

July Challenge BOTM 2019

“Christmas in July - Christmas Cracker”



This block is simple, quick and uses up your scraps (6 seams in all). It finishes 8” square (8-1/2” unfinished) using a *scant 1/4” seam. You can make the entire block in about 10 minutes – no kidding! (*to make a scant 1/4” seam, move your needle one position to the right, so your seam is about a threads-width less than 1/4”).



FABRICS: Chose a dark and a light holiday print with *lots of contrast*.

CUT

Cut One (1) square 4-7/8” of each of the DARK and LIGHT fabrics. Cut in half diagonally to create 2 triangles of each fabric.

Cut two (2) DARK and one (1) LIGHT rectangle – each 2-3/8” x 6-1/8”.

SEW

1. Sew the 2 DARK rectangles to each side (lengthwise) of the LIGHT rectangle to form a “rail fence” block (LIGHT block will be in the center). Press toward the DARK fabric.



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8” Finished 8-1/2” Unfinished

2. Take the 2 DARK triangles and sew on the ends of the rail fence square (see diagram). Trim dog ears and press seams to the DARK fabric.



3. Take the remaining 2 LIGHT triangles and sew on the 2 remaining DARK sides – pressing these seams OPEN – as these seams will most likely meet up with additional squares (depending on the layout chosen by the winner of the blocks).

