# October Block

October is the eighth month of our Striped Sampler Project. Stripes will work nicely for this project, but aren't an absolute necessity.

October mixes both 45 degree cuts with 30 degree cuts, making this a more advanced block. For those of you who have been making the blocks of the month as they go, you'll find this a natural progression. Be sure to look online to see the festive block made by my friend Kibbie Balsick.

Finished block: 16 ½" square

A	background
B	spoke
C	spoke
S	star
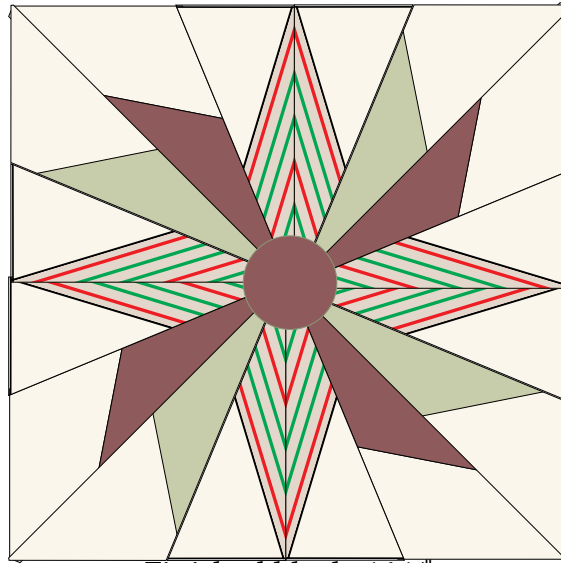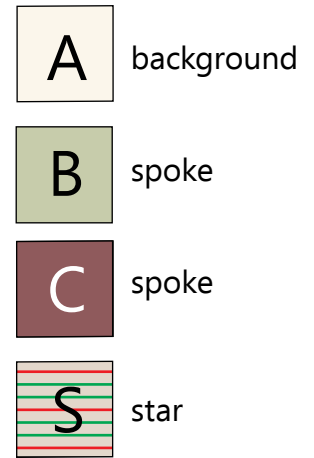
Fabric	Exact Amount	Suggested Yardage *for a stripe running perpendicular to the selvage or an all over design*	Suggested Yardage *for a stripe running parallel to the selvage*
S	6"	¼ yd*	1 ¼ yd
A	17"	⅝ yd	
B	5"	¼ yd	
C	5"	¼ yd	

* May require more fabric depending on design repeats

Fabric	Number of Strips	Strip Width
S	two	3" x 44" **
A	one	5 ¾" x 44"
	two	4" x 44"
	one	3 ½" x 44"
B	one	4 ¾" x 44"
C	one	4 ¾" x 44"

**To get exact matches with your striped points, be sure you cut identical strips from the striped fabric.

Tool Preparation

- Apply adhesive non-slip rings to both the back and front side of the tool. You need to have these on both sides as you'll be cutting pieces with the tool flipped over.
- On the back side of the tool place a strip of pink glow tape on the 30 and 45 degree lines as shown.
- Place a strip of yellow tape on the opposite 30 and 45 degree lines.
  Using this tape has helped me keep the cuts straight. We'll continue to use these markings on the next few month's blocks. You can find the glow tape at many quilt shops and online stores, including mine.

Notice the little slots in the tool? This is how you'll know where to cut the shorter Squedge pieces. Use a mechanical pencil to mark a line in each slot onto the fabric. Cut around the other sides of the tool, then remove the tool. Using a straight edge (or the outside edge of this tool) connect the marked lines and cut across the bottom of the Squedge piece.

