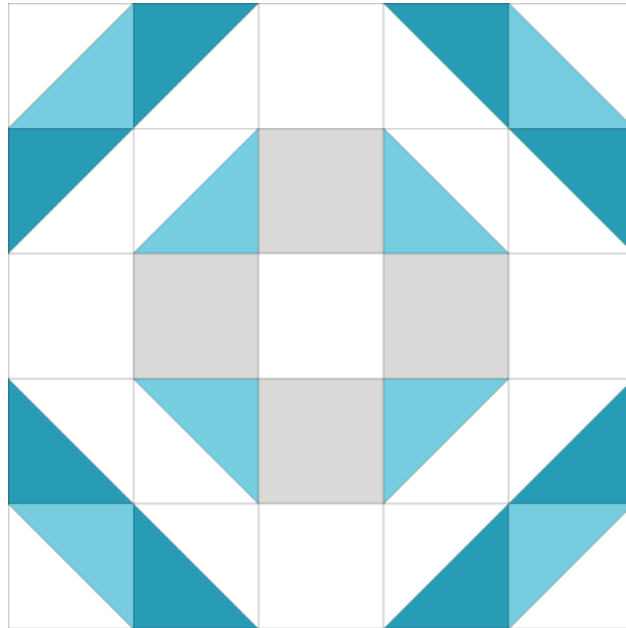




The Wedding Ring Block

Instructions by Kathleen McCormick

I found this block in or BlockBase Plus™, when I was searching for a block for the Rainbow Scrap Challenge 2022. It is attributed to Beth Gutcheon, [The Perfect Patchwork Primer](#), 1973. There are a number of variations of blocks like this; you can check out Barbara Brackman's [Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Blocks](#) for more information on it.

This simple block is made of squares and half square triangles. I like that you get a circular effect from the inner ring. You can make the plus sign stand out by using different colors, or keep them all in the same family. I did mine scrappy, not paying attention to the lights and darks in the original coloring.

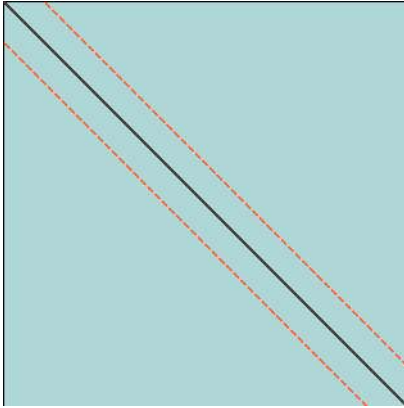
Fabric Requirements for One Block		
White	3-1/2" x 25"	8 - 3" squares
White	3" x 13"	5 - 2-1/2" squares
Teals	3-1/2" x 25"	8 - 3" squares
Grey or Teals	3" x 11"	4 - 2 1/2" squares

*Accuquilt : Use your HST and square dies

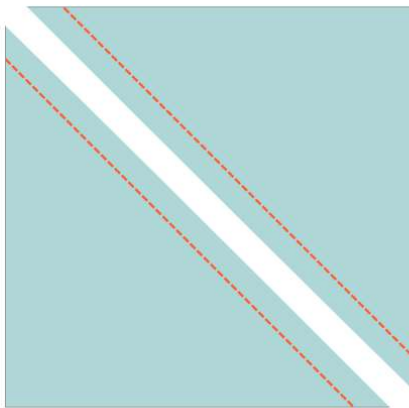
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Make 16 Half Square Triangles:

1. Place 8 white and teal 3" squares right sides together.
2. Draw a line down the center and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the line on either side.



3. Cut apart on the drawn line.



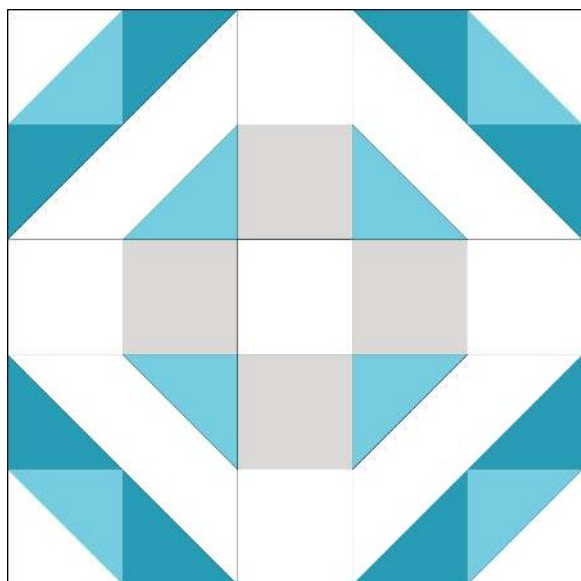
4. Press open. I recommend this as there are a lot of seams, and this will help later.
5. Trim your blocks to 2-1/2" square. You should have 16 blocks.

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Assemble the Block:

I like to use the webbing method for this block. You may prefer to do it in rows, but here is what I do.

1. Layout the block on a quilt board, or piece of batting that is a little larger than your block. It should look like the picture below.



2. Turn over the second row onto the first row. Sew the first set together, and then add each consecutive set. Do not break the thread. The idea is to keep it connected - Webbed!



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3. Return the "chain" to your board, and open out. You can check your pieces for correctness. I press at the end of sewing the block together, you may choose to press now if you like. If you do, I suggest pressing seams open.



4. For each of the following rows, I only turn the first one over and take it to the machine. I pick up the others as I get to the next row. If you pin, you can pin and get the whole row ready before moving to the machine. This is a picture of beginning row 3.



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5. Here are pictures of the beginning of the 4th row and 5th row.



6. Here is a picture of the block “webbed together”. I have not yet sewn the rows.



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7. My technique for pressing the rows, is to do one row, press to the left. Drop that row off the edge of the iron, then press the next row to the right. Continuing dropping the rows off the board until you finish pressing. Then bring to the machine and sew those rows together. I do not find a need to pin.



8. Press and enjoy your finished block.

