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Pandemic String Block Instructions

Foundation for the Block

1. Cut foundation piece of lightweight muslin or other suitable fabric into either 7", 13", or 16" squares (the larger size allows trimming to 6 1/2", 12 1/2", or 15 1/2")
2. Gather assorted strips of any width including at least one white-light colored solid or 'reads' as a solid

Piecing the Block See pictures below.

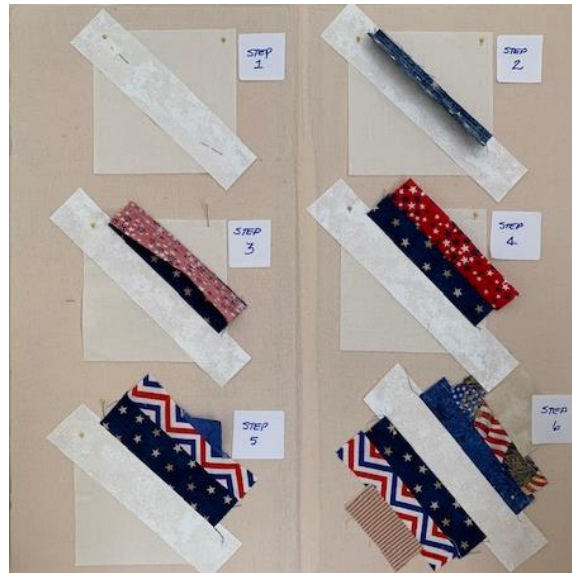
**Step 1.** On the foundation piece place a white-light colored solid strip, preferably at least 2" wide, right side up, diagonally across the center of the foundation. Make sure the ends extend past the corners of the block.

Suggested minimal length measurements for the center strip:

7" foundation	11" center strip
13" foundation	20" center strip
16" foundation	24" center strip

Use pins, a dab of glue at the ends, or just hold this in place as you sew the first strip.

*NOTE: The center strip is the place to write your message, name/initials, state, and date.*



**Step 2:** Lay a strip over the center strip, right sides together, with the edges lined up. Stitch 1/4" seam. Fold the strip to the outside and press.

Note: Strips can be any width. Wider strips (3") and triangle pieces are useful for corners.

**Steps 3 – 5:** Continue adding strips until one side is complete.

**Step 6:** Add strips to the other side until the entire foundation is covered.

**Final Steps:** Press well. Using the center diagonal strip, trim to the appropriately sized square.