30°   30°

45°   45°

Squedge 22.5°

16 squedges = a 16 ½" square

Tool design by Cheryl Phillips
www.phillipsfiberart.com
Made in USA
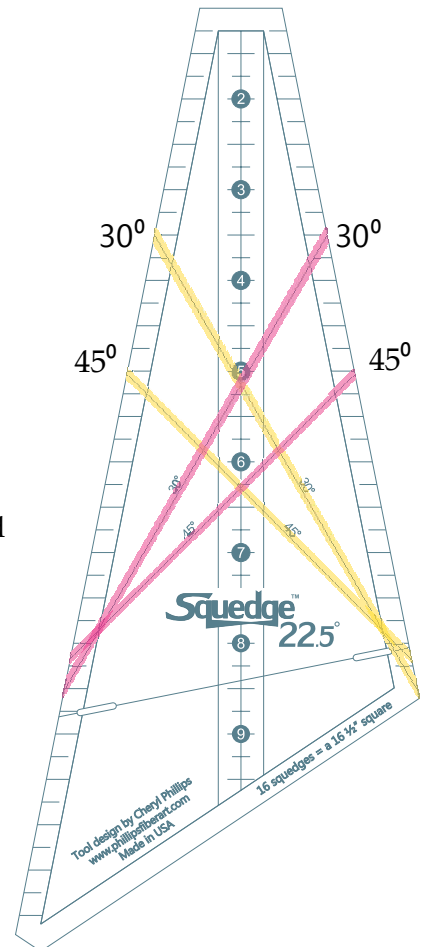
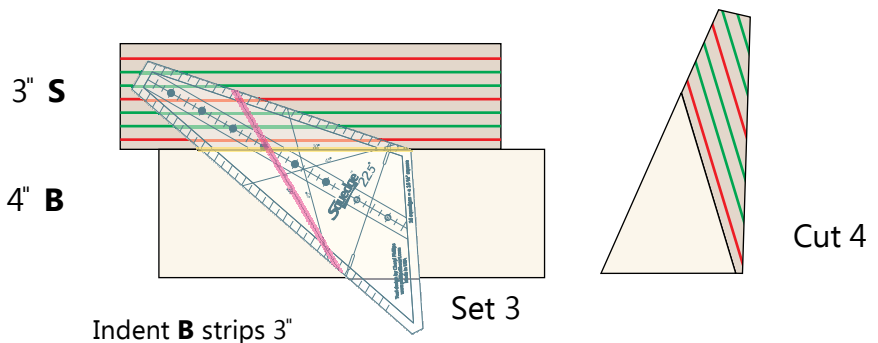*Helpful labels for the strip sets are found on page 5.*

- Place the tool on the strip set so the <mark>yellow</mark> 45 degree line is aligned with the seam.
- The words on the tool are **UP**.
- Cut the *full* tool shape.

4 ¾" **A**

5 ¾" **B**

Indent **B** strips 3"   Set 1

Cut 4
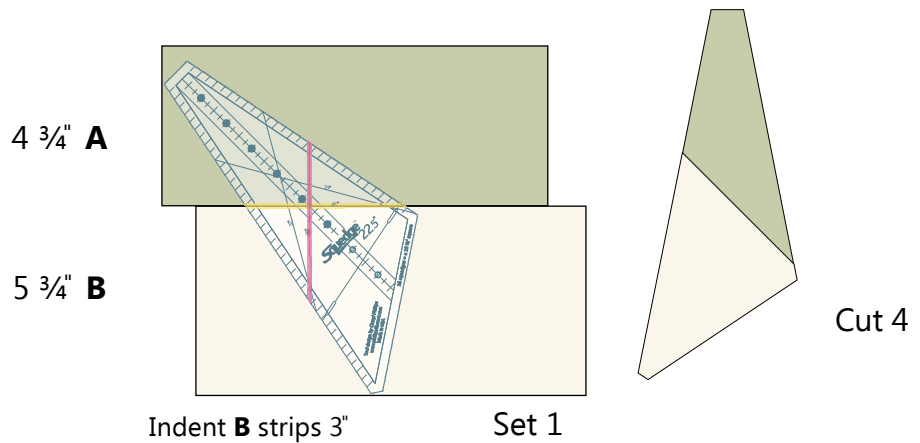
- Place the tool on the strip set so the **pink** 45 degree line is aligned with the seam.
- The words on the tool are **DOWN**.
- Cut a *full* tool shape.
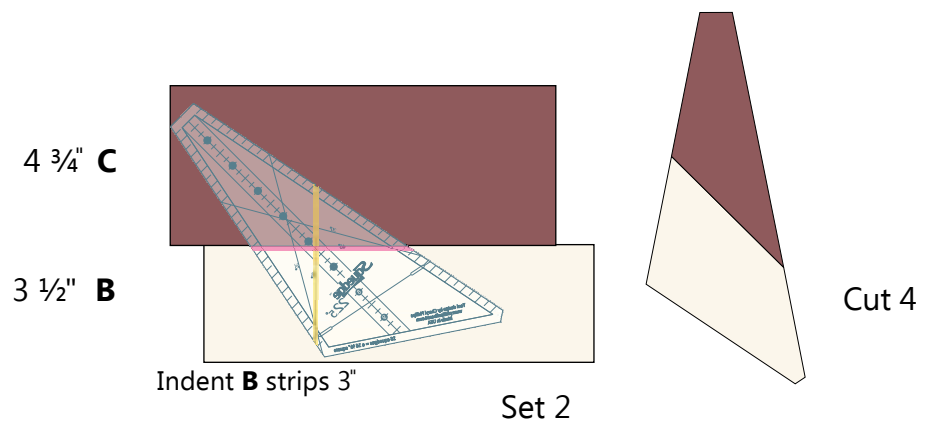
4 ¾" **C**

