



Magic Block

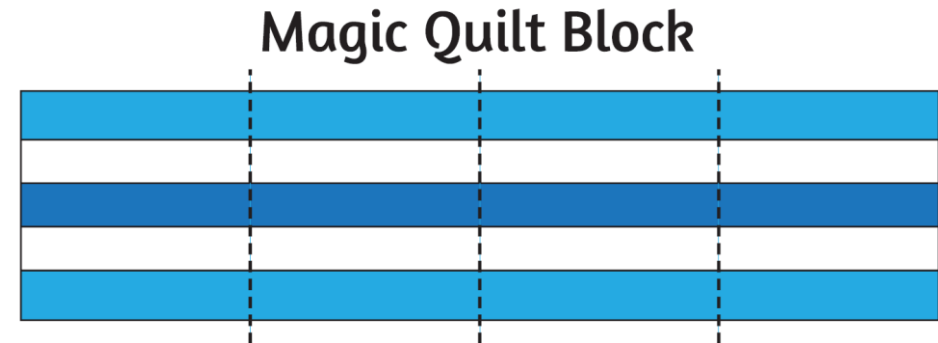
This block was demonstrated
on Jeremy Swaim's Topsy
Tuesday (7/23/24) post

To make 2 blocks:

- Cut 2 ½” strips of:
- Light/background: cut 2 WOF
- Medium: cut 2 WOF
- Dark/focus fabric: cut 1 WOF

Press seams all in one direction. You will sub cut 10 ½” blocks. Take care to only just trim off the salvage before cutting the blocks.

- Arrangement:



Arrangement variation of strip set: cut 2 of dark/focus fabric, and 1 of medium. Switch their places in the arrangement

Note: I wanted to use a Jelly Roll for this project, but it may not give you the repeats needed for additional strip sets for more blocks. You could use a jelly roll if you wanted scrappy and cut the background from yardage.

The strip set should measure 10½” in width and you are cutting 10½” blocks from that. Check your ¼” seam allowance before you begin sewing the strip set. You need to be accurate for your strip set to come out at 10 ½” wide.

Then the blocks are cut on the two diagonals. Two of the triangles are sewn together to create the blocks, one I call Tree Trunks and the other I called Surfboard. You will use one tree trunk and one surfboard for your new blocks. Sets of four blocks are assembled to make a large block.

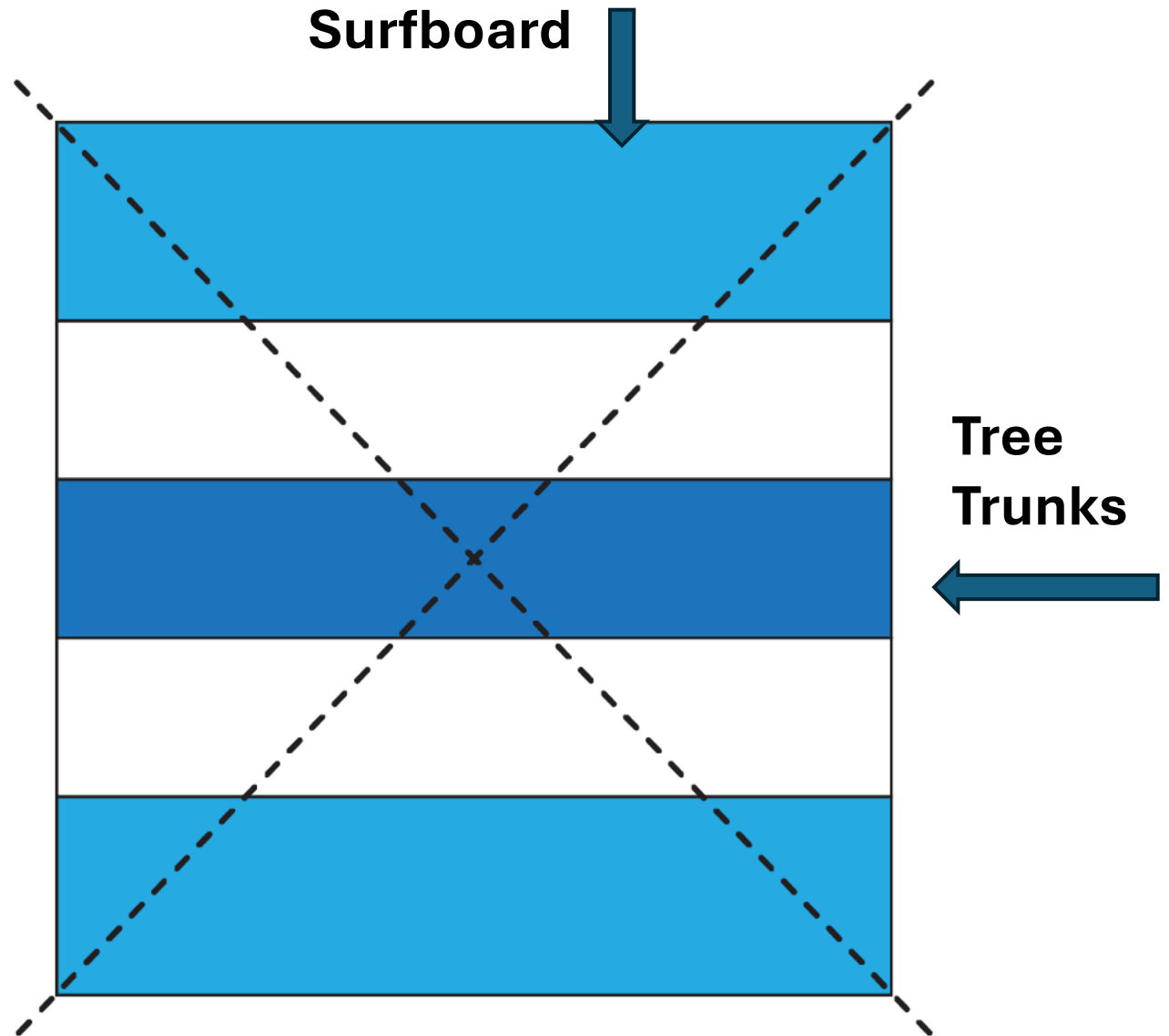
The blocks can be arranged in different ways as shown in the photo below and your fabric selection and placement will result in a variety of designs. Jeremy suggested using holiday fabrics and demonstrated the arrangement (in blue) where the darker fabrics are on the outer edges of the strip set and a coordinating floral is in the center. The background is white or a tone on tone.

