

Origin

This adorable pattern comes to us from Tricia Maloney at Villa Rosa Quilts (see website link) <https://villarosaquilts.com/tag/turkey-quilt-block/> Inspiration is from [Lori Holt's Tom Turkey Quilt Block tutorial](#), but Tricia created her own turkey block, based on a humble nine patch.

Fabric Requirements	
Turkey Fabric	• (12) 5 x 5" assorted fall charm squares or stash remnants for turkey body and feathers • One fat eighth brown for turkey head/neck • ~2 x 5" scrap of red for the waddle
Background Fabric	• One fat quarter of cream/beige
• Your turkey body fabric can be solids or prints, both will work. • The background ideally should be a cream or beige solid or print. • This is a larger block than our usual BOTM; we will select more "winners" than usual as this will make an adorable thanksgiving runner or pillow.	

Sewing tips from Sandy and Sue (BOTM table chairs):

- Use ¼" seams
- Press after each piecing step
- Follow the final picture of the completed block to ensure you are stitching the angles the proper direction for the final turkey head and feathers.

**Talking Turkey Quilt Block Tutorial****Cutting**

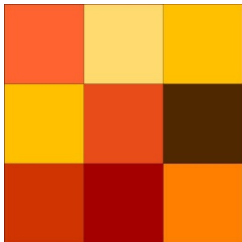
Background cream fabric: 3/three- 5" squares, 1/one- 4 ½" square, 3/three- 2 ½" squares, 1/one- 2 ½" x 12 ½" rectangle, 1/one- 2 ½" x 8 ½" rectangle, 1/one- 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangle, 1/one- 1 ½" x 4 ½" rectangle, and 1/one- 1 ½" square

Red Scrap: Trim to 1 ½" x 4 ½"

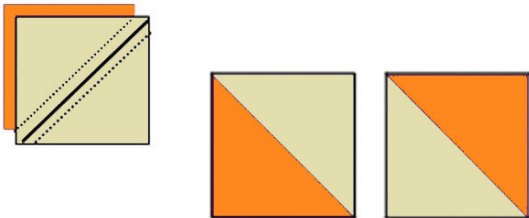
Brown: 1/one 2 ½" x 16 ½" rectangle, 1/one 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangle, and 1/one 2 ½" square

Making the Block

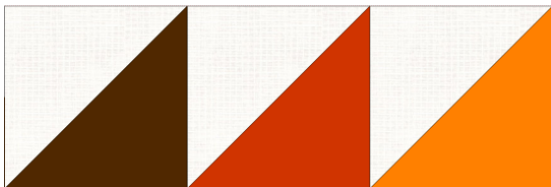
Step1. Trim 9 assorted charm squares down to 4 ½" and sew them together into a Nine Patch block.



Step 2. Layer a print 5" square right sides together (RST) with a background 5" square. Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner. Sew ¼" away from both side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line. Press units open to make 2 Half Square Triangle blocks (HSTs). Repeat to make a total of 6 HSTs. Trim your HSTs to 4 ½" if needed.



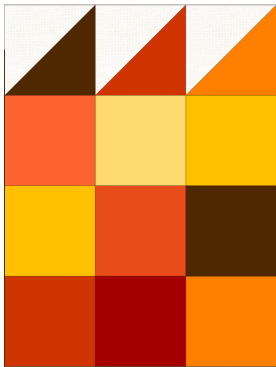
Step 3. Sew 3 assorted HSTs together into a row with the top point to the right as shown.



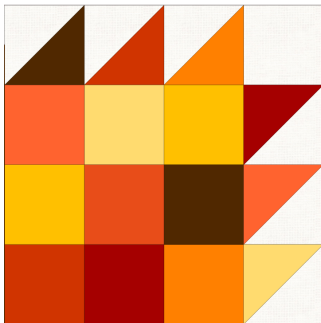
Step 4. Sew the remaining 3 HSTs together with the top point to the left as shown. (You are making a mirror image of the unit in Step 3.)



Step 5. Sew the HST unit from Step 3 to the top of your Nine Patch block.