3 ½" **B**

Indent **B** strips 3"   Set 2

Cut 4

- Place the tool on the strip set so the <mark>yellow</mark> 30 degree line is aligned with the seam.
- The words on the tool are **UP**.
- Mark lines in the little slots.
- Cut a *partial* tool shape.

3" **S**

4" **B**

Indent **B** strips 3"   Set 3

Cut 4

Yes the tool does extend beyond the strip-- Remember you're cutting it at the slotted lines.

- Place the tool on the strip set so the <mark>yellow</mark> 30 degree line is aligned with the seam.
- The words on the tool are **DOWN**.
- Mark lines in the little slots.
- Cut a *partial* tool shape.

3" **S**

4" **B**

Indent **S** strips 3"   Set 4

Cut 4
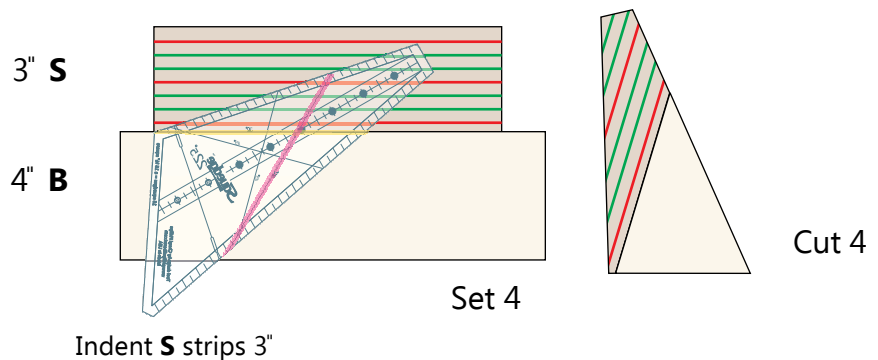
Fabric Waste?
You may notice you had quite a bit of strip set left after cutting the four pieces.
For these Sampler projects, you can
- Set these extra strip sets aside for next month's blocks
- Make more of the same blocks
- Try one of the block variations

