

## VCQ Celebration 2020 Block Lotto

# PATHS & STILES

#### In this kit:

- Instructions to make this 9 in. finished block. This is a 9-patch made up of four half-square triangle units, four rail-fence units and one 3 ½" square which, when sewn together, create a 9 ½" unfinished block.
- Background fabric: 2 strips @ 1 ½" x 15" and 1 strip @ 4" x 8"

If you selected the Dark Batik background, add contrasting batik in any color or pattern.

If you selected the Cream Grunge background, add a contrasting print of your choice (flowers, fruit, geometric, novelty, etc.)

#### **Cutting**

From your fabric: cut one strip @ 4" x 8", one strip @ 1 ½" x 15" strip and one 3 ½" square.

### **Piecing**

Make 4 half-square triangle units using one 4" x 8" strip of the background fabric and one 4" x 8" strip of your fabric. Mark the center point of the 8" length on the back of the lightest one and draw a line across the strip. (A)

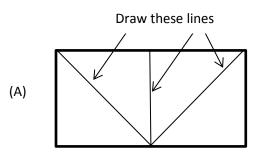
Then draw two diagonal lines from the opposite corners to the center mark as shown. (A)

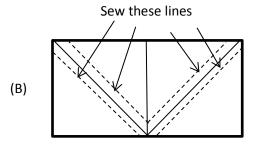
Stack right-sides-together. Sew a scant ¼" seam on each side of the drawn lines. Cut on the drawn lines to create four half-square triangle units. (B)

Press the four units to the dark fabric. Trim to 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Sew the 1 ½" wide strips together along the 15" length to create a strip set: Background/Your fabric/Background. Press seam allowances to the darkest fabric.

Cut into four 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths. There will be a scrap left over. (C)



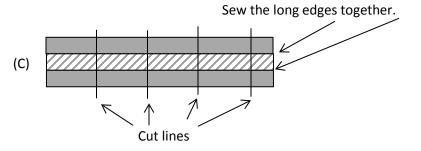




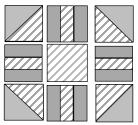








Layout the nine units to create the block.



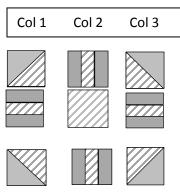
Col 1 Col 2 Col 3

Sew the units together in columns by sewing the first and second units first. Add the third unit of each column.

Press seams away from the middle unit of the 1st and 3rd columns. Press the seams towards the middle unit of the 2<sup>nd</sup> column.

Sew the columns together, nesting the seam allowances. Press.

Trim the block to a 9 ½" square making sure there is 1/4" seam allowance on all sides so your block can be sewn to another block.



If you have any questions, please call Deborah Schupp: 540-604-0988.