

Step One - Creating the Center Block

You'll need the following:

- D1** 3 Strip 1 ½" x Width of Fabric
- M1** 3 Strip 1 ½" x Width of Fabric
- B** 2 Strip 1 ½" x Width of Fabric

Hint: Save the leftover strips to be used in later steps. If you use up the leftover strips as you go, you will have a more usable piece of fabric at the end.

TIP: It is imperative that your units measure what is listed – make adjustments now, otherwise it will affect your total design. You will need to make adjustments through the rest of the steps.

You will be using the 1 ½" Dark #1 and Medium #1 strips to create 2-patches. Layer right sides together. Sew down the lengthwise edge of the strip. Press the seam allowance toward the Dark. The strip should measure 2 ½" x length of the strip. **NOTE: You may not need the whole strips to get the number of units listed.**

Hint: When pressing, be careful not to skew the strip.



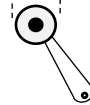
Create 2 strips measuring 2 ½" x WOF



Subcut the strips into 1 ½" units.



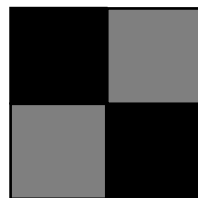
Create 32 units measuring 1 ½" X 2 ½".



Layer units with the opposite colors facing. Sew down the length. Press seam allowance to the side. Create 16 4-Patches measuring 2 ½".

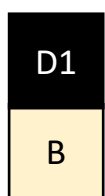


+

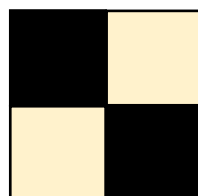


Create 16 units measuring 2 ½".
Set aside 8 for later

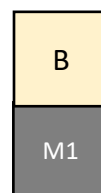
Repeat the process with the remaining Dark #1 strip and the Background strip, as well as the Medium #1 strip and Background strip. Press the seam allowance to the side.



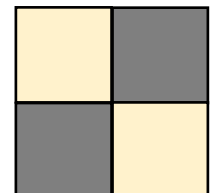
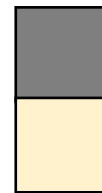
+



Create 8 Dark/Background
units measuring 2 ½".



+



Create 4
Medium #1/Background units
measuring 2 ½".

Step One - Creating the Center Block Continued

You'll need the following:

D1 1 ½" Squares (32)

L 1 ½" strip (1)

M2 1 ½" strip (1)

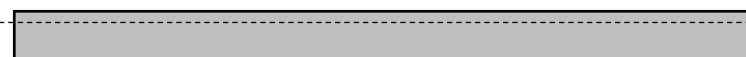
TIP: it is imperative that your units measure what is listed – make adjustments now, otherwise it will affect your total design. You will need to make adjustments through the rest of the steps.

You will be using the 1 ½" Light and Medium #2 strips to create 2-patches. Layer right sides together. Sew down the lengthwise edge of the strip. Press the seam allowance toward the darker color fabric. The strip should measure 2 ½" x length of the strip.

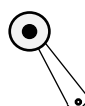
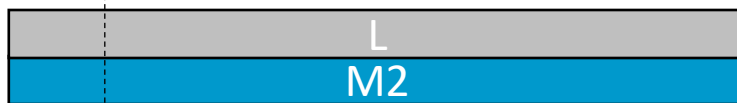
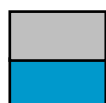
Hint: When pressing, be careful not to skew the strip.



Create 1 strip measuring 2 ½" x WOF

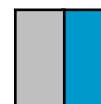
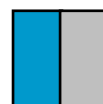


Subcut the strips into 2 ½" units.

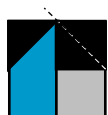
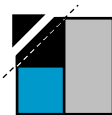
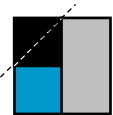


Create 16 units measuring 2 ½".

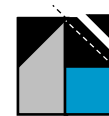
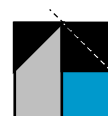
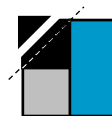
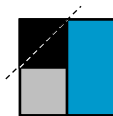
Separate units into two piles - it is important to have different orientations.



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of 32 Dark #1 1 ½" squares (you can also press them in half diagonally). Layer the Dark squares on the units as shown in the diagram. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim 1/4" from the sewing line toward the outside corner. Press seam allowance toward the outside. Repeat on the other top corner as shown. Create 16 units measuring 2 ½".



