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This is an extremely easy block to do. You have three block sizes to cut, 2 ½ inch squares, 3 inch squares and 3 ¼ inch squares.

You will need **12 white 2 ½ inch squares and 8 red 2 ½ inch squares.**

For the half square triangles, I cut mine at 3 inches and trimmed to 2 ½ inches after I sewed the half square triangles together.

Cut 8 - 3 inch white squares and subcut diagonally once. Cut 4 – 3 inch green squares and subcut diagonally once.

I used 3 different red fabrics in my cardinal, you may use

whatever number of fabrics you wish, **the number of red half square triangles you need is 8**, but the number of squares you need to cut depends on the number of fabrics you use in the half square triangle blocks. Because I only used 2 of the 3 red fabrics in half square triangle positions, I cut 5 squares 3 inch squares, 4 from one fabric and 1 from the other, that gave me 2 extra half square triangles, one from each color. The beak and eye units use one half square triangle and two quarter square triangles each. **Cut your required number of red half square triangles.**

Cut 1 - 3 ¼ inch square of white, yellow, black and whatever red you choose for around the eye! Subcut all diagonally twice! These are your quarter square triangles. You will only use one from each color.

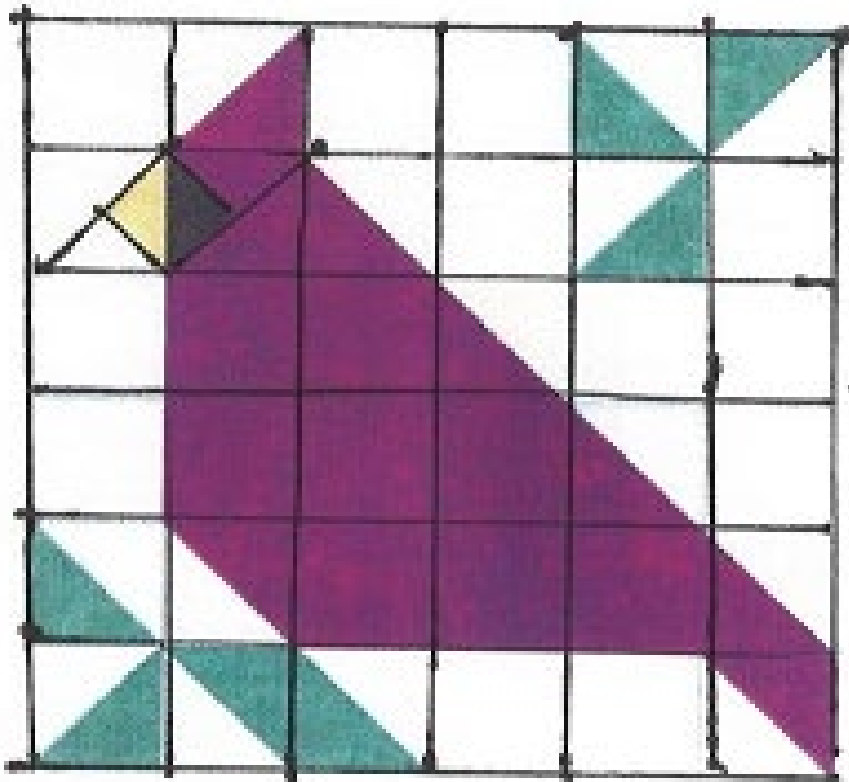
Sew the **white quarter square triangle to the yellow quarter square triangle**, you do **not** sew them on the long edge, you sew on one of the side edges. Lay them out as in the picture and make sure you sew them into the right space. You are making a half square triangle out of them. Press open and then **sew a white half square triangle to your two color half square triangle** you just created. Press open again **trim the square to 2 ½ inches.** Repeat this

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process with your black and red quarter square triangles and one of the red half square triangles.

Sew 7 white half square triangles to the seven green half square triangles, press open. Sew seven white half square triangles to seven red half square triangles and press open. Trim all to 2 ½ inches.

Now layout all of your 2 ½ inch blocks including those your created with half square triangles and quarter square triangles, according to the grid below.



In row 1 sew the first two blocks together, then the next two blocks and the next two, for 3 sets of two blocks. Continue down the rows doing the same, chain piecing, until you've sewed all the blocks together in sets of two. Cut your sets apart and press open, then re lay them into the grid pattern.

Now start at the top again and sew the first two sets in row 1 together, then chain piece and sew the row 2 first two sets together. Go down the rest of the rows doing the same. Cut them apart and press open. Lay them out again in the grid.

Again start at row one and add the last set of two to the end of the row. Do the same for the rest of the rows. Press open and put them back into the grid pattern making sure your block looks like the one in the grid.

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Now **sew row 1 to row 2** matching points. I use ultra fine pins through the seams. Press the seams open, then **sew row 3 to the bottom of row 2**, matching points. Press open.

Next sew row 4 to row 5, matching points and press the seams open. Then **sew row 6 to row 5**, matching points and press the seam open.

Lastly sew row 3 to row 4, matching points and press the seams open.

I always try to keep whatever I am sewing together as evenly matched in size as I can. It makes it easier to manage sewing large quilts together.

The block should be 12 ½ inches square and 12 inches finished!

Here's a copy of the graph flipped over in case you want to make a medallion out of four of these blocks facing each other! Have fun! You can make other birds as well by changing their colors and adding other elements. You have license to Make this your own way!

