This will keep your seams secure when you tear off the paper.
- ◆ Each pattern has a ¼" seam allowance, make sure all of it is covered with fabric when you sew (best a bit more, you can trim it down later).
- ◆ Using pins or clips can help with achieving exact matching points when sewing blocks together. Also you can sew with a long basting stitch at first, and then if everything is lined up as desired re-sew with the small stitch length. If you have to adjust, this will make it easier to unpick than with the small stitch length.
- ◆ If you want to make the pattern in a different size as provided, you can scale the pages to your desired size. Please be aware that the ¼" seam allowance then will no longer be accurate. Ignore this line and draw your own at ¼".



## FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Every single block can be made with just a few cotton scraps from your stash. I recommend using not too thick fabric such as canvas or denim as it will get quite bulky at some points whereas using thicker fabric just for the inner fuzzy cutting part poses no problem.

## LET'S GET STARTED!

Print one copy of the foundation paper piecing template in your desired shape. The solid lines are the sewing lines, the outer dashed lines indicate the ¼" seam allowances. Cut out the pattern pieces a bit outside of this dashed line.

Paper piece in order as numbered on the templates. Press each seam well after sewing in order to keep your work neat. Trim the seam allowance around the completed block to ¼ inch (or any other desired length, just make sure it is consistent).