

Our Friendship Block

Block Size: 18" x 18" fin. size (18-1/2" x 18-1/2" unfin.)
Finished Quilt sizes: Single: 81" X 104" OR Queen: 104" x 104"

A quick word from me

The goal to a 'sew along' project is to complete a bit of sewing each week. This year, we will not be sewing the whole block at once. The sewing for the block will be separated into two instructions. The first will be provided for Week 1 and the second will be provided for Week 2.

Although different than in previous years, I guess you must trust me when I say that I think it will be more fun and for the best to complete this year's block. Each week will be fun, no-rush, and provide for a very manageable project. There will be those that rush through it, no doubt and some (like me) will work slower and catchup later. Whichever way, you like to get the job done is all good to me! My wish is for you to enjoy and have fun with this project and at your own pace – truly no pressure here. No, I have NOT completed the quilt ahead of you! I will be sewing right along with you keeping up (or trying to) with this challenge. The goal is to make the blocks over 12 weeks, and on the 13th week (October 17th, 2021) I will be providing the instructions for the quilt setting and borders to finish your quilt.

Fabric Requirements

These fabric requirements are provided for two different quilt sizes as designed.

Please Note:

- Use an accurate scant 1/4" seam allowance throughout this project unless specified.
- Starch or Best Press® fabrics before cutting for easier handling. I highly recommend to spray all fabrics and let them dry (to prevent size distortion) then press and cut as instructed.
- Drawn diagrams do not show seam allowances – do not trim to match diagram.

The Block Fabric Set:	Fabric size:	SINGLE SIZE 81" X 104"	QUEEN SIZE 104" x 104"
The Blueberry Fabrics: Assorted blues & green tonal fabrics of graduating shades.	<u>Each</u> piece: 15" x 42" WOF	6 assorted pcs.	8 assorted pcs.

The Quilt Setting:	SINGLE SIZE 81" X 104"	QUEEN SIZE 104" x 104"
Background and Binding: The Pie Crust (light brown)	7.0m or 7-3/4 yds.	8.9m or 9-3/4 yds.
The Contrast Fabric: The Vanilla Ice Cream	1.0m or 1-1/8 yd.	1.3m or 1-1/2 yds.



Week 1

PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE CUTTING

Step 1: Half Square Triangles 1-1/2" fin. size (2" unfin. size)

A quick word about Half Square Triangles

The following will provide instructions for two different methods of making HSTs. Follow the appropriate cutting directions.

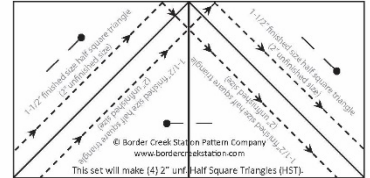
Please review each method and choose your preferred technique.

Method 1 uses the Border Creek Station *Sew Easy Triangle* paper for easy and perfect half square triangles every time. A special package of this preprinted paper can be purchased from our webstore.

Method 2 is a more traditional one that makes eight HSTs at the same time. This method does require trimming each unit to size.

Another Method? Yes, you can use a different technique to make your half square triangles just make sure the cutting fits into fabric requirements given.

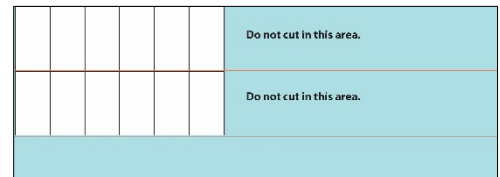
Please note: I cannot guarantee fabric amounts with other techniques. Please add yardage if you are using another method and are unsure how much it will take.



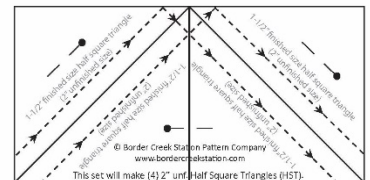
Method 1: Using our Sew Easy Half Square Triangle Paper

Background Pie Crust Fabric:	Cut 5-1/2" wide strips of fabric x 42" WOF	
Single and Queen Size	Cut 1 strip	Subcut strip into (12) 3" x 5-1/2" pcs.

The Blueberry Fabrics:	Cut (2) 5-1/2" strips x 42" WOF.	
Single and Queen Size	From EACH STRIP subcut (6) 3" x 5-1/2" pcs. Keep the remainder of each strip <u>UNCUT</u>.	



Use (12) Sew Easy Units	To make (48) Half Squares:
From (1) Blueberry fabric	Use (12) 3" x 5-1/2" pcs.
From the Background Pie Crust fabric	Use (12) 3" x 5-1/2" pcs.



Using our *Sew Easy Triangle Paper* provides a stable foundation for quick stitching and easily tears away for perfect Half Square triangles. These are included in the Sew Along Printed Foundation Package.

