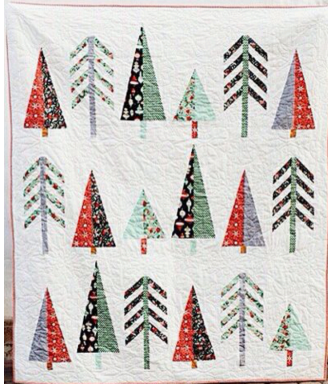


## Half Square Rectangles - Pastel Trees.

## December Block Lotto



The rectangular shape of this block is versatile. They don't always need to be trees.  
Cut 4 rectangles of assorted green fabrics. Vary the value a lot! Very light and very dark. One may be a white. Pastels would be lovely

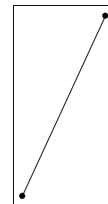
Use a ruler with clear  $\frac{1}{2}$ " markings and a pencil. (white chalk for the dark)

Cut two rectangles of fabric, each 5" by 10". 2 pale or white and 2 colours.

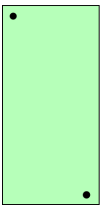
Place one pale fabric on your table **WRONG SIDE UP**.

Put pencil dots  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in, on the upper right corner and the lower left corner.

Connect the dots with a pencil. (Note - this line does not go corner to corner).



Place the other coloured rectangle **RIGHT** side up on your table. Put the dots on the upper left corner and the lower right corner.

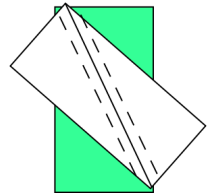


Leaving it flat on your table, place the first rectangle with the line drawn on it, on top, matching the dots. It will be very 'off kilter'. They will be right sides together.

Match the dots. Put a pin pointing straight through the upper dots and a pin through the lower dots.

The top will be on an angle over the lower. Tug and smooth the fabrics so they are flat.

Put three more pins along the line to hold the fabric securely for stitching.



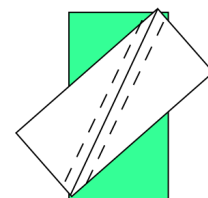
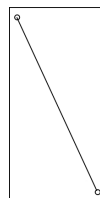
Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the line on both sides.

Cut along the line.

Press the seams.

Trim to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " by 9".

Repeat this process in the opposite direction.



You will have 4 blocks, 2 in each direction.

4 half square rectangles = 1 ticket

*Suggestion - If you are making several of these for a large quilt, complete a series of A blocks first, then create the series of B blocks. You will get into a rhythm and they will reproduce quickly.*