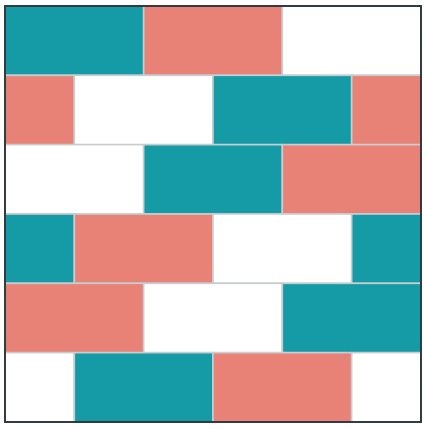
MY FIRST QUILT / BLOCK 02

Brick Wall

12" finished • 12½" unfinished • Straight seams & offset rows



Block layout - diagram not to scale

CUT FOR ONE BLOCK

All cutting sizes include ¼" seam allowances.

Fabric	4½" × 2½"	2½" × 2½"
Turquoise	5	2
White	5	2
Coral	5	2

Cut 15 full bricks and 6 half-brick end squares in total. Use quilting-weight cotton. Width × height is listed above.

SEW THE BLOCK

1. Arrange six rows.
Follow the diagram from top to bottom. Rows 1, 3, and 5 have three full bricks. Rows 2, 4, and 6 have two full bricks with an end square at each end. Place each full brick with its 4½" edge horizontal.

2. Sew each row.
With right sides together, sew the pieces in each row using a ¼" seam. Press gently without stretching. Each completed row should measure 2½" high × 12½" wide.

3. Join the rows.
Keep the rows in order. Match their outer edges, pin, and sew the rows together with a ¼" seam. The vertical seams are offset; they should not line up. Check that the outer edges stay aligned as you sew.

4. Press and check.
Press the horizontal joining seams to one side. Your completed block should measure 12½" × 12½". If a row is too short or too long, check its seam allowances before joining the rows.

Size check: full bricks finish at 4" × 2"; half-bricks finish at 2" × 2". Each row finishes 12" wide. Six 2"-high rows make a 12" finished / 12½" unfinished block.

A LITTLE HISTORY

The Smithsonian holds a Brick Wall quilt dated 1870-1880. Its small rectangles were pieced into strips, with light and dark fabrics forming diagonal stripes. Our beginner variation uses larger rectangular bricks in offset rows.

History source: Smithsonian, National Museum of American History

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