

PVQA Block of the Month—June 2025: X-Plus



This is a really versatile block because it has nearly infinite variations. You can make it as unified or scrappy as you like. The block will measure 10½" unfinished.

Cut

- **Background** (off-white) Eight 2½" squares
- **X** (dotted print) Four 4½" squares
- **Inner Plus** (navy print) Two 2½" squares
One rectangle 2½" x 6½"
- **Outer Plus** (blue & white print) Four 2½" squares

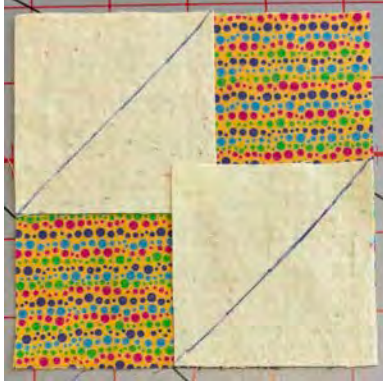


***Please note:** the colors here relate to the sample block pictured above; the fabrics in your kit(s) will probably be different.*

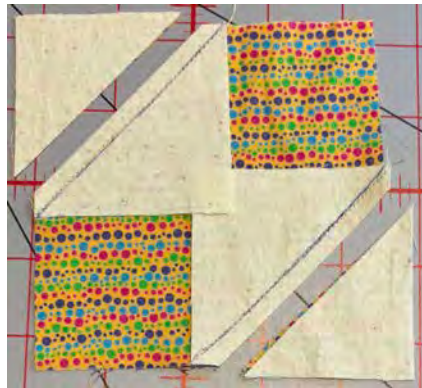
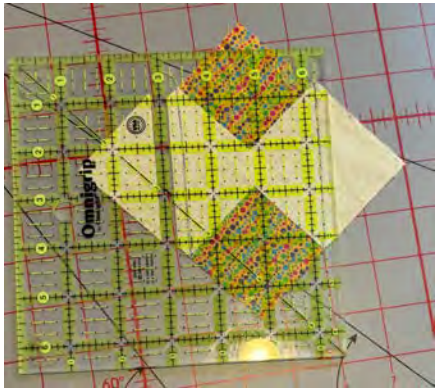
Instructions

Step One—X units

1. Place two background squares onto opposite corners of one 4½" X fabric square with the right (pretty) sides of the fabric facing each other as shown below. Draw a line on the back of each of the background squares diagonally from corner to corner.



2. Sew on the marked lines.
3. Cut ¼" from the drawn line (leaving a ¼" seam allowance).



4. Press toward the large square.
5. Repeat for the other three X units.



Step Two—Assembly

1. Arrange your **X** units and **Plus** pieces as shown in the diagram.



2. Sew the squares of the top of the **Plus** together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Sew the squares of the bottom of the **Plus** together. Sew the squares of the ends of the **Plus** to the rectangle. Press the seams toward the outer squares. Now your units are arranged into three rows.



3. Sew the units of each row together. Press the seams away from the center.



4. Square up your block to $10\frac{1}{2}$ ".