

**Mod Economy Square, August 2017**  
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This month we're exploring foreground and background with the Mod Economy Block

designed by Rebecca Severt of the Baltimore MQG.

Learn to make the block, plus get a bonus design lesson and quilt pattern in this month's Block of the Month!

## August 2017 MQG BOM

### Block Assembly Instructions

*From the dark gray fabric, cut:*

[1] 4-1/2" square

[8] 2-1/2" squares

*From the white fabric, cut:*

[2] 3-5/8" squares. Cut each square once along a diagonal.

[4] 2-1/2" squares

*From the yellow fabric, cut:*

[2] 4-7/8" squares. Cut each square once along a diagonal.

*From the green fabric, cut:*

[4] 1-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles

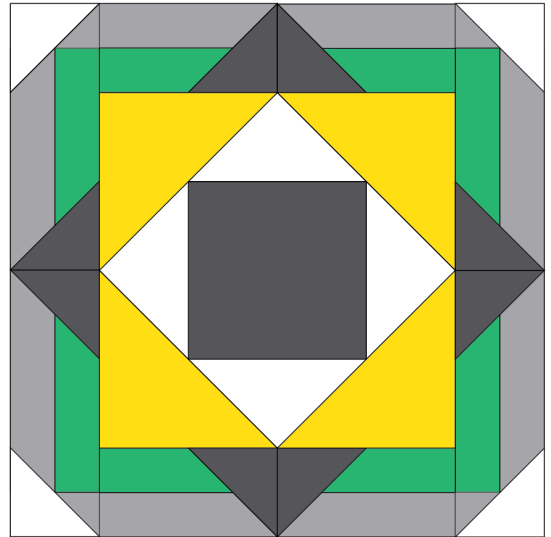
[4] 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangles

*From the light gray fabric, cut:*

[4] 1-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles

[4] 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangles

[4] 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" rectangles



### Step 1:

Sew a  $3\frac{5}{8}$ " white triangle to opposite sides of the  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " dark gray square. Press seam allowances toward the triangles. Repeat on remaining sides of the dark gray square. Trim the square in a square (SIAS) block to  $6\frac{1}{8}$ " square.

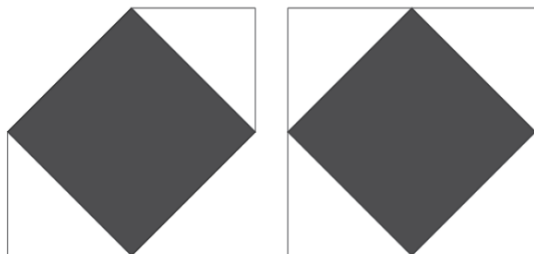


Figure 1

### Step 2:

Sew a  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " yellow triangle to opposite sides of the SIAS unit from Step 1. Press seam allowances toward the triangles. Repeat on remaining sides of the unit. Trim the SIAS block to  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

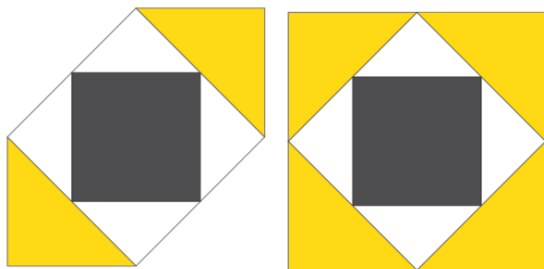


Figure 2

### Step 3:

Sew a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " light gray rectangle to the top of a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " green rectangle, along a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " edge. Press toward the green. Repeat to make four units like this.

Figure 3



Make 4

**Step 4:**

Place a 2-1/2" dark gray square at one end of the unit, aligning the top, bottom and one side of the square. Ensure that the marked line is positioned as shown here. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4" and press toward the triangle. Repeat with one remaining unit from Step 3.

Figure 4



Make 2

**Step 5:**

Place a 2-1/2" dark gray square at the opposite end of a Step 3 unit, positioning the marked line as shown. Sew on the marked line, as in Step 4. Trim and press. Repeat with the remaining unit from Step 3.