For each strip set (Four Blocks)

3 fabrics:

- Main (2 Strips)
- Accent (1 Strip)
- Background (2 Strips)

Subcut strip set by 10 1/2"
then cut blocks corner to
corner both ways





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WHITE-PLAINS GAZETTE

Samples from Jeremy's demonstration.



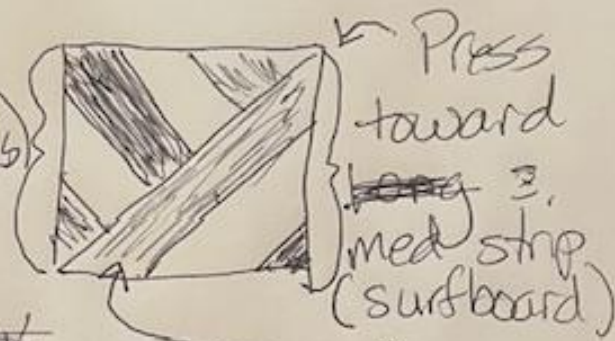
Cut corner to corner.



10 1/2

(tree trunks)

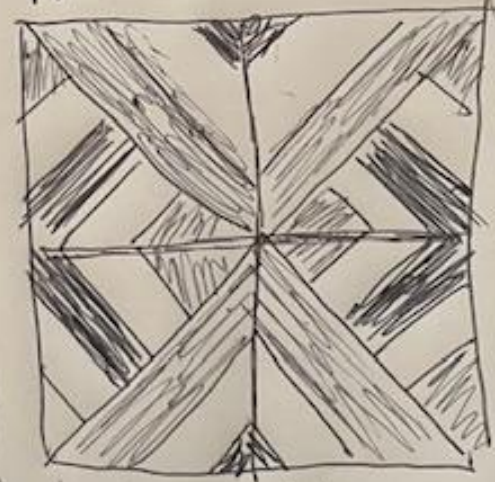
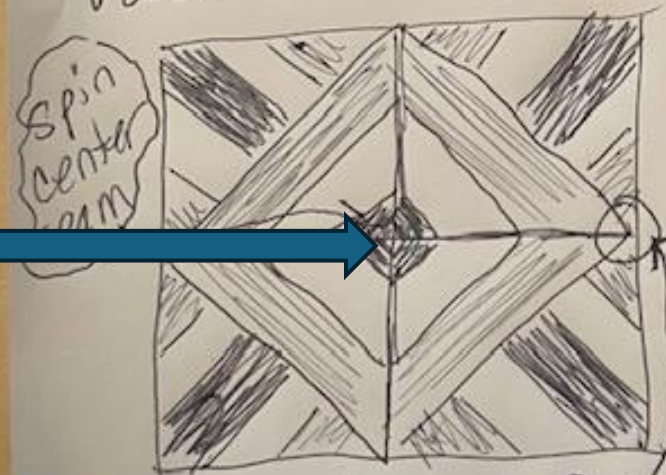
Combine 2 Δ 's to make a block,



~~2 possibilities~~

Var. 1

Var 2



All seams nest except for, just clip in the seam allowance.

Spin the center seam!

All seams will nest except for one.

**Variation 2
from the
handwritten
notes page. I
plan to make
each design
into a pillow.**





The
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should
measure
13 ½“.