Block of the Month – November 2013 – Card Trick
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Fabric: Choose one fabric that reads as burgundy, one that reads as forest green, and one that reads as light caramel or gold (background). Please use pre-washed cotton.

Cutting (you can add \( \frac{1}{4} \)“ to each of these measurements to give yourself more “breathing room”):

- **Caramel**
  - (2) 5”x5” squares <will become A pieces>
  - (1) 5 \( \frac{3}{4} \)” x 5 \( \frac{3}{4} \)” square, then sub-cut diagonally to make 4 triangles <B>

- **Burgundy**
  - (2) 5”x5” squares <will become C pieces>
  - (1) 5 \( \frac{3}{4} \)” x 5 \( \frac{3}{4} \)” square, then sub-cut diagonally to make 4 triangles <D>

- **Green**
  - (2) 5”x5” square <will become E pieces>
  - (1) 5 \( \frac{3}{4} \)” x 5 \( \frac{3}{4} \)” square, then sub-cut diagonally to make 4 triangles <F>

Assembly:
1. Using the 5” squares, make HSTs (see below) using A + C and A + E
2. Trim blocks to 4 \( \frac{1}{2} \)”
3. Sew 2 B+F and 2 D+B keeping the orientation as in the diagram (see unit #1)
4. Sew 2 D+F creating HST keeping the orientation as in the diagram (see unit #2)
5. Sew D+F HST together (see diagram – unit #3)
6. Trim block to 4 \( \frac{1}{2} \)”
7. Cut remaining 5” squares (C & E) once on the diagonal.
8. Sew 2 BF+C and 2 DB+E referencing the diagram (see unit 4)
9. Trim blocks to 4 \( \frac{1}{2} \)”
10. Sew pieces together in three rows as shown
11. Sew rows together referring to diagram
12. Trim completed block to 12 \( \frac{1}{2} \)” (will be 12” finished block)

Half Square Triangle (HST): Put pieces right sides together. Draw a line diagonally on one square. Stitch \( \frac{1}{4} \)” from each side of the line. Cut apart on the line to make 2 squares. Press open.

**Enjoy these Christmassy blocks, which will look fabulous together!**

BOM basics:
- Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
- Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.
- If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) for the winner (a border or other finishing touches).
- If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the Saturday drawing.
  
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- To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+).
- Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.