

## PVQA Block of the Month— October 2024: Jacob's



### Ladder

#### Fabric

- White (provided)—Two 5" squares, one 2 ½" strip x width of fabric
- Color (you provide)—Two 5" squares, one 2 ½" strip x width of fabric

*Please use red, orange, yellow or brown for the colored fabric for a fall-themed block*

#### Instructions

##### **Step One—Half-Square Triangles**

Draw a diagonal line on the back of two of the 5" x 5" light squares, corner to corner.

Place a 5" white square on a 5" colored square with right sides together. Stitch ¼" from the marked line. You can chain stitch and repeat for the other 5" squares.

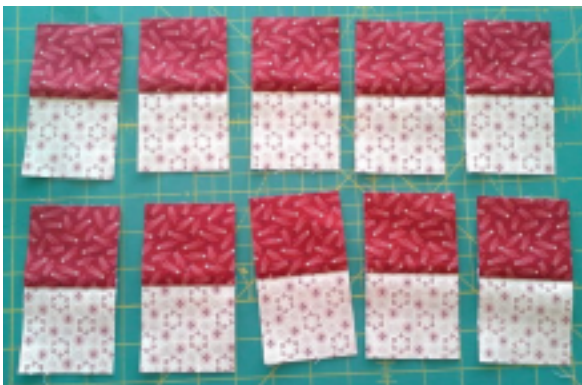
Turn the squares around and stitch ¼" from the marked line on the opposite side. Repeat for both squares.

Cut both squares on the marked line to make four half-square triangles. Press toward the colored fabric. Trim to make four 4 ½" half-square-triangle blocks.

##### **Step Two—Four-Patches**

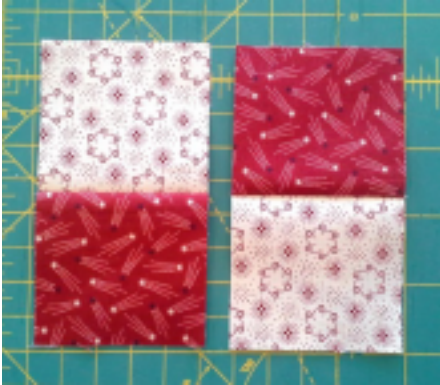
Now for the strip-piecing. Place the white 2 ½" strip on top of the colored 2 ½" strip with right sides together. Stitch one long edge of the strips. Press toward the colored fabric.

Cut the strip into 2 ½" segments.



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Flip one segment upside-down so the white is next to the color and vice versa. to create four-patch. Stitch two segments together, matching the center seams, which should “nest.” Repeat to make five four patches. Press.



**Step Three—Assembly**

Lay out the block segments as shown in the photo to create the Jacob’s Ladder block. Stitch the block segments together in rows, using a ¼" seam allowance, to create three rows.



**Step Four:**

Sew the rows together. Square up your block so that it measures 12 ½".