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68" x 68" Finished Quilt

Yardage Requirements:

- **Fabric A (medium tone):** 2-3/4 yards for blocks and border



- **Fabric B (dark print):** 1-1/2 yards



- **Fabric C (light print):** 2 yards



- **Fabric D (medium print):** 1-1/2 yards



- **Fabric E (light print):** 1 yard



- **Fabric F (light print):** 1 yard



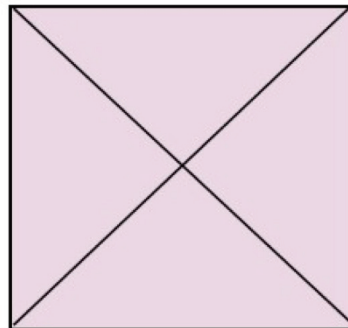
This quilt is made almost entirely from half square triangles (HST)! The “Magic 8” HST method generates 8 individual units from two squares of fabric quickly and efficiently.

How to make Magic 8 Half Square Triangles:

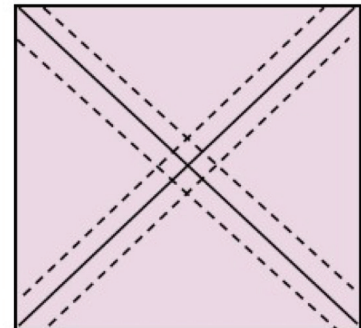
Cut two 9-inch squares from selected fabrics as indicated for each block.

Place 9-inch squares right sides together.

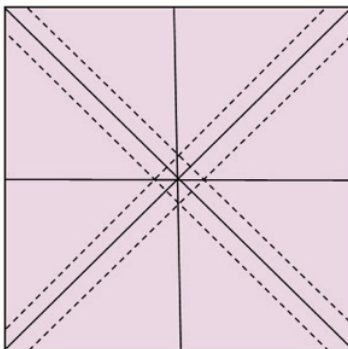
- 1** Draw an X from corner to corner.



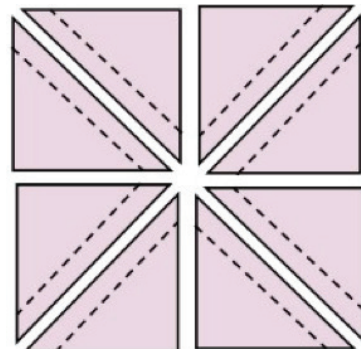
- 2** Sew a 1/4 inch from the drawn line, on each side.



- 3** Cut square on solid lines:



- 4** You will end up with:



IMPORTANT: Trim the triangles down to 3-1/2 inch triangles.
Press seams to the dark side.

Block A (Make 5 Blocks)

Cut 9-inch squares from each fabric as follows:

- Fabric A: 3 squares
- Fabric B: 11 squares
- Fabric C: 8 squares

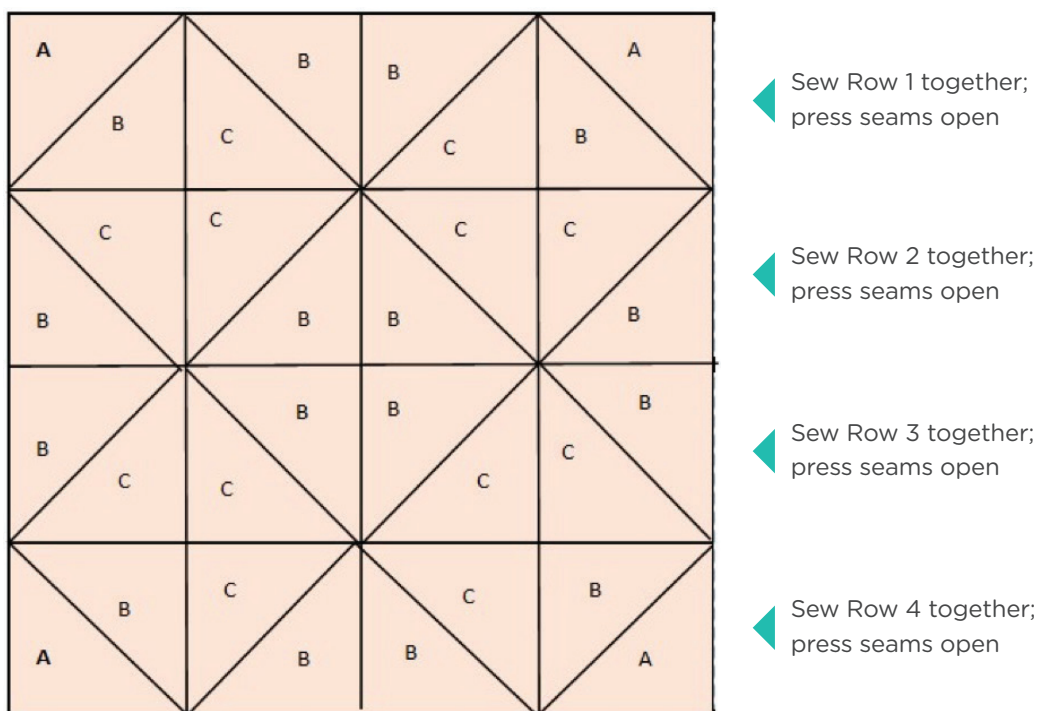
From fabric A + B squares, sew 3 Magic 8 HST units, making 24 HST total

