

Block of the Month: April 2016 Instructions

Broken Dishes

For this month we selected HST (Half Square Triangles) to make and arrange in the Broken Dishes layout. You need nicely contrasting fabrics (**ORANGE or YELLOW** plus a **low volume/light** fabric) to get the most of the block. Shouldn't this shape be called *Half Triangle Square* to really describe its shape? Well, Triangle Squares are all the rage as they have endless layout possibilities. Here are three different methods to make multiple at once. You will need a total of 16 HSTs for this block, so why not try out all methods?

MATERIALS NEEDED:

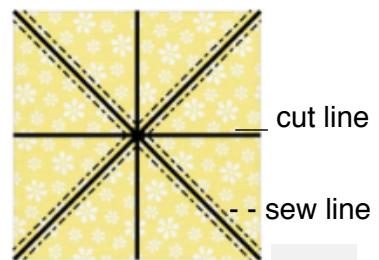
Finished Square	Fabrics NEEDED: LOW VOLUME & ORANGE OR YELLOW	Method	Yields
2.0"	3.0" squares (1 of each color) x 2	Traditional	2 HST
2.0"	4 1/8" squares (1 of each color)	Alternative	4 HST
2.0"	6.0" squares (1 of each color)	Magic 8	8 HST



HOW TO:

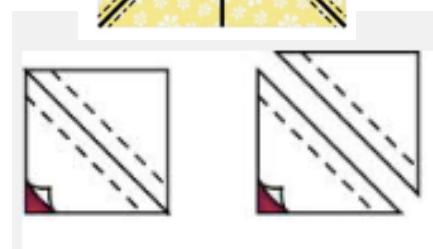
Let's start with the Magic 8.

Cut your two fabrics to size indicated above and place right sides together. Mark your light colored fabric with diagonal lines corner to corner BOTH directions. Sew a 1/4" from the lines on both sides = 4 sew lines. Cutting: start with the horizontal cut, then vertical and then cut on both drawn lines which will give you 8 HSTs. Press seams and see *Trimming to Size* below.



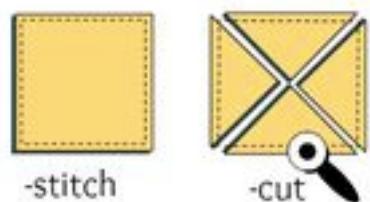
Alternative Method. (Makes 4)

Again, cut your two fabrics to indicated square size, and place them right sides together. Now, sew around the outside a 1/4" from the edge. Cut on both diagonals to get four pieces. Be aware that you have bias edges when pressing these triangles open to squares and sewing them. See *Trimming to Size* below.



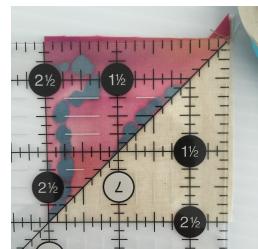
Traditional Method. (Makes 2)

Cut your two fabrics to the size indicated, place them right sides together, draw a line across ONE diagonal. Sew 1/4" from the drawn line on both sides (or if you have a special ruler, you can draw the sew lines.) Cut in half on the drawn line and press seams to darker fabric. See *Trimming to Size* below.



Trimming to size:

Use the 45 degree line on your ruler lining it up with your seam. Then line-up the 2.5" marks on both sides and trim to size.



Make 12 HSTs using Magic 8 and Alternative Method, and 4 HSTs using the Traditional Method twice. Layout per diagram with the light and dark fabric alternating as shown. Sew together in rows. Press seams on rows 1 and 3 to the right and 2 and 4 to the left. Sew rows together by nesting the seams. Press row seams open to reduce the bulk.

Your final block will measure 8.5". Admire! Questions: Send email to kbkreativ@gmail.com

Make one or several of these blocks (each should be different, please) and bring to the April 2nd meeting to collect points to win all BOM made by guild members. Five points/blocks will allow you to enter your name into the drawing pot. See specific BOM guidelines on how to collect points at http://www.mpqg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/.