

## AUTUMN CHECKERBOARD

Block of the Month – Due November 2, 2005  
12-1/2 inches unfinished

Cut one 4-1/2" square of an autumn print (leaves, etc.). The print should have at least 4 different colors.

Each strip below should be cut from a different color, based on the autumn print:

one 2-1/2" x 22" strip of color #1 \ 4-patch  
one 2-1/2" x 22" strip of color #2 / fabrics

one 2-1/2" x 20" strip of color #3 \ rectangle  
one 2-1/2" x 20" strip of color #4 / fabrics

Sew the two 22" strips together. Press seam toward darker color. Strip should measure 4-1/2" wide. Cut this strip into EIGHT 2-1/2" sections.

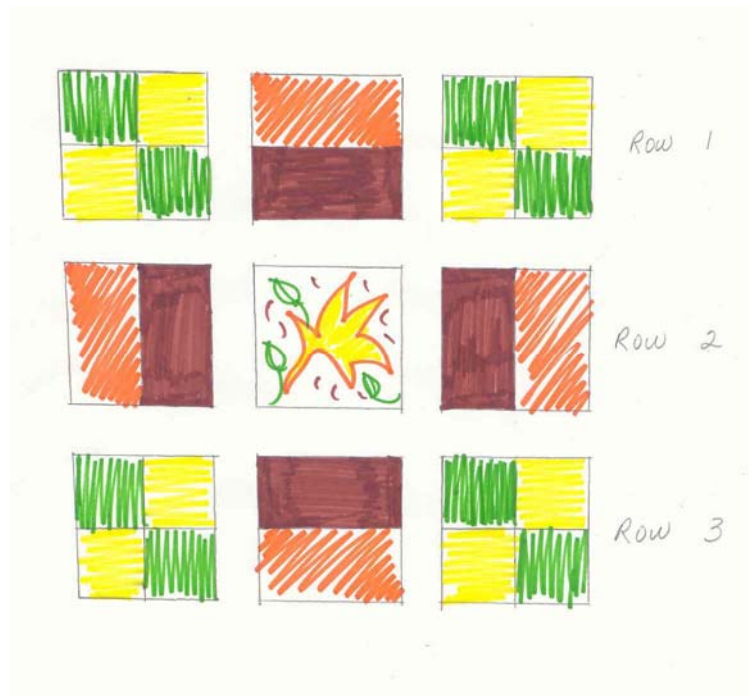
Sew two of the sections you just made together, alternating placement of colors. Repeat with remaining units. These four finished 4-patch units will go in the corners of your block. Press toward either direction.

Sew the two 20" strips together. Press seam toward darker color. Strip should measure 4-1/2" wide. Cut this strip into FOUR 4-1/2" sections.

You are now ready to lay out your rows. (See diagram) The first row should be a 4-patch unit, a rectangle unit with the darker color on the bottom, and another 4-patch unit. Notice that the orientation of the 4-patch units remains the same in all 4 corners of the block. Press seams toward the rectangle unit.

The second row should be a rectangle unit with the darker color toward the center, the center autumn print square, and a rectangle unit with the darker color toward the center. Press toward the rectangle units.

The last row should be a 4-patch unit, a rectangle unit with the darker color on the top, and another 4-patch unit. Press seams toward the rectangle unit.



Sew the three rows together, aligning seams.

Check to make sure the block measures 12-1/2".

If you have any questions regarding these instructions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Deena, 528-3435, [buddha67@sonic.net](mailto:buddha67@sonic.net).