From fabric B + C squares, sew 8 Magic 8 HST units, making 64 HST total

Remember to trim the HST units to 3-1/2 inches square.



Lay out your HST with fabric units as shown below:



Sew rows 1 and 2 together to form Unit 1+2. Match seams, and press seams open.

Sew rows 3 and 4 together to form Unit 3+4. Match seams, and press seams open.

Sew Unit 1+2 to Unit 3+4, matching seams, pressing seams open.

Block B (Make 12 blocks)

Cut 9-inch squares from each fabric as follows:

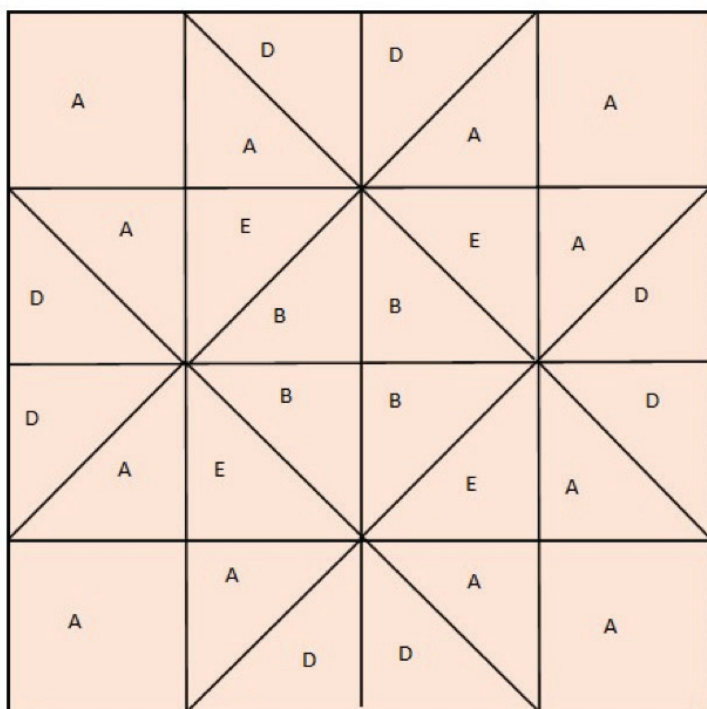
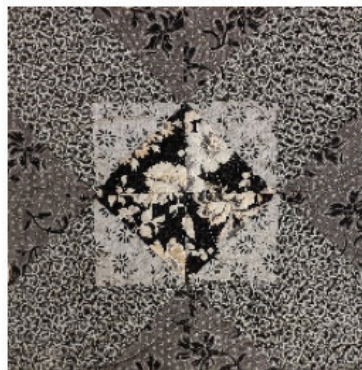
- Fabric A: 12 squares
- Fabric B: 6 squares
- Fabric D: 12 squares
- Fabric E: 6 squares

Also cut (48) 3-1/2 squares from Fabric A

From fabric A + D squares, sew 12 Magic 8 HST Units, making 96 HST total

From fabric B + E squares, sew 6 Magic 8 HST Units, making 48 HST total

Remember to trim the HST units to 3-1/2 inches square.



