**Broken Dishes**

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This is one of my all time favorite traditional quilt blocks and I have used it in several of my Fig Tree Samplers. It uses my favorite techniques and showcases fabric perfectly. Plus depending on where you put different fabrics, you can completely change what it looks like. I love that!

**Cutting Instructions:**

(For fabric choices refer to the diagram)

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<th>6&quot; Block</th>
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<td><strong>A:</strong></td>
<td>(4) 1 ½” squares.</td>
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<td><strong>B:</strong></td>
<td>(4) 2” squares; cut each square once diagonally to create (8) B triangles.</td>
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<td><strong>C:</strong></td>
<td>(4) 2” squares; cut each square once diagonally to create (8) C triangles.</td>
<td>(4) 3” squares; cut each square once diagonally to create (8) C triangles.</td>
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<td><strong>D:</strong></td>
<td>(4) 1 ½” x 2 ½” rectangles.</td>
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<td><strong>E:</strong></td>
<td>(2) 3” squares; cut each square once diagonally to create (4) E triangles.</td>
<td>(2) 5” squares; cut each square once diagonally to create (4) E triangles.</td>
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<td><strong>F:</strong></td>
<td>(2) 2 ¼” squares; cut the squares once diagonally to create (4) F triangles.</td>
<td>(2) 3 ¾” squares; cut the squares once diagonally to create (4) F triangles.</td>
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<td><strong>G:</strong></td>
<td>(1) 2 ½” square.</td>
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ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Begin assembly for the center of the block by sewing the longest edges of (4) F triangles onto all sides of (1) G square using a scant ¼" seam. Complete (2) opposite sides of the G square first. Press seams outward, then complete the two remaining sides of the G square.

2. Using the same piecing techniques, complete the center of the block using (4) E triangles as shown. Diagrams show the unit in all stages of assembly.

3. Use the following guide to trim the center of the block:
   a. 6" Block: 4 ½" x 4 ½" unfinished (4" x 4" finished)
   b. 12" Block: 8 ½" x 8 ½" unfinished (8" x 8" finished)


5. Sew the longest edges of the triangles together using a ¼" seam. Press toward the C triangle.

6. Repeat to create (8) HST units. Trim HST units using the following guide:
   a. 6" Block: 1 ½" x 1 ½" unfinished (1" x 1" finished)
   b. 12" Block: 2 ½" x 2 ½" unfinished (2" x 2" finished)

8. Complete block assembly as shown using all units created in the above steps, (4) A squares and (4) D rectangles. Diagrams show the block in all stages of assembly.

9. Trim block using the guide listed below:
   a. 6 ½" x 6 ½" unfinished (6" x 6" finished)
   b. 12 ½" x 12 ½" unfinished (12" x 12" finished)

DESIGNER INFO

Fun Facts: Visit my blog for an 8” variation on the Broken Dishes block!

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