



**Sierra Quilt Guild
Block of the Month July 2015
Christmas Present in July**

This block measures 12" square finished (12 1/2" square unfinished). Please use two different contrasting Christmas fabrics for package and bow/ribbon. The background should be a neutral, solid white or cream or tone on tone or with a small coordinating print. It should "read" lighter than the package and the bow.

Cutting:

- Neutral background - (4) 2 1/2" squares
- (2) 2 1/2" x 9" rectangles
- (2) 2 1/2" x 13" rectangles
- Bow fabric - (2) 2 1/2" squares
- Ribbon fabric - (1) 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle
- Package fabric - (2) 4" x 6 1/2" rectangles

Assembly:

1. Sew strips to make the package: package to ribbon to package; press seams toward package.
2. Draw diagonal lines from corner to opposite corner on the back of two of the 2 1/2" white squares. With right sides together sew 2 1/2" bow fabric to 2 1/2" background fabric just next to the drawn line on the side closest to the corner; this is called a "scant 1/4" seam. Trim seam to 1/4" from drawn line. Press seam toward bow. Repeat with remaining bow piece. Sew bow squares together as shown. Press seam open. Sew on the remaining background 2 1/2" squares to each side. Press seam toward background.
3. Line up your bow strip with the center of the "ribbon." Pin in place right sides together, and sew the bow strip to the package strip. Press seam toward package. Your package should measure 8 1/2" square.
4. With right sides together, stitch 2 1/2" x 9" neutral background piece to side of package. Repeat on other side of package. Press seams toward background.
5. With right sides together, stitch 2 1/2" x 13" neutral background piece to top of package. Repeat on bottom of package (see photo above). Press seams toward background. Let recipient trim as results will vary by sewer.