◀ Sew Row 1 together;
press seams open

◀ Sew Row 2 together;
press seams open

◀ Sew Row 3 together;
press seams open

◀ Sew Row 4 together;
press seams open

Sew rows 1 and 2 together to form Unit 1+2. Match seams and press seams open.

Sew rows 3 and 4 together to form Unit 3+4. Match seams and press seams open.

Sew Unit 1+2 and Unit 3+4 rows together, matching seams and pressing seams open.

Block C (Make 8 blocks)

Cut 9-inch squares from each fabric as follows:

- Fabric A: 4 squares
- Fabric C: 12 squares
- Fabric D: 4 squares
- Fabric E: 4 squares
- Fabric F: 8 squares

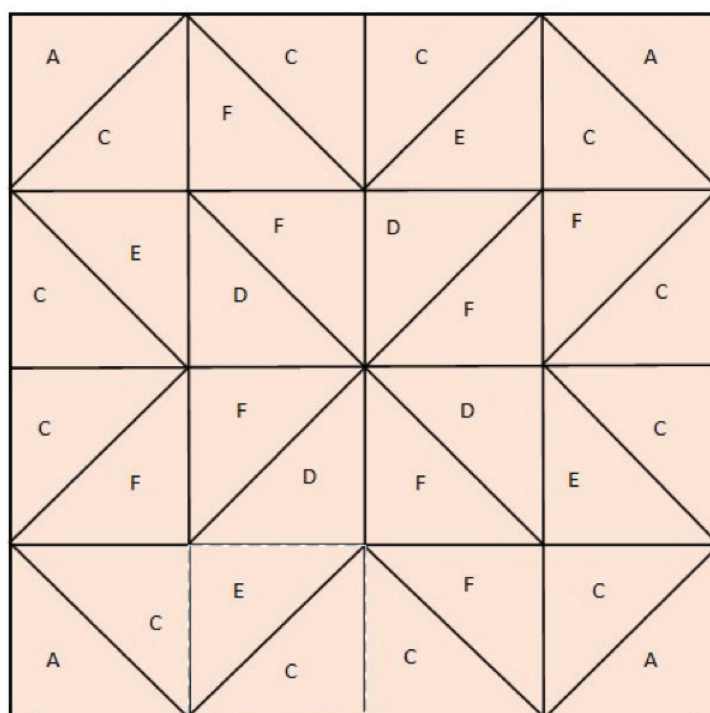
From Fabrics A + C, sew 4 Magic 8 HST, making 32 HST total

From Fabric C + F, sew 4 Magic 8 HST, making 32 HST total

From Fabric C + E, sew 4 Magic 8 HST, making 32 HST total

From Fabric D + F, sew 4 Magic 8 HST, making 32 HST total

Remember to trim the HST units to 3-1/2 inches square.



◀ Sew Row 1 together;
press seams open

◀ Sew Row 2 together;
press seams open

◀ Sew Row 3 together;
press seams open

◀ Sew Row 4 together;
press seams open

Sew rows 1 and 2 together to form Unit 1+2; match seams, and press seams open.

Sew row 3 and 4 together to form Unit 3+4; match seams, and press seams open.

Sew Unit 1+2 and Unit 3+4 together, matching seams and pressing seams open.

Block Assembly:

Layout blocks as shown below. Sew blocks into rows, press seams open.
Sew rows together, press seams open.

A	B	C	B	A
B	C	B	C	B
C	B	A	B	C
B	C	B	C	B
A	B	C	B	A

Borders:

From Fabric A, cut 7 strips measuring 4-1/2" wide by the width of fabric. Sew strips together on short sides. Measure your quilt from top to bottom in the center and along the left and right sides. Find the average length among those 3 measurements and cut two strips from the long border strip to this length (should be close to 60-1/2"). Sew to the sides of your quilt. Press seams towards the border.

Now measure the width of your quilt across the middle, as well as across the top edge and bottom edge. Find the average measurement for this width and cut two more strips from the long border strip to this size (should be close to 68-1/2"). Sew to the top and bottom of your quilt. Press seams towards the border.

Congratulations! You made a quilt constructed almost entirely out of half square triangles!