- Arrange the pieces as shown.
- Sew four together to make a quarter square.
- Sew the four quarter squares together to make the block.
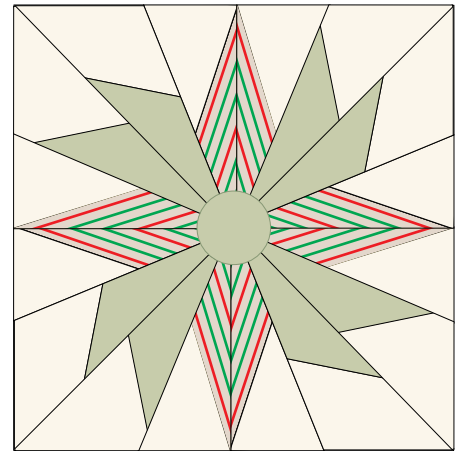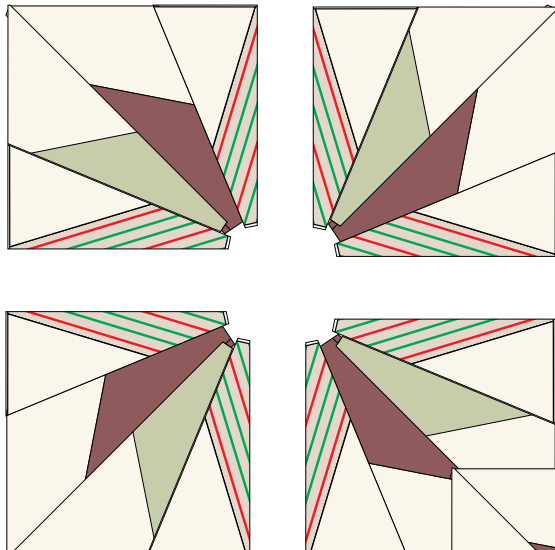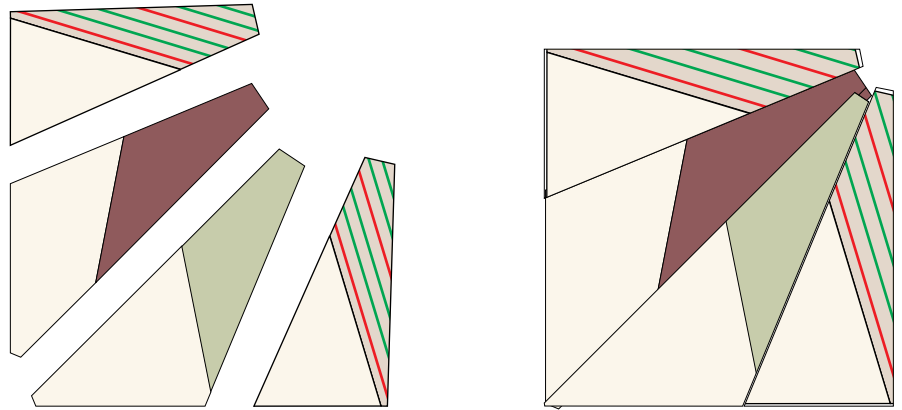
**Other color option:**
Make B and C the same fabric
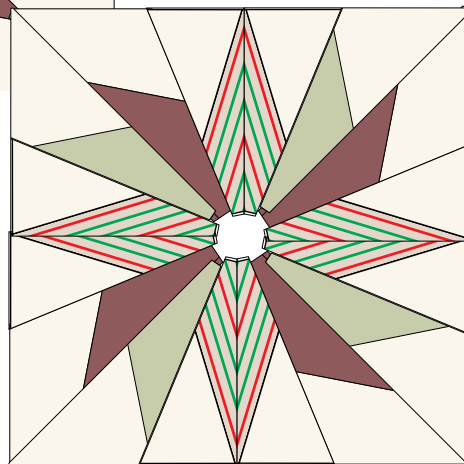
- Iron a square of freezer paper to the back of the project to stabilize the center opening.
- Trace a circle onto freezer paper.
- Iron the freezer paper onto a scrap of fabric you've chosen for your center applique.
- Cut the fabric, allowing ¼" for turning under.
- Applique the circle to the center opening.

