

Framing Your Paper-Pieced Fabric Square:

Framing can be done in many ways. Here are two suggestions.

Frame with Squares:

1. Cut 16 squares, 9/8 inches on a side. Choose fabrics close in color to your background.
2. Sew four together in a strip. Sew the strip along one side of the square.
3. Repeat for opposite side of square.
4. Sew 6 squares into a strip. Sew this strip onto the third side of the square.
5. Repeat for fourth side of square.

Note: For some squares on the cover I added strips on two sides to make the symbol fall into the correct place in the overall design.

Frame in a Medallion:

1. Cut 8 squares, 9/8 inches on a side, from the same fabric you used for the background.
Cut 8 squares of a contrasting color.
2. Place a background square right sides together with a contrasting square. Sew on the diagonal. Trim the seam and press open. You should now have a square made of two triangles. Do this 7 more times.
3. Sew two of these squares made of triangles together so the background colors join making a point. Do this 3 more times.
4. For the other squares around the bird you can make more "half-square triangles" or you can simply use squares. For simple squares cut 12 squares from your contrasting fabric. For squares made with triangles cut 24 squares and join them as in Step 2.
5. Sew a square (either a plain square or one made with triangles) on either side of one of your "points". Sew this strip along one side of your paper-pieced square, being careful that the point goes away from the square. Repeat for the opposite side.
6. Repeat Step 5 adding one more square at the end of each strip. Join these to the other sides of the paper-pieced square.

This block can be finished as a small object, such as a hot plate or potholder, or joined with other squares to create a larger finished piece.