

L'Oranger Block

This is a PDF version of the tutorial I shared with the *Jardin de Lavande* Block of the Month membership in February 2021.



The block finishes at 14" square (14½ unfinished) and can be used in any *Petit FOUR* project.

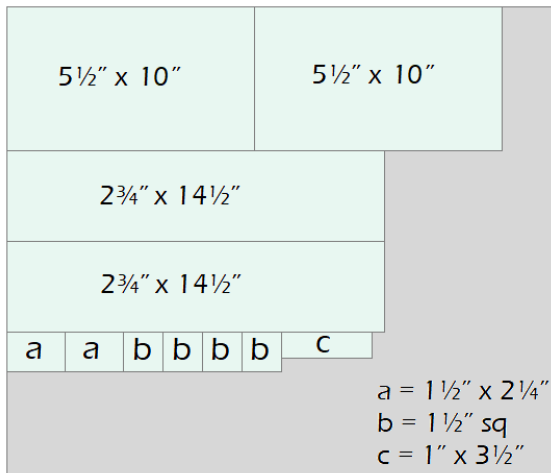
You will need...

- 3** 4½" contrasting squares*
- 1** 1" x 17" strip for the planter frame
- 1** 1" x 1½" scrap of brown
- 1** Fat Quarter background fabric

* Please note that, if you are using the left-over quarter square triangle from the *Arrosoir* block, you will only need **1** 4½" square and will omit **steps 3-4** in the instructions.

Cutting...

1. From the background Fat Quarter cut as shown overleaf.

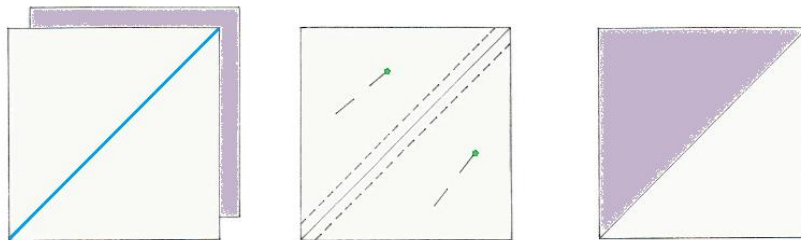


2. From the planter fabric strip cut 2 $1'' \times 5''$ pieces and 2 $1'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ pieces.

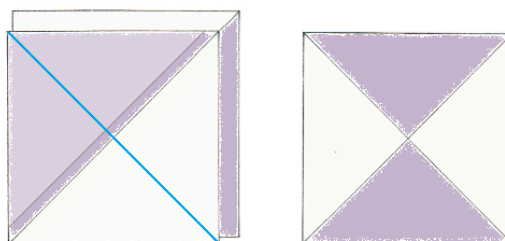
Please read through the pattern before you begin. Fabric is joined with a $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam allowance unless otherwise noted.

To make the Quarter Square Triangle...

3. First mark a diagonal line on the back of one $4\frac{1}{2}''$ square and pin - right sides together - to a contrast $4\frac{1}{2}''$ square, then stitch $\frac{1}{4}''$ away from each side of your marked line. Cut along that line and press both half square triangles (HSTs) open, pressing towards the darker fabric.

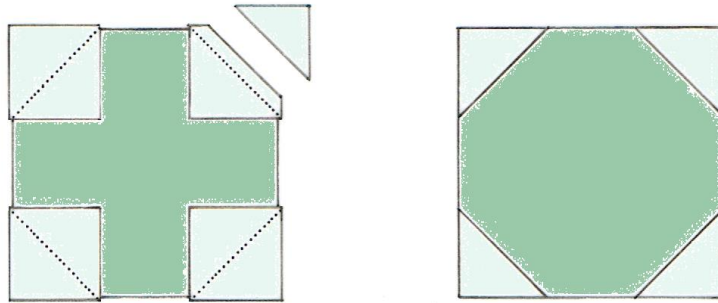


4. Mark a diagonal line on the back of one of the HSTs at right-angles to the seam and pin - right sides together - to the other HST, matching the contrasting fabrics so that the seams nest. Again, stitch $\frac{1}{4}''$ away from each side of the marked line, cut apart and press open. You will only need one OST, so set the second aside for another project. Trim to $3\frac{1}{2}''$ square.



To make the block...

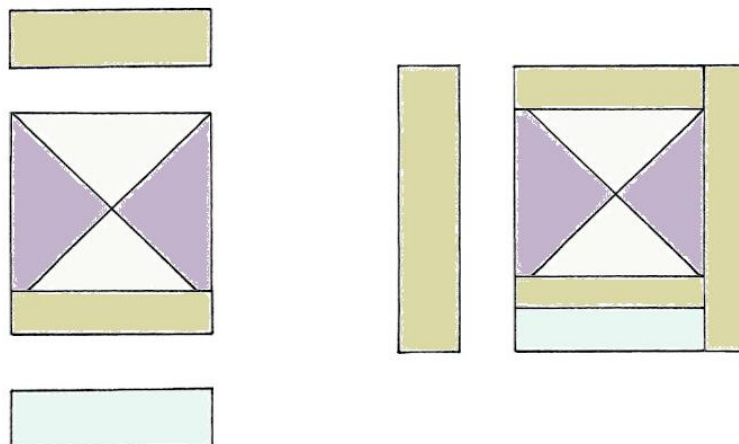
5. Mark a diagonal line on the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " background squares, pin one to each corner of the remaining $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square, stitch on the line, flip 'open' and press – to 'snowball' the corners – trimming away the back pieces if preferred. This will form the top of your Orange tree.



6. To make the trunk, join a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{4}$ " background piece to each side of the 1 " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " brown piece, pressing as directed (>).



7. To make the planter, join a 1 " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the top and bottom of the OST and then a further 1 " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " background piece to the bottom, pressing away from the OST. Then add a 1 " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to each side, again pressing away from the OST.



8. Assemble the three sections, top, trunk and planter, pressing the seams open.

9. Finally, join a $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10 " background piece to each side and a $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x $14\frac{1}{2}$ " background piece to the top and bottom, pressing away from the trunk. Dreaming about real orange trees in French gardens is optional, but much encouraged.

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