

2024 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

General Instructions



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Note: Use the diagrams to determine fabric placement before cutting. Fabrics are listed as Background, Fabric 1, Fabric 2, Fabric 3, etc. The Background fabric will remain the same throughout, but Fabrics 1, 2, 3, etc. can change to your preference for each block, creating a scrappy look.

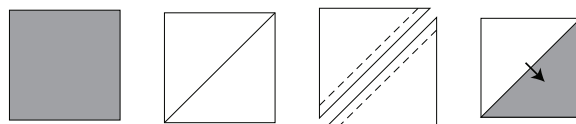
Piecing

- Place right sides of the fabric together when stitching.
- A $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance is used.
- When sewing many strips together, it is very important to keep a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, as the unit can tend to "shrink", making it hard to fit together with other units.

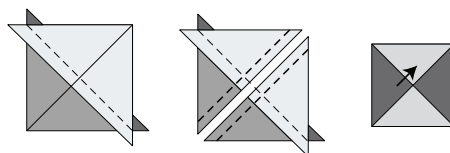
Pressing

- Press seams before adding a new piece. Press using a firm up and down motion that will not distort the seams.
- Steam or a gentle spray starch is nice to use to help keep the shape.
- Press in the direction of the arrows indicated in the illustrations.

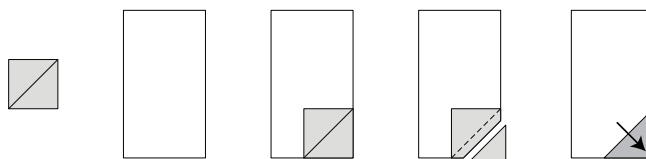
Half-Square Triangles Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the lighter fabric squares. With right sides together, layer the 2 fabric squares in pairs. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of the diagonal line. Cut on the line. Open and press. Square up to the size indicated in the pattern.



Quarter-Square Triangles Make 2 Half-Square Triangles using the method above. On the wrong side of 1 Half-Square Triangle, draw a diagonal line, perpendicular to the seam. Layer the 2 Half-Square Triangles, right sides together, and nest the seams. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of the diagonal line. Cut on the line. Open and press. Square up to the size indicated in the pattern.



Stitch & Flip Place (2) pieces right sides together, matching raw edges in the corner to be replaced. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the smaller piece across the corner. Stitch on the drawn line. Trim the extra fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn line. Flip the small piece away from the bottom piece and press, replacing the corner. **The size of the larger, original piece does not change.**



Flying Geese Draw a diagonal line, corner to corner, on the wrong side of 2 squares. Place 1 square in the right corner of 1 rectangle, right sides together, matching raw edges in the corner to be replaced. Stitch on the drawn line. Trim the extra fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn line. Flip the small piece away from the bottom piece and press, replacing the corner. Repeat with the second square. **The size of the original rectangle does not change.**



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Block One



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Cutting Directions

Background

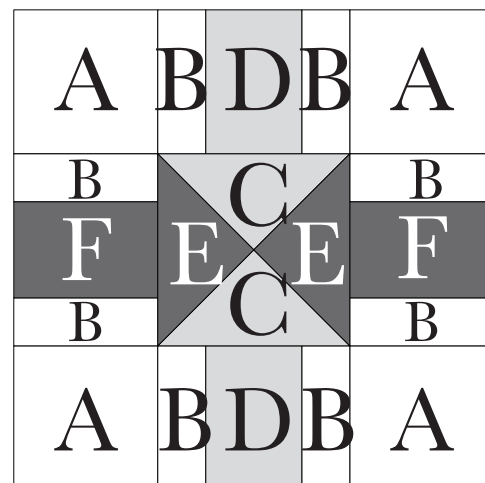
- 4 – 3½" squares, label A
- 8 – 3½" x 1½" rectangles, label B

Fabric 1

- 1 – 5½" square, label C
- 2 – 3½" x 2½" rectangles, label D

Fabric 2

- 1 – 5½" square, label E
- 2 – 3½" x 2½" rectangles, label F

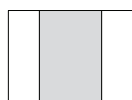
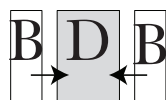


Sewing Directions

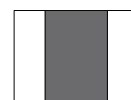
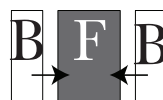
Sew 2 – B rectangles to 1 – D rectangle as shown. Make 2 D Units that measure 4½" x 3½".

Sew 2 – B rectangles to 1 – F rectangle as shown. Make 2 F Units that measure 4½" x 3½".

Set the D and F Units aside.

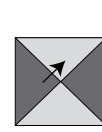
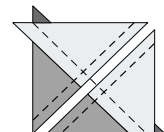
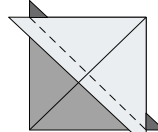
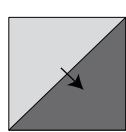
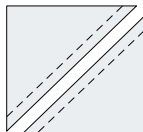
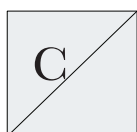


Make 2



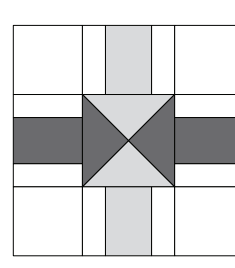
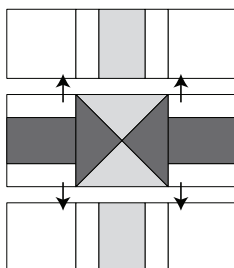
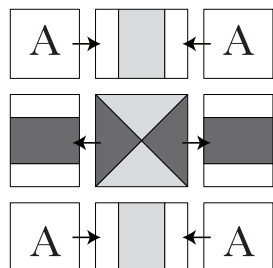
Make 2

Use the Quarter-Square Triangle method to make 1 Quarter-Square Triangle using 1 – E square and 1 – C square. Trim to 4½" square.



Make 1

Arrange and sew 4 – A squares, 1 – Quarter-Square Triangle, 2 – D Units, and 2 – F units as shown to complete Block One.



Make 1

Block One Size: 10½" x 10½" unfinished