

Let's be Friends

Sew-Along

Our Friendship Block:

Block Size: 10" x 10" fin. size (10-1/2" x 10-1/2" unfin.)

All seams are 1/4" seam allowance.

Each *Friendship* block will be ONE colour plus the Background fabric. In my case this is black.

Every block will feature a different colour fabric for a large variety of fabric fun!

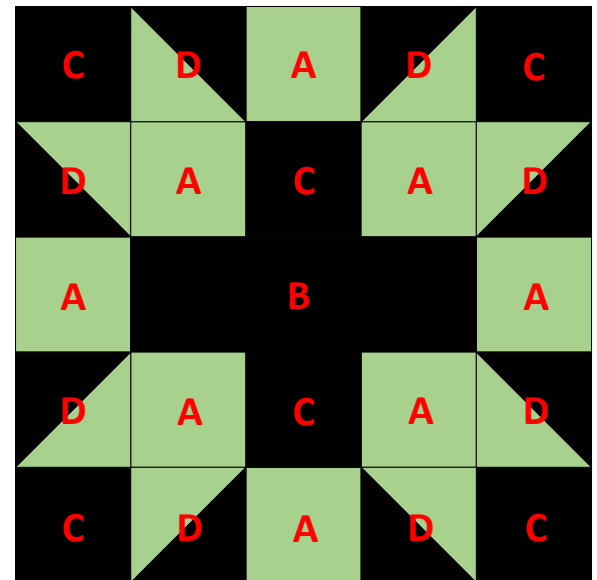
We will be making a total of 41 blocks - that is only 2 blocks a week + 1 block!



A quick word about Half-Square Triangles:

Yes, as you can see our block does include Half-Square Triangles (HST). If you have purchased a fabric kit from us or the Pre-printed HST Foundation Paper, please follow the directions as written in the pattern below.

Yes, you can use a different technique to make your HSTs. The technique that you choose will determine what size to cut your fabric. Replace this cutting for the D pieces in the cutting tables below. If you are not sure what technique to use, please refer to our website for instructions for a traditional method.



Cutting Requirements:

Use Colour Fabric for 1 Block Only:

	Cut Size:	For 1 Block:
A	2-1/2" x 2-1/2"	Cut 8 pcs.
D for HSTs	3-1/4" x 6-1/4"	2 pcs.
<small>Note: Cut D this size only if you are using the Preprinted HST Paper from Border Creek Station.</small>		

Use Background Fabric:

	Cut Size:	For 1 Block:	For All 41 blocks:	For total pieces cut the following:
B	2-1/2" x 6-1/2"	1 pc.	41 pcs.	Cut (7) strips 2-1/2" x WOF. Subcut each strip into 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" pcs.
C	2-1/2" x 2-1/2"	6 pcs.	246 pcs.	Cut (16) strips 2-1/2" x WOF. Subcut each strip into 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" pcs.
D for HSTs	3-1/4" x 6-1/4"	2 pcs.	84 pcs.	Cut (7) strips 6-1/4" x WOF. Subcut each strip into 3-1/4" x 6-1/4" pcs.
<small>Note: Cut D this size only if you are using the Preprinted HST Paper from Border Creek Station.</small>				



Note: If the Colour fabric has stripes, make sure both pieces are cut and positioned so that stripes face the same direction. Separate pieces and layout so stripes are positioned in the direction that you wish for the entire block.



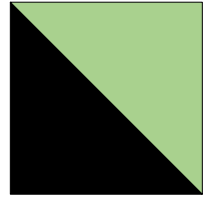
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Making the Half-Square Triangles:

To make the 2" finished size (2-1/2" unfinished size) HSTs:

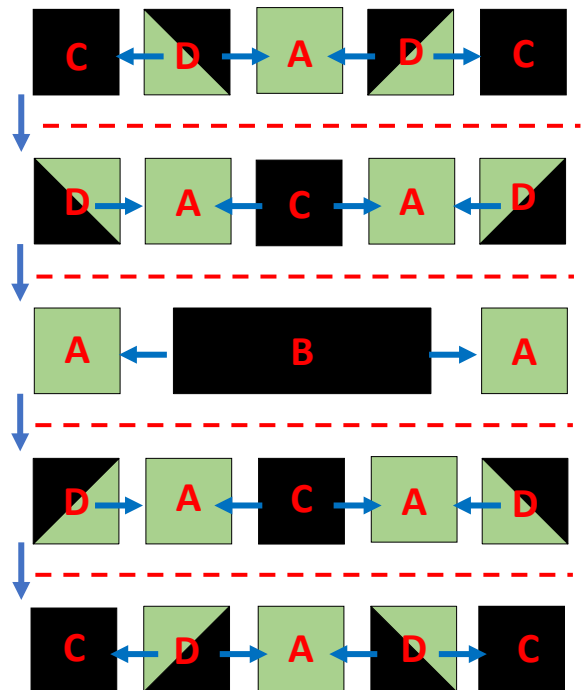
These instructions are for use of the *Preprinted HST Paper* from Border Creek Station.



1. For EACH Friendship Block you will need (8) HSTs. This is (2) printed sections from *Half Square Triangle Pre-Printed* paper. With paper scissors trim printed HST sections 1/4" larger than outside solid printed line. Fabric is also cut larger than the measurement of the paper product.
2. Select (2) **D** pieces from the EACH of the Colour Fabric and the Black Background Fabric.
3. **With right sides together place LIGHTER fabric strip on top of DARKER strip.** Position (1) Triangle Sheet on top of the layered fabric pieces, printed side up and pin to secure in the open areas of the paper. Repeat for a total of (2) layered sections.
4. Use a bit 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. Continue until all dashed lines have been stitched. Remove pins.
5. 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.
6. With paper still attached, open up HSTs and press seam allowance to the darker of the two fabrics. Clip the seam 'wings' from the edges.
7. Carefully remove all paper. Voila – perfect sized 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" unfinished size HSTs!

The Friendship Block Assembly:

1. Referring to the block diagram, carefully lay out all of the cut pieces and sewn HSTs to make the *Friendship* block. Make sure the HSTs have been positioned correctly – they can be tricky and who wants to 'reverse sew'?
2. With a 1/4" seam allowance join the pieces together in their horizontal rows as shown. Press seams as shown by the arrows.
3. Now join the horizontal rows together to assemble the block. Press seams as shown by the arrows.
4. This block should measure 10-1/2" x 10-1/2" unfinished. Trim to tidy if necessary.
5. Repeat to make the second block for this week!



Thank you for sewing along with me on this adventure!



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