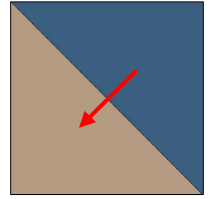
1. With paper scissors trim printed *Sew Easy Half Square Triangle* units 1/8" larger than the outside solid printed line. Fabric will be cut larger than the measurement of the paper product. This is important to be accurate.
2. **With the BACKGROUND PIE CRUST fabric piece on top, place fabric pieces right sides together.** Position one printed *Sew Easy HST* unit on top, printed side up and pin to secure in the open areas of the paper. Repeat for the remaining fabric pieces to prepare for stitching.



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3. With pinned units at the sewing machine, use a shorter stitch length (i.e. 1.8 to 2.0 machine setting) and begin stitching on the dashed lines marked on the paper. There is no need to backstitch. Remove pins. Remember to chain piece!
4. With rotary cutter carefully trim the outside edges of fabric to match the SOLID printed lines of the paper and then cut on all remaining solid lines to separate the HSTs.
5. With paper still attached, open up HSTs and press seam allowance to the darker of the two fabrics. Clip wings and then carefully remove all paper. Voila – perfectly sized 2" x 2" unfinished size HSTs!

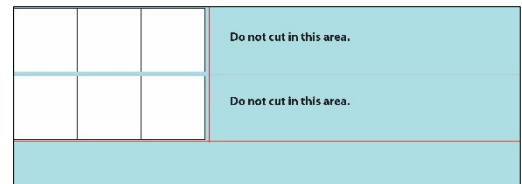


This will make:	(48) 2" x 2" Half Square Triangles.
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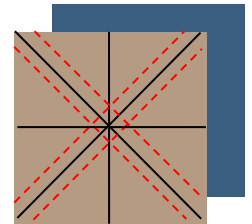
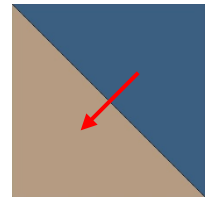
Method 2: Traditional Method for Half Square Triangles

Background Pie Crust Fabric:	Cut 5-1/4" wide strips of fabric x 42" WOF	
Single and Queen Size	Cut 1 strip	Subcut strip into (8) 5-1/4" x 5-1/4" pcs.

The Blueberry Fabrics:	Cut (2) 5-1/4" strips x 42" WOF.	
Single and Queen Size	From EACH STRIP subcut (3) 5-1/4" x 5-1/4" pcs.	Keep the remainder of each strip <u>UNCUT</u>.



1. With pencil lightly mark on the wrong side of the **BACKGROUND PIE CRUST** squares **diagonally from corner to corner** as shown by the black lines in the diagram.
2. With right sides together, place marked **BACKGROUND PIE CRUST** square on top of **BLUEBERRY** fabric square. As per the **red lines** (shown in diagram) stitch 1/4" away from X as drawn. Repeat with all remaining squares. Chain stitching is recommended for speed.
3. Cut apart on all black lines as shown on diagram. Open and press to the **BACKGROUND PIE CRUST** fabric as shown by arrows. This will make 8 identical HSTs from each of the sewn square pairs.
4. It is necessary to trim each HST to tidy using the 45-degree line of ruler on the diagonal seam. Each HST square should measure 2" x 2" unfinished.



This will make:	(48) 2" x 2" Half Square Triangles.
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The following cutting from the Background fabric will be for all blocks required for each quilt size.

Place all cut pieces together and **label clearly**. Using zip lock bags work great, or a tray or container that will keep each different sized cut separated and clearly labeled during the duration of the Sew Along.

Keep all leftover fabric for future cutting to make best use of yardage.

Step 2:

Background Pie Crust Fabric:	Cut 7-1/4" wide strip of fabric x 42" WOF	
Single Size	Cut 3 strips	Subcut strips into (12) 7-1/4" x 7-1/4" pcs.
Queen Size	Cut 4 strips	Subcut strips into (16) 7-1/4" x 7-1/4" pcs.

1. Cut fabric as instructed above. Place all cut pieces together and **label A**.

Total Yield	Label A
Single Size	(12) 7-1/4" x 7-1/4" pcs.
Queen Size	(16) 7-1/4" x 7-1/4" pcs.

Step 3:

Background Pie Crust Fabric:	Cut 5-1/2" wide strip of fabric x 42" WOF	
Single Size	Cut 2 strips	Subcut strips into (12) 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" pcs.
Queen Size	Cut 3 strips	Subcut strips into (16) 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" pcs. Use the leftover fabric from above to cut the total number of pieces required.

1. Cut fabric as instructed above. Place all cut pieces together and **label B**.

Total Yield	Label B
Single Size	(12) 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" pcs.
Queen Size	(16) 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" pcs.

Thank you for sewing along with me on this adventure!

Don't forget to join our Facebook Group to share your progress and meet other quilters around the world who are also working along with you!



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