

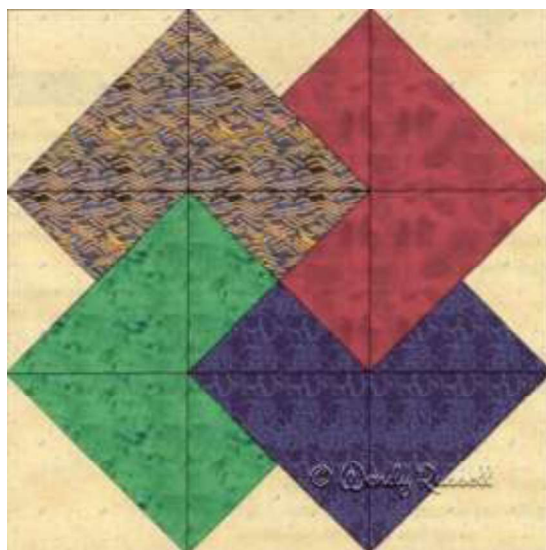
THE GRAND QUILT GUILD

ROW BY ROW PROJECT 2025 – 2026

BLOCK # 6 March 11, 2026 Due April 8, 2026

THE CARD TRICK QUILT BLOCK

The Card Trick quilt block is considered a modern block. It was designed back in the 70's by Jeff Gutcheon as part of a quilting resurgence and was featured in McCall's Needlework and Crafts magazine. It gained public exposure on PBS' Sewing with Nancy magazine.



This optical illusion block is primarily a nine patch block made up in three rows. It offers simple techniques – half square and quarter square triangles. But the catch is in the assembly!!

Traditionally made with four (4) colour fabrics, it can also be made with just two (2) colours. The instructions here are for (4) four colours.

This is a 6 inch finished (6 ½ in unfinished) block.

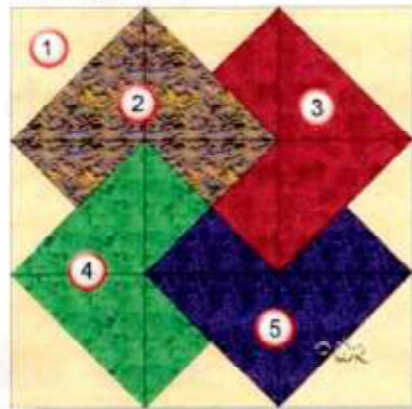
All seams are ¼ inch pressed open.

I will be very honest with you, I had a fair bit of difficulty with this block and almost decided against using it. I have some dyslexia and do not always see shapes the correct way. But I was determined to succeed and I did and so shall you so here goes:

Patchwork Square

Free Quilt Block Pattern

Fabric Placement



Card Trick

6" finished quilt block

How-to Notes








Bisect square on one diagonal



Bisect square on both diagonals

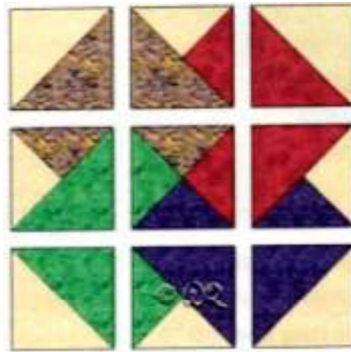
*All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless noted otherwise

<p>1</p> 	<p>Background fabric 1</p> <p>Cut 2 squares $2\frac{3}{8}$" and bisect on one diagonal Cut 1 square $3\frac{1}{4}$" and bisect on both diagonals</p>
<p>2</p> 	<p>Fabric 2</p> <p>Cut 1 square $2\frac{3}{8}$" and bisect on one diagonal Cut 1 square $3\frac{1}{4}$" and bisect on both diagonals <i>(you will have two triangles left over for other blocks)</i></p>
<p>3</p> 	<p>Fabric 3</p> <p>Cut 1 square $2\frac{3}{8}$" and bisect on one diagonal Cut 1 square $3\frac{1}{4}$" and bisect on both diagonals <i>(you will have two triangles left over for other blocks)</i></p>
<p>4</p> 	<p>Fabric 4</p> <p>Cut 1 square $2\frac{3}{8}$" and bisect on one diagonal Cut 1 square $3\frac{1}{4}$" and bisect on both diagonals <i>(you will have two triangles left over for other blocks)</i></p>
<p>5</p> 	<p>Fabric 5</p> <p>Cut 1 square $2\frac{3}{8}$" and bisect on one diagonal Cut 1 square $3\frac{1}{4}$" and bisect on both diagonals <i>(you will have two triangles left over for other blocks)</i></p>

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Assembly:



Ok so now comes the tricky part. There are several ways with which to assemble the block.

I have found by far the easiest way to do this was to:

Lay out all of the pieces in the correct fashion and treat the pieces as a nine patch block

Start from the top row and from one side (either the right or the left) stitch the triangles together to form the required pattern. Press all seams open.



Now start with the second (middle) row and stitch across to form the required pattern



Now the third row again stitch each piece across



Now join the three rows together and you should have an amazing quilt block.

Now go ahead and make the rest of the blocks incorporating the left over QSTs.

As always any difficulty please contact me

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