Figure 5



Make 2

### Step 6:

Sew one Step 4 and one Step 5 unit together, as shown. Press the seam open. Repeat to make a second unit. Sew to opposite edges of the block center.

Figure 6



Make 2



### Step 7:

Sew a 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" light gray rectangle to the top of a 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" green rectangle, along a 5-1/2" edge. Press toward the green. Repeat to make four units like this.

## Figure 7

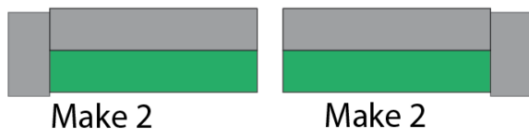


Make 4

### Step 8:

Sew a 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" light gray rectangle to the left edge of a Step 7 unit, as shown below. Repeat to make a second unit.

Figure 8



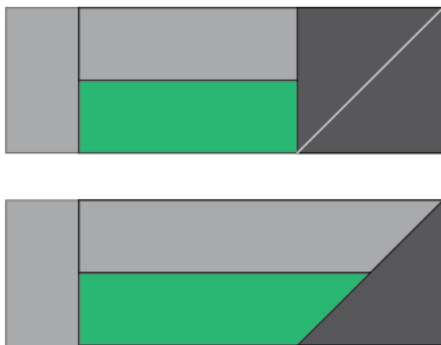
**Step 9:**

Sew a 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" light gray rectangle to the right edge of a Step 7 unit, as shown above. Repeat to make a second unit.

**Step 10:**

Place a 2-1/2" dark gray square at one end of a Step 8 unit, aligning the top, bottom and one side of the square. Ensure that the marked line is positioned as shown here. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4" and press toward the triangle. Repeat with one remaining unit from Step 8.

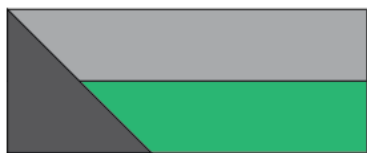
Figure 9



**Step 11:**

Place a 2-1/2" dark gray square at one end of a Step 9 unit, positioning the marked line as shown. Sew on the marked line, as in Step 10. Trim and press. Repeat with the remaining unit from Step 9.

# Figure 10



Make 2

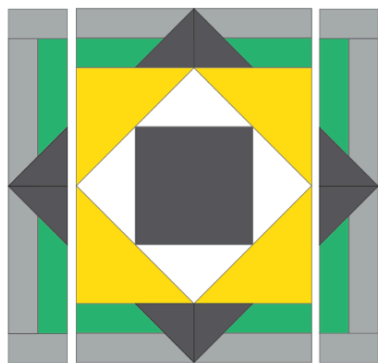
## Step 12:

Sew one Step 10 and one Step 11 unit together, as shown. Press the seam open. Repeat to make a second unit. Sew to remaining edges of the block center.

Figure 11



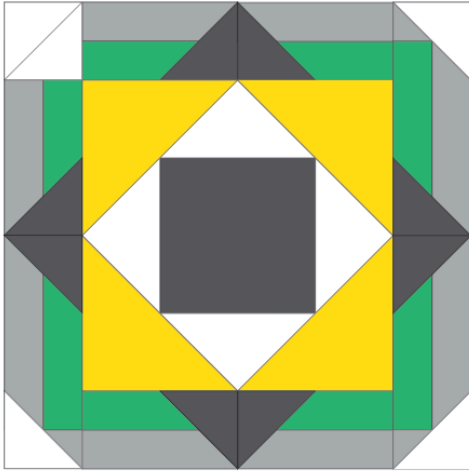
Make 2



## Step 13:

Place a 2-1/2" white square at one corner of the block. Ensure that the marked line is positioned as shown here. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4" and press toward the triangle. Repeat for all corners.

Figure 12



The block should measure 12-1/2" square.

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### **Quilt Pattern Instructions**

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Finished size: 40" x 40"

### **Materials**

1-7/8 yard White

1/2 yard Green

1/4 yard Dark Gray

1/4 yard Light Green

2-3/4 yards backing

1/2 yard binding

### **General Instructions**

Read through all instructions before beginning.

