Charity Block
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This charity block is a unit similar to an Attic Window or a partial Lemoyne Star. The units can be combined in many ways.

The kit includes background fabric for one unit. Please use two fabrics from your stash or from the charity stash for the foreground pieces. There are two ways to put this unit together. One requires a Y seam and the other involves an HST. Directions for each method follow.

From the background fabric, you have one large (8.5 inches) square and two smaller (4.5 inches) squares.

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the smaller background squares. The directions for completing the unit with a Y seam follow. If you want to do it without the Y seam, skip to the part titled "HST."

Y seam
2. For one unit, cut $12.5 \times 4.5$ rectangles from two different fabrics. Draw a 45 degree line on the back of one of these pieces from a corner to the opposite side.
3. Pin one of the smaller background squares at the end of this foreground rectangle so that the two lines you drew are parallel.
4. Pin the other background square to the other foreground piece so the diagonal lines go in opposite directions. Check the picture to make sure you have it oriented correctly.
5. Sew along the diagonals. Open the sewn pieces to make sure it is right, then trim off the excess fabric.
6. Sew one of the foreground units to the larger background square as shown, making sure to stop sewing $1 / 4$ inch from the end where the foreground piece is longer than the background square.
7. Repeat with the other foreground piece.
8. Position the two foreground pieces that overhang the background square so that right sides are together. Starting at the point where the three fabrics come together, sew along the diagonal that you drew.
9. The unit is complete. Trim off the extra fabric in the seam allowance.

HST
10. Cut from each of the foreground fabrics one 5 inch square and one rectangle $4.5 \times 8.5$.
11. Draw a diagonal line on the back of one of the 5 inch squares. Put the squares right sides together. Sew a diagonal seam $1 / 4$ inch from the line you drew. Cut on the line you drew. Trim the square to 4.5 inches.
12. Sew the HST to one of the foreground pieces as shown.
13. Follow directions 3, 4, and 5 above.
14. Sew the shorter foreground piece to the larger background square.
15. Sew the longer foreground piece to the unit.

