

# Card Trick Our substitute for Fern, Block #34

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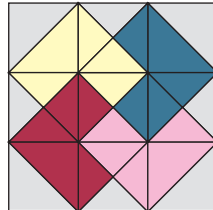
As seen in *The Farmer's Wife 1930s Sampler Quilt* book by Laurie Aaron Hird

## From MARTI MICHELL Perfect Patchwork Templates Conversion Chart

For personal use in conjunction with the book and these From MARTI MICHELL Tools:  
Perfect Patchwork Template Set B Product #8252

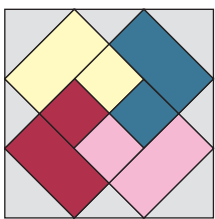
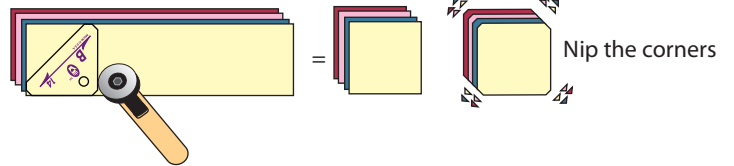


You may recall that I mentioned my book "Quilting for People Who Still Don't Have Time to Quilt" in Post #80 (Widow, Block 99). On page 74 in that book, we introduced a strip technique for the popular overlapping coloration of the block that Jeff Gutcheon named Card Trick in 1973. The original block was made with 28 pieces, shown here.



True up one end of the strip and use the B-14 triangles to cut one square from the stack. From the remaining strip stack, cut pieces as long as B-10 is wide.

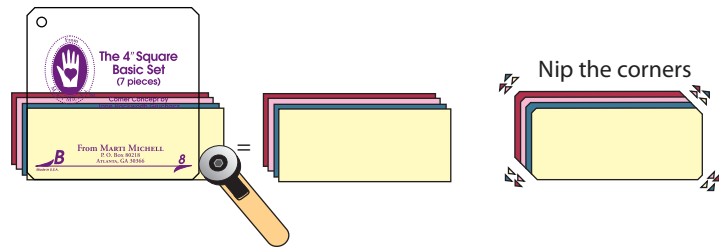
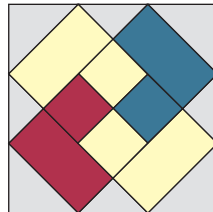
4 strips stacked evenly on all sides



### Planning and Cutting

While I really liked the bonus idea in 1998, I like this adaptation that uses strips and templates much more! Our 6" finished Card Trick block cut with Set B eliminates 12 seams.

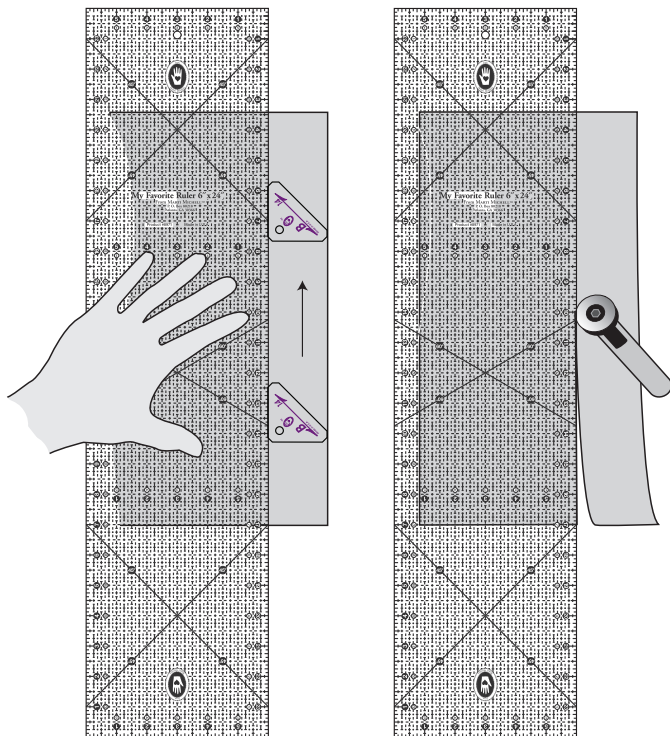
Most Card Trick blocks have 4 fabrics as illustrated in these instructions. I chose to make my block with 3 fabrics. Take your pick.



2. From the background fabric, cut 1 strip  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 9''$  for B-14 triangles and one  $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7''$  for the four B-13 triangles.

### Joining the Pieces

1. Cut and stack 4 strips of fabric  $1\frac{7}{8}''$  wide and 7" long. Cutting "the Marti way," use the leg of B-14 to measure the strip width.



1. Join the 4 center squares to make a four patch. Swirl press seams in the same direction.
2. Make the center section. Join rectangles of the appropriate colors to 2 opposite sides of the four patch. Then press toward the four patch. Add a B-13 triangle to the rectangles and press toward the triangles.
3. Make the 2 side sections. Join the small B-14 triangles to rectangles and press toward the triangles. Add the large B-13 triangles and press toward the large triangles.
4. Join the center section made in step 2 to the sections made in step 3. Press toward the sections just added.

