

Selvage Block (12-1/2" unfinished December 2016

Make 1 block.



Fabric: Muslin, or similar lightweight fabric
One Bold Print
Variety of selvages—cut selvages at least 1-1/4" wide or wider, and in a variety of lengths

Muslin: Cut four 6-1/2" squares for foundations. On one side of each foundation square, mark the center of the square for later trimming.

Bold Print: Cut four 1-1/2 x 10-1/2 inch strips

With the unmarked side of the foundation square facing up, place one of the bold print strips RIGHT side facing up on the foundation block along one diagonal. Pin in place.



Choose a selvage strip that covers the width of the foundation, and place the finished edge of the selvage along the center bold strip, being sure to cover the raw edge of the bold strip by $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Pin, and stitch in place, close to the selvage edge. (I used variegated thread for more color and contrast).



Repeat with different selvages on each side of the bold center stripe, until the foundation square is covered. Make sure each selvage is wide enough to cover the foundation (you may need to turn over to make sure of the width).

When the foundation is completely covered, turn over and square to make a 6-1/2" square. If there has been any shrinkage of the foundation during sewing, use the center mark as the guide for squaring. It is okay if the selvages are wider than the foundation, if shrinkage occurred.

All strips are sewn right side up to the foundation block. Be sure to cover the raw edge of each strip as you sew.

Repeat to make four blocks, then assemble the four blocks as shown. The bold center stripe will form an "X" when the blocks are sewn together.