

Squared Triangles October, 2009

Cutting

6 1/2 inch Center Square

Fabric A

Cut 4, 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 inch squares

Cut 4, 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 inch squares

Fabric B

Cut 4, 3 1/2 x 6 1/2 inch rectangles

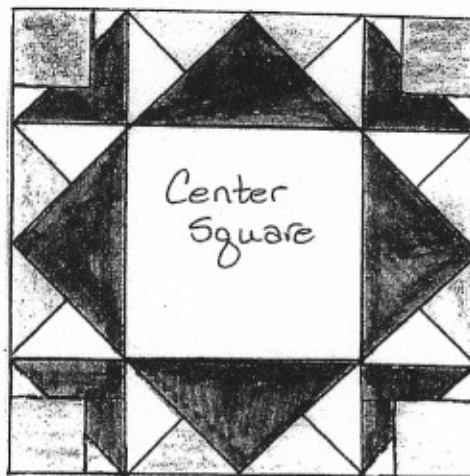
Cut 4, 1 1/2 x 3 1/2 inch rectangles

Cut 4, 1 1/2 x 2 1/2 inch rectangles

Fabric C

Cut 4, 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 inch squares

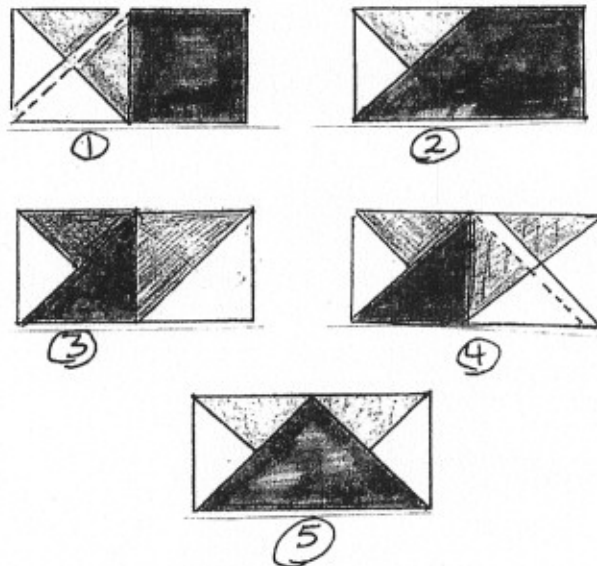
Cut 8, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inch squares



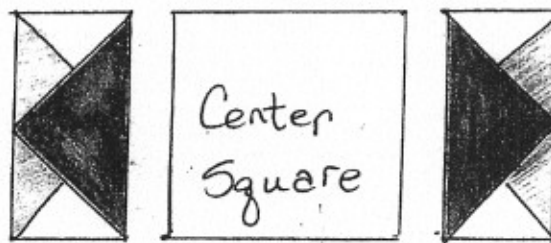
Piecing

Step 1 Make 8 **Triangle Squares** from Fabric A and Fabric C 4 1/2 inch Squares. Square to 3 1/2 inches.

Step 2 With right side together, position a **Triangle Square** on the corner of Fabric B 3 1/2 x 6 1/2 inch Rectangle; notice the direction of the seam line and positioning of colors. Draw a diagonal line on the **Triangle Square** and **stitch on the line**. Trim seam allowance to 1/4". repeat this process on the opposite side of the rectangle. Make 4 Units. *If you wish, take a second seam 3/8" to 1/2" above the original seam. Trim between the seams and you will have a small extra square.



Step 3 Sew 2 **Step 2 Units** to the side edges of the **Center Square**.



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Step 4. With right side together, position a 1 ½ inch Fabric C Square on the upper corner of a 1 ½ x 2 ½ inch Fabric B Rectangle. Draw a diagonal line on the square; **stitch on the line**, trim to ¼ inch seam allowance. Repeat and make 4 Units.



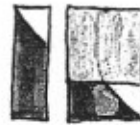
Step 5 Sew Step 4 Unit to the right side edge of a 2 ½ inch Fabric A Square. Watch angle of seam. Trim seam to ¼ inch. Repeat and make 4 Units.



Step 6 With right sides together, position a 1 ½ inch Fabric C Square on the upper corner of a 1 ½ x 3 ½ inch Fabric B Rectangle. draw a diagonal line on the square; **stitch on the line**, trim to ¼ inch seam allowance. Repeat and make 4 Units.



Step 7 Sew **Step 6 Unit** to the bottom edge of the **Step 5 Unit**. Watch angle of seam. Repeat and make 4 Units.



Step 8 Sew 2 **Unit 7s** to both ends of the remaining **Step 2 Units**. Sew these new units to the top/bottom edges of the **Center Square Unit**. Your block should measure 12 ½” square.



Tips of the Month:

1. Cut the largest pieces of fabric in a project first. This is the most efficient way to cut fabric. Also, you will know right way if you are short on a fabric rather than discovering this little surprise at the end of cutting.
2. If you are cutting several layers of fabric at once, steam press the first fabric, place the second fabric on top of it, and press again, repeating until you've stacked as many as you are comfortable with. Ironing the fabrics together with steam makes them “cling” to each other, resulting in more precise cutting.