Create 8 measuring 2 ½".



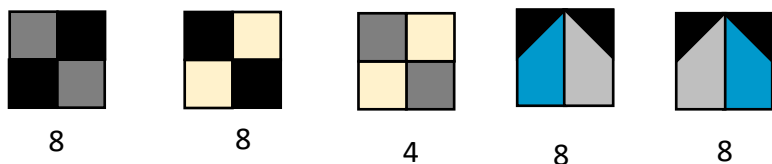
Create 8 measuring 2 ½".



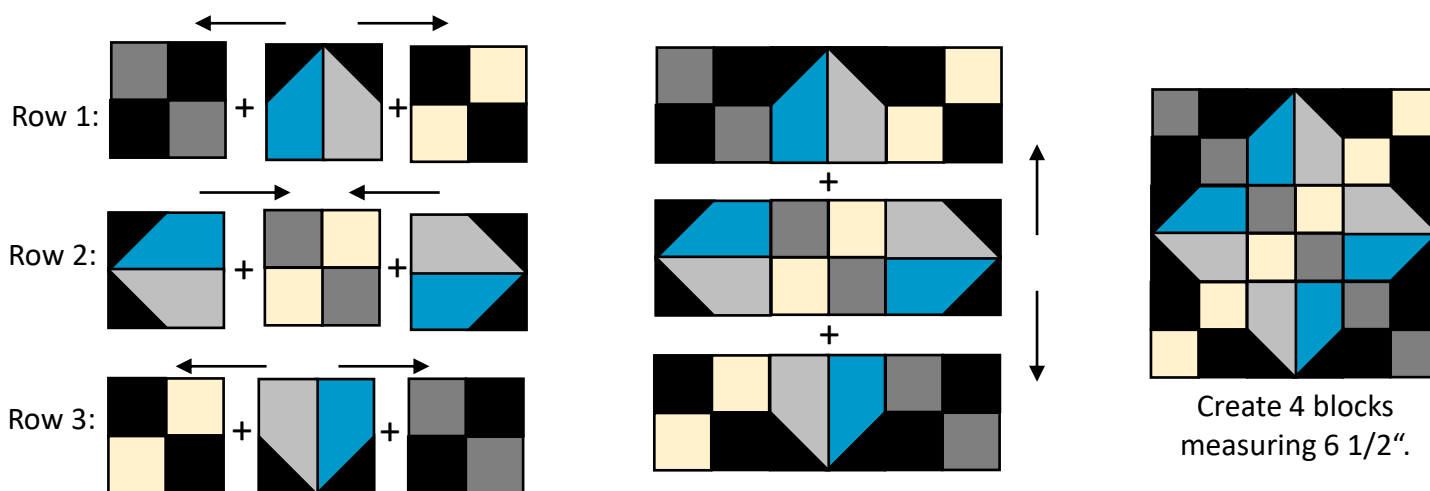
NOTE: Do you have 8 of both orientations?

Step One - Creating the Center Block Continued

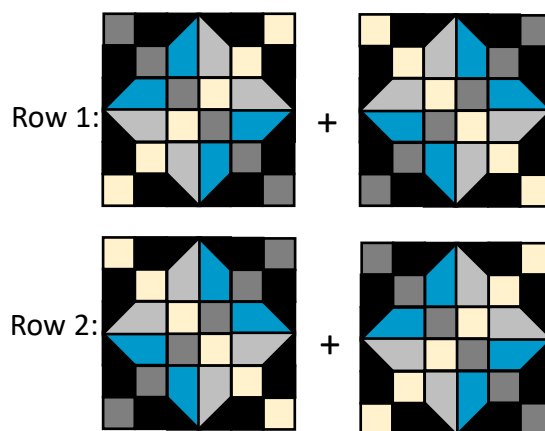
You'll need the following:



Sew the blocks into rows. Press seam allowance to the side. Sew the rows together to create your block. Press the seam allowance to the side in the direction of the arrows (toward the 4-patch).



