## April Challenge BOTM 2019



Unfinished Block 10 1/2"

## Diamonds in the Rough

First time for us to be your Challenge of the month chairs, we'll do our best to give you clear directions but if you have any questions please feel free to give one of us a call. Did you know that diamonds are the birthstone for April? Yep not that this is a given name of the block but for this month we decided to call it that.

Using $100 \%$ cotton fabrics that are solids or prints but should read as the following: light golden yellow, medium to dark gold, black, medium to dark gray and white or white on white. The scrappier the better! We can't wait to see what you come up with.


Cut (2) $33 / 8$ " squares from the yellow and gold fabric.


Cut (4) $33 / 8$ " squares from the black fabric. Cut squares corner to corner to create (8) half square triangles.


Cut (2) $21 / 4$ " strips x WOF or minimum of 23 " From the gray and white fabric.

Place right sides of light gold and dark gold squares together, draw a line corner to corner, sew $1 / 4$ " down each side of the line, then cut along the drawn line to create (4) half square blocks.


Sew the short side of the black triangle to the medium or dark gold side of the block. Your (4) sections should look like this.


Set sections aside.

Place right sides together of each gray and white strip of fabric and sew together then press seams toward the gray. Cut a 45 degree angle off of one end of the strip.


Measure $81 / 4 "$ and cut a 45 degree angle in the opposite direction. The top will be $1 / 8$ flat don't worry this will not affect the block. Measure $81 / 4$ " across the opposite side and make another 45 degree angle cut repeat this until you have (4) triangle sections. See diagram.

With right sides facing sew together two of each gray white sections to the gold black section triangles. Follow the diagrams for piecing together. Block should measure 10 1/2" unfinished.


