



General Instructions/Supplies for Calendar Block Party

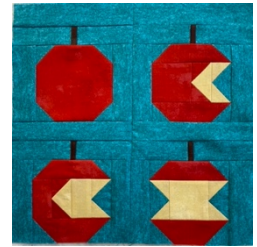
Each block is currently sized to finish at 12 inches
We will discuss methods to change to 6", 18", and 24" in class

Before class: Go through the diagrams of the fifteen blocks and see what twitterpates you. Cut, bag, and label (the block name) three-four blocks you'd like to create in our class. You **do not** need to label individual pieces unless advised in the cutting directions (ie the November Acorn background strips) I'd advise choosing those that you think might be challenging for you. We will be going over each and every block pattern in class, so you will have a chance to ask any/all questions about any of them.

When I was creating your cutting requirements, I tried VERY HARD to make sure that I gave the width dimension first and the length dimension second. You can avoid all worry about this is you use non-directional fabrics. But, as we all know, sometimes the PERFECT fabric is directional. Find that piece in the diagram and see which way it should be cut. If it is used as a snowball piece, or if it is square, it won't matter.

A word about feet:

For class, I'd highly recommend NOT using your 1/4" sewing machine foot with the guide on the side. It's only going to get caught on the fabric while you are sewing your diagonal snowballs.... If you don't have a 1/4" foot without it, go ahead and bring the one with the guide, you'll just have to be careful.



Supplies: other than all the normal stuff

- Small **purple** school glue stick*
- Either a "purple thang" OR I like a [stubby flathead screwdriver](#)
- Marking instruments that will show on the back of both light and dark fabrics
- Spinning/small enough to spin cutting mat & rotary cutter with a new blade (**you deserve it!**)
- Acrylic ruler: Either a 4 1/2"- 6 1/2" square will be fine. If you already have a 12 1/2" square, bring that too! I'll bring a few rulers to use in class as well.
- A small/portable iron and pressing surface *if you already have one*. Lots of pressing between steps. We will have irons available in class.

*You are REALLY going to be glad you purchased and bring **the purple school glue stick!** I promise!

