



Squares upon Squares Block

This makes a 12 ½" unfinished block.



Color 1 – Medium (shown as rust)
 One – 3 ½" x 10 ½" rectangle
 One – 6 ½" squares



Color 2 – Light (shown as gold)
 One – 3 ½" x 21" rectangle



Color 3 – Dark (shown as brown – center block)
 One – 3 ½" x 10 ½" rectangle

Calvert County Quilt Guild
 Block of the Month
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 Fall colors – greens, oranges, golds,
 browns, yellows

Block seams are ¼".
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In looking for a nice seasonal block the Squares upon Squares was found. This block gets away from half square triangles; however, brings piecing back into a simple design that looks complicated. Any combination of fall colors can be used for this block as long as there is a mix of a dark center, and then medium and light blocks surrounding the center. When finished this block should piece to make a nice mix of fall colors.

- 1) Cut pieces carefully to size. Refer to the *Figure 2* below.
 - a. Start by marking and cutting the Color 1 and Color 3, 3-1/2" x 10-1/2" strips into three 3-1/2" squares of each.
 - b. Mark and cut the Color 2, 3-1/2" x 21" strip into six 3-1/2" squares.
 - c. You also need one 6-1/2" square of Color 1
- 2) To sew three of the corner blocks, sew pairs of colored squares right sides together as shown in *Figure 3*, using 1/4" seams. Press seams towards the darker side. Sew these units together, again using 1/4" seams. Make **one** unit with the **Color 1** and **Color 3** small squares, and **two** units using **Color 2** and **Color 3**.
- 3) Piece the block, sewing your units together as shown in *Figure 4*. Press row seams in opposing directions, so the seams lay nice and flat.
- 4) Trim to 12 ½". Have fun making this block!!!!

Note – Be conscious of the ¼" seams to ensure the final block will square to 12 ½". If using a scant ¼" seam, be sure to trim each piece to size before final piecing (each complete block section should be 6 ½" square).