Circle Applique
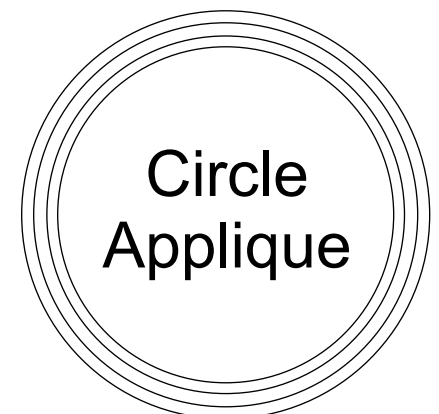
Options For Finishing it Now
Although the plan is to make a sampler, you can also use just this block for a great table runner or baby quilt. Simply make more blocks!
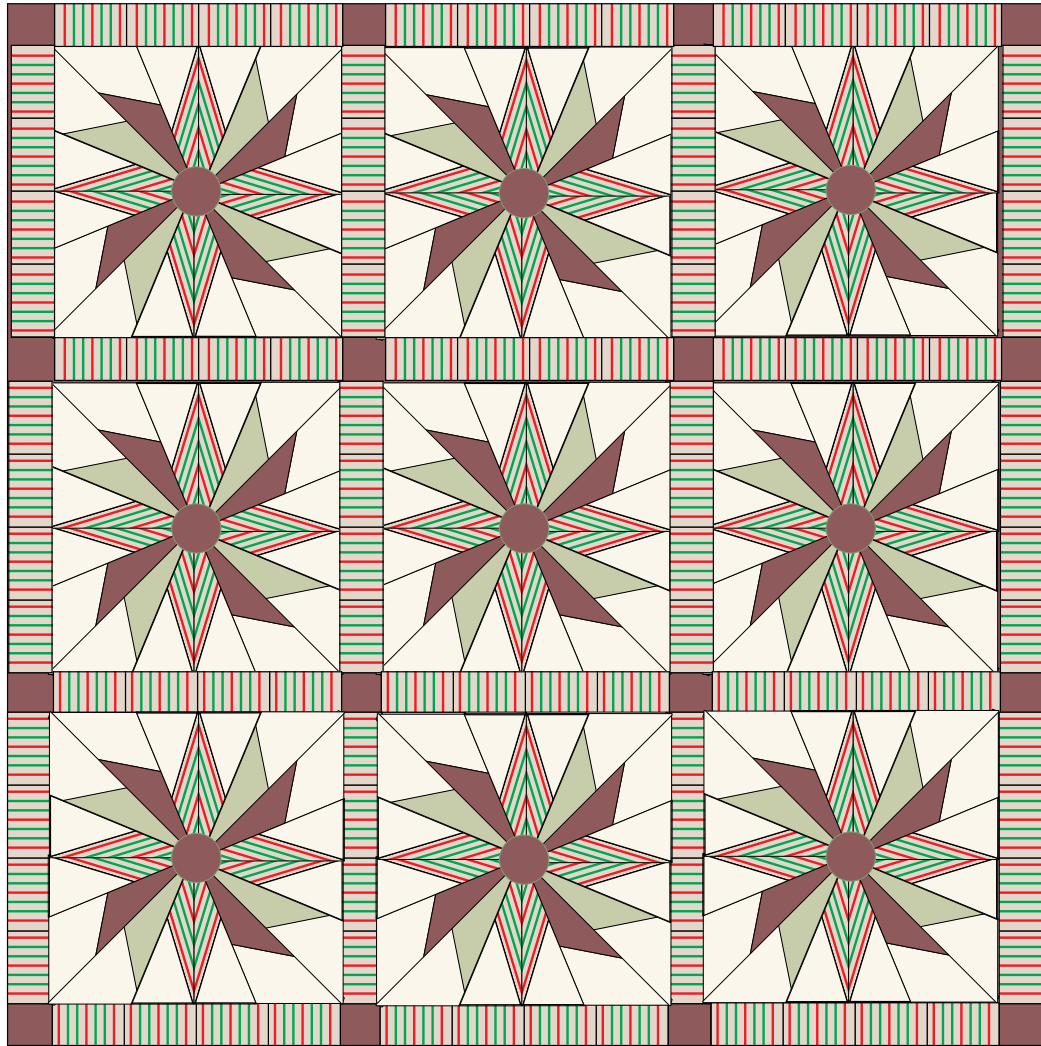
Sampler made with October Blocks and lattice

Set #1 Label

4 ¾" **A**   5 ¾" **B**

Use yellow 45 degree line with words facing *UP*

Set #3 Label

3" **S**   4" **B**

Use yellow 30 degree line with words facing *UP*

Set #2 Label

4 ¾" **C**   3 ½" **B**

Use pink 45 degree line with words facing *DOWN*

Set #4 Label

3" **S**   4" **B**

Use yellow 30 degree line with words facing *DOWN*