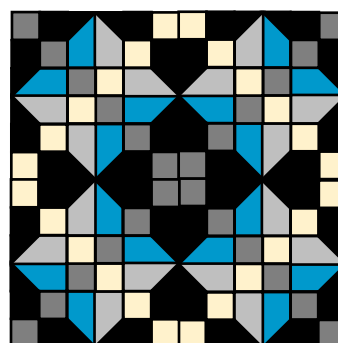
Sew the 4 blocks into a larger center block. Pay attention to the orientation of the blocks, otherwise, you will lose the center design. Press the seam allowance to the side.



HINT: When it comes to the direction for pressing the seam allowance, there are times you will choose the opposite direction of what is in the instructions – because your block lays better. Always do what is best for your quilt. Pressing directions are suggestions.

The center block must measure 12 1/2" square – otherwise, it will impact the rest of your design. Make adjustments now.

Most rounds consist of pieced blocks, and if your sizes are off, the next rounds won't fit correctly.



Create 1 block measuring 12 1/2" square.

Step One - Creating the Center Block Border

You'll need the following:

D1

1 ½" squares - 4

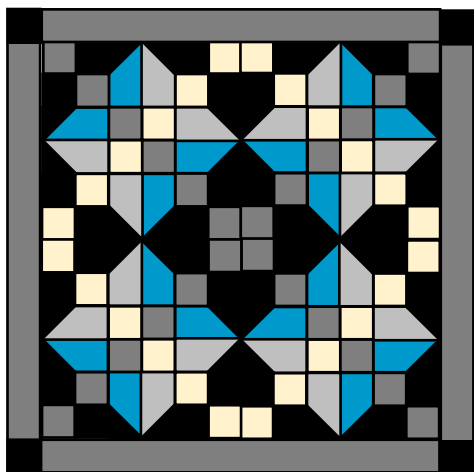
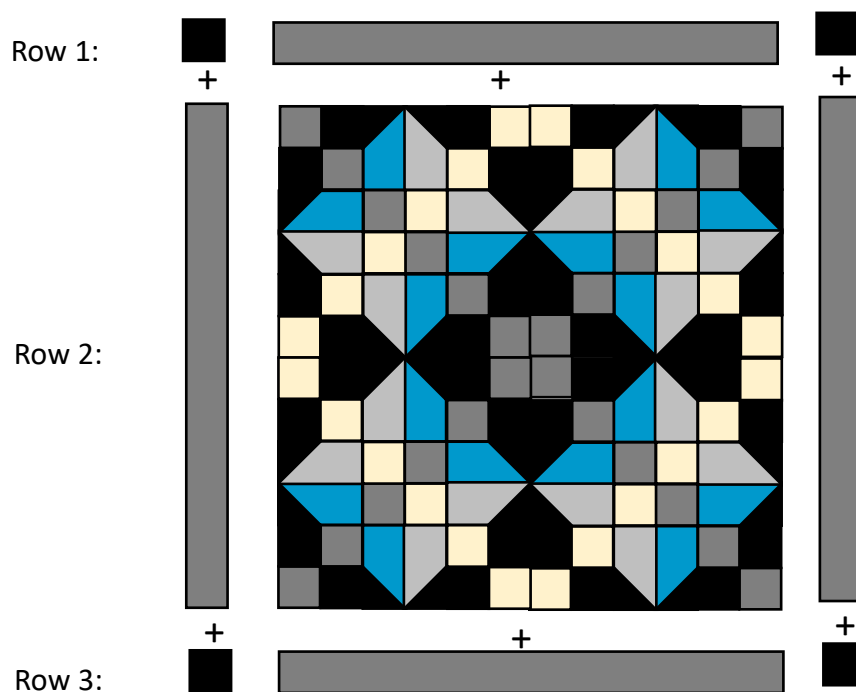
M1

1 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangles – 4

Hint: Set aside the leftover strips, you can use them in later steps.

TIP: it is imperative that your units measure what is listed – make adjustments now, otherwise it will affect your total design. You will need to make adjustments through the rest of the steps.

Sew the blocks into rows as shown, sew the rows together to create the center block. Press the seam allowance toward the border.



Create 1 block measuring 14 ½" square.
This is the Center Block with a Border.

TIP: Measure across the middle of this block in a couple of areas (not at the edges) to make sure it measures 14 1/2". The edges can be longer due to stretchy edges.

Each Step will be based on the step before – it is important that your blocks measure accurately.