All seam allowances are 1/4".

Press seams open or to one side, according to your preference, except where indicated



otherwise.

Width of fabric has been abbreviated to WOF.

Width of fabric is equal to at least 42".

### **Cutting Instructions**

*From the white fabric, cut:*

[3] 4-7/8" x WOF strips. Subcut:

[22] 4-7/8" squares. Cut each square once along a diagonal.

[4] 4-1/2" x WOF strips. Subcut:

[1] 4-1/2" squares

[44] 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles

[1] 2-1/2" x WOF strips. Trim:

[2] 2-1/2" x 40-1/2" strips

From the remaining WOF strips, subcut:

[44] 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles

[2] 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" rectangles

*From the green fabric, cut:*

[6] 2-1/2" x WOF strips. Subcut:

[88] 2-1/2" squares

*From the dark gray, cut:*

[2] 3-5/8" x WOF strips. Subcut:

[22] 3-5/8" squares. Cut each square once along a diagonal.

*From the light green fabric, cut:*

[3] 2-1/2" x WOF strips. Subcut:

[44] 2-1/2" squares

*From the binding, cut:*

[5] 2-1/4" x WOF strips

## **Make the Blocks**

### **Step 1:**

Sew a 3-5/8" dark gray triangle to opposite sides of a 4-1/2" white square. Press seam allowances toward the triangles. Repeat on remaining sides of the white square. Trim the square in a square (SIAS) block to 6-1/8" square.

### **Step 2:**

Sew a 4-7/8" white triangle to opposite sides of the SIAS unit from Step 1. Press seam allowances toward the triangles. Repeat on remaining sides of the unit. Trim the SIAS block to 8-1/2" square.

**Step 3:**

Place a 2-1/2" green square at right edge of a 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" white rectangle, aligning the top, bottom and right edge of the square. Ensure that the marked line is positioned as shown here. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4" and press toward the triangle. Repeat with one remaining 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" white rectangle.

**Step 4:**

Place a 2-1/2" green square at left edge of a 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" white rectangle, aligning the top, bottom and left edge of the square. Ensure that the marked line is positioned as shown here. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4" and press toward the triangle. Repeat with one remaining 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" white rectangle.

**Step 5:**

Sew one Step 3 and one Step 4 unit together, as shown. Press the seam open. Repeat to make a second unit. Sew to opposite edges of the block center.

**Step 6:**

Place a 2-1/2" green square at right edge of a 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" white rectangle, aligning the top, bottom and right edge of the square. Ensure that the marked line is positioned as shown here. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4" and press toward the triangle. Repeat with one remaining 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" white rectangle.

**Step 7:**

Place a 2-1/2" green square at left edge of a 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" white rectangle, aligning the top,

bottom and left edge of the square. Ensure that the marked line is positioned as shown here. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowance to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press toward the triangle. Repeat with one remaining  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " white rectangle.

### **Step 8:**

Sew one Step 6 and one Step 7 unit together, as shown. Press the seam open. Repeat to make a second unit. Sew to remaining edges of the block center.

### **Step 9:**

Place a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " light green square at one corner of the block. Ensure that the marked line is positioned as shown here. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowance to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press toward the triangle. Repeat for all corners.

The block should measure 12-1/2" square. Repeat Steps 1-9 to make a total of 11 blocks.

### **Assemble the Quilt**

Step 10: Arrange the blocks into columns. Sew two columns of four blocks and one column of three blocks.

Step 11: Sew one 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" white rectangle to the top and bottom edges of the three block column. Press toward the rectangles.

Step 12: Sew the columns together to form the quilt center, matching the seams as shown in the Quilt Assembly Diagram. Note: the two outer columns will be longer than the center column. Press the seams open.

Step 13: Trim the left and right columns to align with the length of the center column. Sew the 2-1/2" x 40-1/2" white strips to the left and right edges of the quilt. Press toward the strips.

Baste, quilt as desired and bind.

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