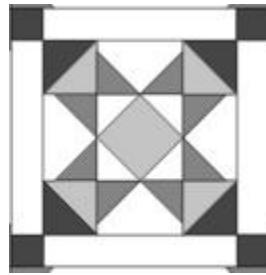


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You'll need the following:

## Background

- 2" x 9 1/2" rectangles – 4
- 3" x 4 1/2" rectangles – 4
- 2 1/2" squares – 4 (draw diagonal line on wrong side)



## Color #1

- 4 1/2" square – 1
- 3 1/2" square – 2 (draw diagonal line on wrong side)

## Color #2

- 2 1/2" squares – 8 (draw diagonal line on wrong side)

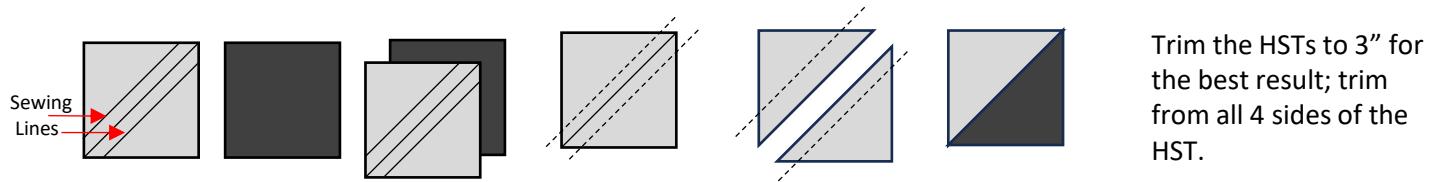
## Color #3

- 2" squares – 4
- 3 1/2" squares - 2

### Creating Half Square Triangles - (HST)

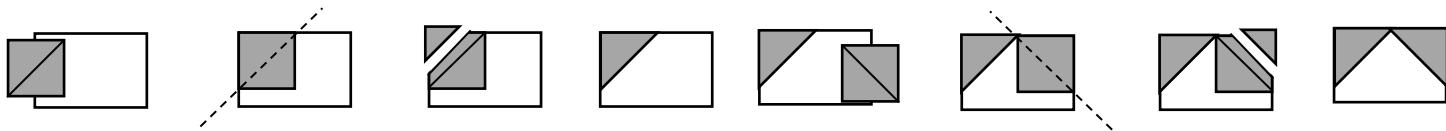
You will be using the 3 1/2" Color #1 squares and the 3 1/2" Color #3 squares to create HSTs. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Color #1 squares. Draw another diagonal line on both sides of the first line, 1/4" away from the first line. The second set of lines is your sewing lines.

Once you have sewn on both the outside lines, cut apart on the middle line using your rotary cutter and ruler. Finger press open to prevent distortion. Press the fabrics toward the darker fabric. Create 4 HSTs that measure 3".



### Creating Thick Flying Geese Units

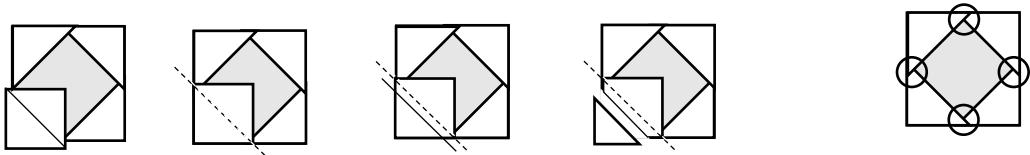
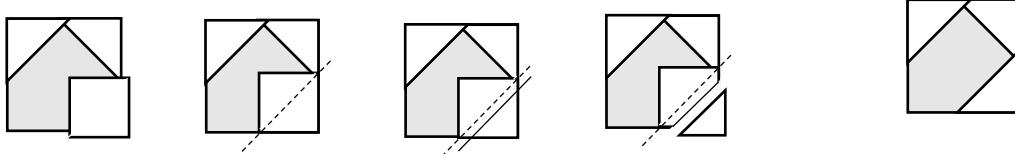
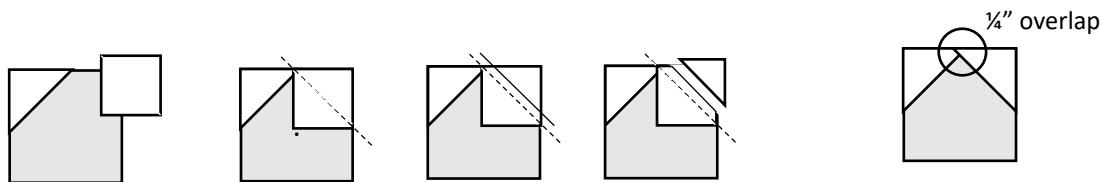
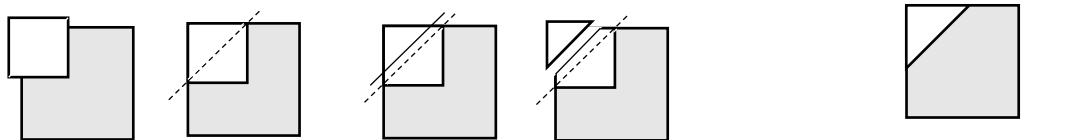
Layer a 2" Color#2 square with the 3" x 4 1/2" Background rectangle, right sides together. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim 1/4" from the diagonal line toward the outside corner, as shown. Press the seam allowance toward the outside. Repeat on the other top corner as shown in the diagram below. There will be a 1/4" overlap where the Color #2 units meet in the middle. This is to compensate for the seam allowance when you are sewing the units together as you create your blocks. Create 4 units measuring 3" x 4 1/2".



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Layer Background 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " square on the Color #1 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " square right sides together, as shown in the diagram. Pay attention to the direction of the drawn line on the Background squares. Sew on the drawn line. Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the line toward the outside corner.

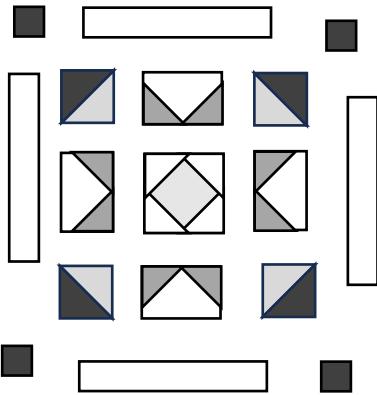
**Hint:** When pressing, be careful not to stretch the unit.



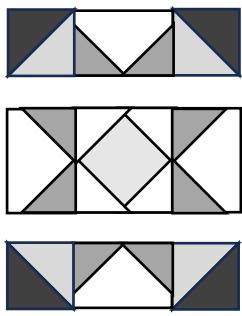
1/4" overlaps  
Block measures  
4 1/2" square

Layout the units as shown in Step 1. Sew the center block together as shown in Step 2. Pay close attention to the orientation of the units. Add the outside border as shown in Step 3. Press the seam allowance to the side. Your block should measure 12 1/2".

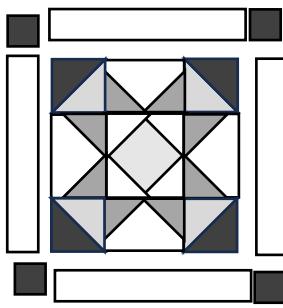
Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4

