"X" MARKS THE SPOT
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As I am working on this block the upcoming elections are in the news. Whether you are making this block now or after the elections I cannot help but be reflective on the power of an x marking a spot.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

(For fabric choices refer to the diagram.)

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<td>(1) 1 ¼” x 2 ¾” rectangle.</td>
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<td>(1) 1 ⅞” x 4 ⅝” rectangle.</td>
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<td>C:</td>
<td>(4) ⅞” x 1 ¼” rectangles</td>
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<td>(2) 3” squares; cut each square once diagonally to make (4) E triangles.</td>
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ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Sew (1) C rectangle onto either end of (1) A rectangle as shown. Press toward the A rectangle.

2. Use the following guide to trim the A/C unit for each block size:
   a. 4" Block: 1 ¼" x 3 ½" unfinished (¾" x 3" finished)
   b. 6" Block: 1 ½" x 4 ¾" unfinished (1" x 4 ¼" finished)
   c. 8" Block: 1 ¾" x 6 ½" unfinished (1 ½" x 5 ½" finished)
   d. 12" Block: 2 ¾" x 9 ¼" unfinished (2 ¼" x 8 ¾" finished)

3. Sew (1) C rectangle to the top of (1) B square as shown. Press toward the B square. Repeat twice to create (2) B/C units.

4. Sew (1) D square onto either side of both B/C units as shown. Press outward toward the D squares.

5. Use the following guide to trim both the B/C/D units created in Step 4 for each block size. Trim evenly from both sides of the units so that they appear balanced.
   a. 4" Block: 1 5/8" x 3 ½" unfinished (1 1/8" x 3" finished)
   b. 6" Block: 2 1/8" x 4 ¾" unfinished (1 5/8" x 4 ¼" finished)
   c. 8" Block: 2 5/8" x 6 ½" unfinished (2 1/8" x 5 ½" finished)
   d. 12" Block: 3 ¾" x 9 ¼" unfinished (3 ¼" x 8 ¾" finished)

6. Sew (1) B/C/D unit onto either side of the A/C unit as shown. Press outward and away from the A/C unit to complete the center of the block.

7. Use the following guide to trim the block center for each block size. Trim evenly from all sides of the block center for a balanced appearance.
   a. 4" Block: 3 7/8" x 3 7/8" unfinished (2 7/8" x 2 7/8" finished)
   b. 6" Block: 4 ¾" x 4 ¾" unfinished (4 ¼" x 4 ¼" finished)
   c. 8" Block: 6 ½" x 6 ½" unfinished (5 ½" x 5 ½" finished)
   d. 12" Block: 9" x 9" unfinished (8 ½" x 8 ½" finished)
ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

8. Sew the longest edge of (1) E triangle onto each side of the block center as shown. First sew the E triangles to opposite sides of the block center, pressing outward. Then sew E triangles to the remaining (2) sides, pressing outward.

9. E triangles are slightly oversized to allow for trimming. Trim the block using the guide listed below:
   a. 4 ½” x 4 ½” unfinished (4” x 4” finished)
   b. 6 ½” x 6 ½” unfinished (6” x 6” finished)
   c. 8 ½” x 8 ½” unfinished (8” x 8” finished)
   d. 12 ½” x 12 ½” unfinished (12” x 12” finished)

DESIGNER INFO

Upcoming Book: I am proud to announce the follow up book to Sisterhood of Scraps, Scrap School will be available through your favorite book retailer January 2021. It is available for preorder now.