Step 6. Sew a 4 1/2" background square to the left end of the HST unit from Step 4. Then sew the HST strip to the right side of the Nine Patch block.



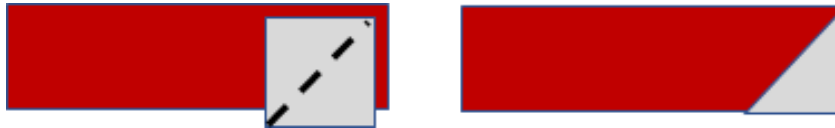
Step 7. Layer a background 2 1/2" square RST on the end of the brown 2 1/2" x 16 1/2" rectangle. Draw a diagonal line from the top left corner to the opposite corner. **Sew on the line.** Trim away the waste piece 1/4" beyond the sewing line. Open and press.

Step 8. Layer a background 2 1/2" square on the other end of the brown 2 1/2" x 16 1/2" rectangle. Draw a diagonal line from the top left corner to the opposite corner. **Sew on the line.** Trim away the waste piece 1/4" beyond the sewing line. Open and press.

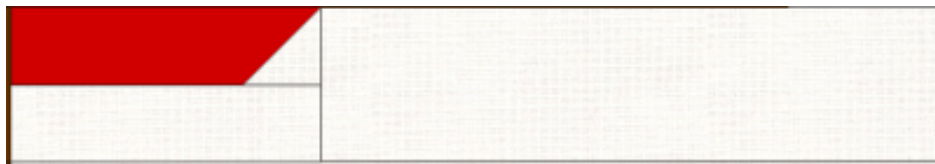
Step 9. Layer a background 2 1/2" square RST on the end of a brown 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle. Draw a diagonal line from the bottom left corner to the opposite corner. **Sew on the line.** Trim away the waste pieces 1/4" beyond the sewing line. Open and press.



Step 10. Layer a background 1 1/2" square RST on the end of a red 1 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle. Draw a diagonal line from the bottom left corner to the opposite corner. **Sew on the line.** Trim away the waste pieces 1/4" beyond the sewing line. Open and press.



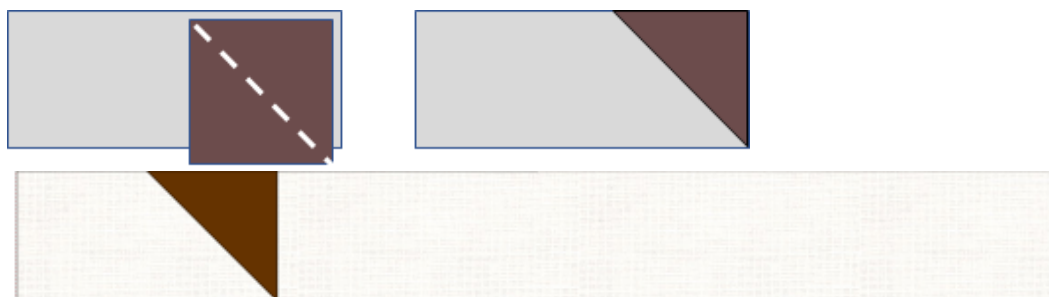
Step 11. Sew a background 1 1/2" x 4 1/2" to the Step 10 unit. Then sew a 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" rectangle to the bottom of the unit as shown.



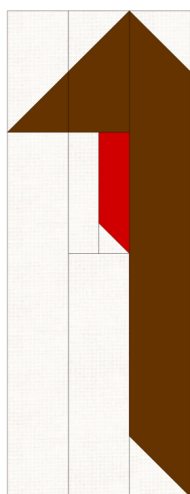
Step 12. Sew the brown unit from Step 9 to the end of the unit from Step 11.



Step 13. Layer a brown 2 1/2" square RST on the end of a background 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle. Draw a diagonal line from bottom left corner to the opposite corner. **Sew on the line.** Trim away the waste pieces 1/4" beyond the sewing line. Open and press. Then sew the unit on the right end of a background 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangle.



Step 14. Sew the units from Steps 8, 12, and 13 together to make the turkey head, wattle, and neck.



Step 15. Sew the front of the turkey from Step 14 to the back of the turkey from Step 6.

