LUCKY PENNY
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When I was a little girl, I believed I was lucky any time I found a penny on the ground. Now that I am grown, I don’t pick up many coins - but I get that same happy feeling every time I sit down to sew. This block is like a batch of scrappy little pennies, reminding us of all the little things that make life good.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:
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**ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Place (1) B square with a drawn diagonal line onto each corner of (1) A square, right sides together and edges aligned.
2. Stitch along the drawn diagonal line of each B square as shown.
3. Use a rotary cutter to trim ¼" away from the drawn diagonal line as shown, removing excess fabric at each corner.
4. Press all seams outward toward the corner to complete (1) stitch and flip unit.
5. Use the following guide for stitch and flip unit sizing:
   - 4" Block: 1 ½” unfinished (1” finished)
   - 6" Block: 2” unfinished (1 ½” finished)
   - 8" Block: 2 ½” unfinished (2” finished)
   - 12" Block: 3 ½” unfinished (3” finished)
6. Repeat stitch and flip techniques described above to create (16) stitch and flip units using various fabrics.
7. Begin block assembly by placing all stitch and flip units in a 4 x 4 grid as shown.
8. Sew block together in horizontal rows. Press seams open to reduce bulk.
9. Sew horizontal rows together to complete block assembly.
10. Trim block using the guide listed below:
    - 4 ½” x 4 ½” unfinished (4” x 4” finished)
    - 6 ½” x 6 ½” unfinished (6” x 6” finished)
    - 8 ½” x 8 ½” unfinished (8” x 8” finished)
    - 12 ½” x 12 ½” unfinished (12” x 12” finished)

**DESIGNER INFO**

New Collection: Check out Vanessa’s new Bloomington Collection! The florals and soft shades of red, blue and green make the perfect selection for summer sewing.

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