

The THIRD Block: Girl Next Door

This block is often shown in 3 or 4 colors of pink and other pastel colors. I choose to use 5 bright colors in the EQ diagram and 6 colors in the block I sewed. We're adding an "arrow" unit (or half of a flying geese unit) to our skills repertoire with this block. Check out my blog to see an alternate method for assembling this block.

Cutting Requirements

Color & amount	7" block	14" block	21" block
Color A (very light) 12	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"
Color B (light) 4	2.5" x 2.5"	4.5" x 4.5"	6.5" x 6.5"
Color C (medium) 4	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"
Color D (medium) 4	1.5" x 2.5"	2.5" x 4.5"	3.5" x 6.5"
Color E (dark) 8	1.5" x 2.5"	2.5" x 4.5"	3.5" x 6.5"
Color F (very dark) 1	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"

Directions for Assembling the Block
(scroll down for links to pdf files)

Step 1: Arrow Units

- a) Draw a diagonal line on the back side of 8 of the color A squares.
 - b) Place a color A square on a color E rectangle. Sew on the diagonal line.
 - c) Trim 1/4 inch from stitched line.
 - d) Press toward color A.
- Repeat for all 8 color E rectangles, making 4 left points and 4 right points.



Make sure half of your arrows point left and the other half point right.

Step 2

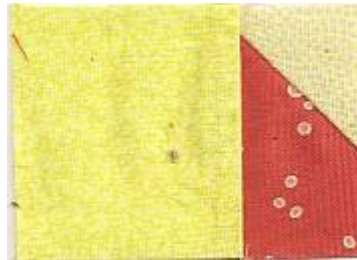
Pick out the 4 right-pointing arrow units. Sew a color C square to the non-pointy end. Press seams toward the color C squares.



Make 4.

Step 3

The remaining 4 arrow units should point to the left. Sew these units to the color B squares. Press seams toward color B.



Make 4.

Step 4

Sew the units from step 2 to the units from step 3. Press seams toward the step 2 (narrow) units.



Make 4.

Step 5

Sew a color A square to each color D rectangle. Press seams toward color D.



Make 4.

Step 6

Lay out the 4 step 4 units as they will go in the block. Sew a step 5 unit to the 2 step 4 units that will be on the left side of the block. Press seams toward the narrow step 5 units.



Make 2.

Step 7

Sew the right-hand step 4 units to their respective step 6 units. Press seams toward the narrow step 5 units.



Make 2.

Step 8

You should have two step 5 units left. Sew the color F square to the color A square on one of these units. Press seam toward color A.



Make 1.

Step 9

Sew the remaining step 5 unit to the step 8 unit. Press seam toward color A.



Make 1.

Step 10

Sew the top row to the center row (from step 9). Press the seam toward the center row.



Step 11

Sew the bottom row to the center row. Press seams toward the center row.

Press finished block and trim to square it if necessary.

