

## Cardinal Block



**Supplies and Cutting:** Cream, Red, Green, Black, Brown, and Yellow fabrics

**Cream:** One 3 ½" square  
Four 3" squares  
Seven 2 ½" squares  
One 2" X 8 ½" piece  
Two 1 ½" X 10 ½" pieces  
Two 1 ½" X 12 ½" pieces

**Red:** One 4 ½" X 6 ½" piece  
One 3 ½" square  
Two 3" squares  
**Brown:** One 1" X 8-1/2" piece  
**Black:** One 3 ½" square  
**Yellow:** One 3 ½" square  
**Green:** Two 3" squares

**Step 1:** Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of two 2-1/2" cream squares. Position right sides together on the 4-1/2" X 6 ½" red piece. Stitch on the drawn lines. Trim seam allowance and press open.



**Step 2:** Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of four 3" cream squares. Position each right sides together on the 3" red squares and the 3" green squares. Stitch ¼" on each side of the drawn line, cut on the drawn line and press HST units open. Trim each to measure 2-1/2" square. You will have four red/cream HST units and 4 green/cream HST units.



**Step 3:** Cut the 3-1/2" black, red, cream and yellow squares diagonally in half once as shown. Sew a black triangle to a red triangle and a yellow triangle to a cream triangle. Press both open.

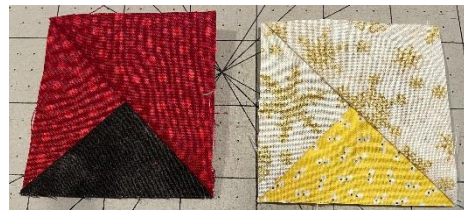


**Step 4:** Lay the remaining cream triangle and the remaining red triangle together to form a square (do not sew them together) and trim to 3". ( If you prefer, you can cut a new 3" red square and a new 3" cream square. Trimming down the triangles you already have instead of cutting new ones simply saves fabric.)

**Step 5:** Lay the red triangle on top of the red and black HST as shown. Trim the HST and discard the right half. Do the same with the cream triangle and the yellow/cream HST. ORIENTATION is important here, so make sure yours looks like the photo.



**Step 6:** Sew each of these units along the long edge to create the units as shown here. Trim to measure 2-1/2" squares making sure the seams are in the corners.



**Step 7:** Sew the 1" X 8-1/2" brown piece to the 2" X 8-1/2" cream piece.

**Step 8:** Lay out all the pieces as shown adding in the five 2-1/2" cream squares. Sew the units together to make the two top rows, two vertical side rows, and the bottom row.



**Step 9:** Continue joining the rows to create the bird block center. Sew 1-1/2" X 10-1/2" cream strips to the sides of the bird and 1-1/2" X 12-1/2" cream strips to the top and bottom. This makes a 12-1/2" square block.

