

February 2026 Block of the Month

You'll need the following:

Background

2"x9 1/2" rectangles – 4

2 3/8" squares – 4 (cut once on the diagonal to create 8 triangles)

4 1/2" squares – 2 (draw a diagonal line on the wrong side)

Color #1

3 1/2" square – 1

3 7/8" Square – 2 (cut once on the diagonal to create 4 triangles)

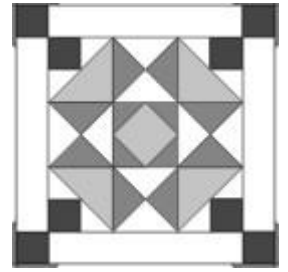
Color #2

4 1/2" squares - 2

2" squares – 4 (draw a diagonal line on the wrong side)

Color #3

2" squares - 8

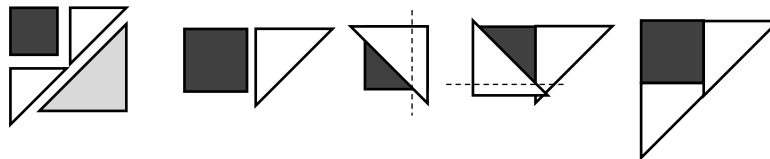


Ohio Star Variation
using Cat's Cradle
units

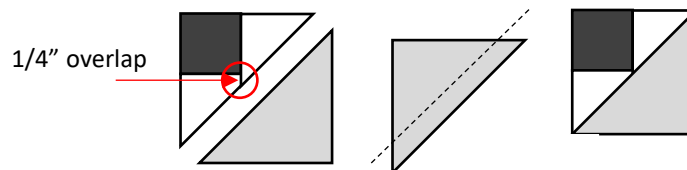
Cat's Cradle Units

You will need a Color #3 square, two background triangles, and a Color #1 triangle. It is important not stretch the long side of the triangles. There are other options for creating this unit, but we will use the exact measurements required.

Layer the background triangle on the Color #3 square as shown and sew. Press the seam allowance towards the triangle. Repeat on the adjacent side as shown below. Press the seam allowance toward the triangle. Create 4 units.

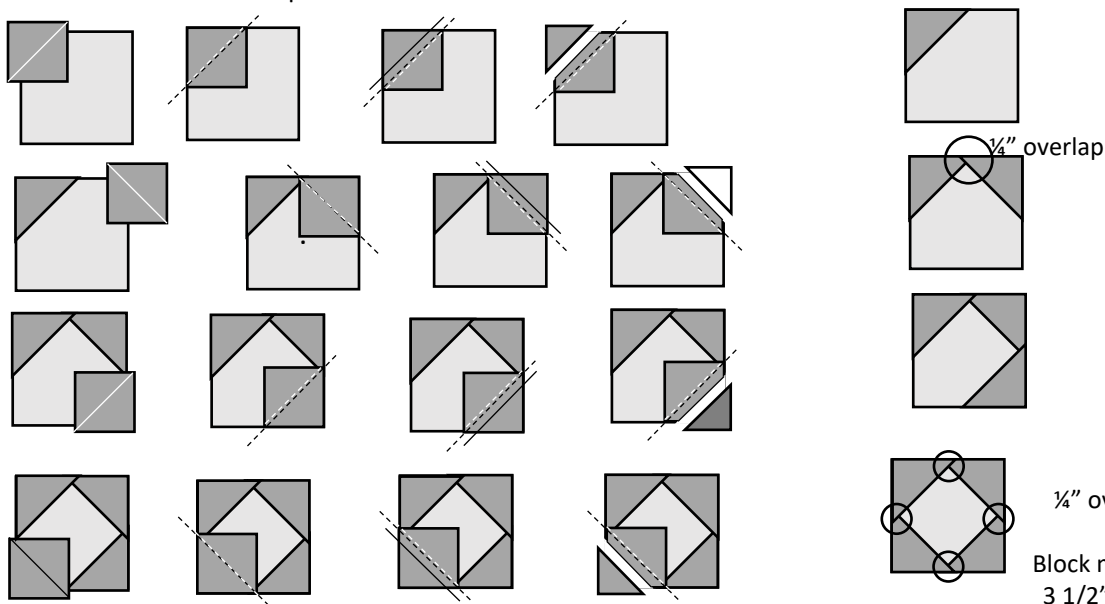


Now, to add the Color #1 triangle to complete the Cat's Cradle unit. The overlap shown should be 1/4" to compensate for the seam allowance. Press the seam allowance toward Color #1 triangle.



Create 4 Cat's Cradle units
that measure 3 1/2" square

Layer the Color #2 2" square on the Color #1 3 1/2" square right sides together, as shown in the diagram. Pay attention to the direction of the drawn line on the Color #2 squares. Sew on the drawn line. Trim 1/4" from the line toward the outside corner.

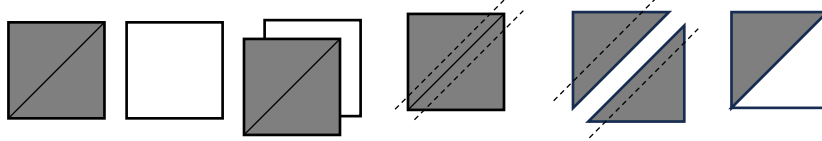


1/4" overlaps
Block measures
3 1/2" square

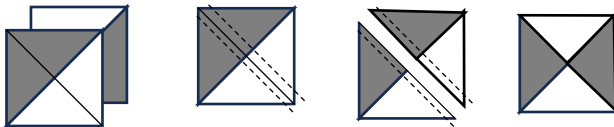
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Creating Quarter Square Triangles

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 4 1/2" background squares. Layer a Color #2 square with a background square, right sides together. Sew 1/4" from the diagonal line, on both sides of the diagonal line. Cut apart on the diagonal line. Carefully press the seam allowance toward the Color #2 fabric. Create 4 HST units.



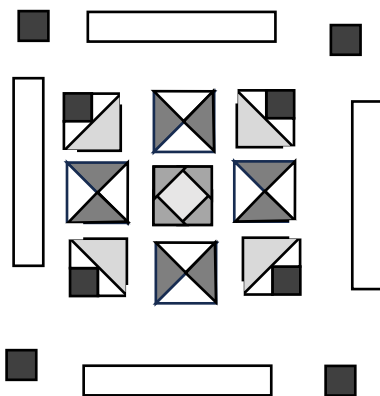
Separate the HST's into groups as shown below. Draw diagonal lines on the wrong side of half of the HST's. Make sure you use the opposite diagonal as shown in the diagram. Layer the HST's with lines on the HST's without lines, right sides together and opposite colors facing. Sew 1/4" from the diagonal line on both sides of the line. Cut apart on the diagonal line. Press carefully to the side.



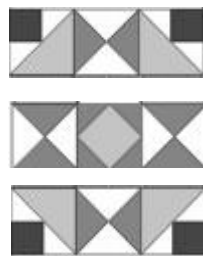
Create 4 and trim to 3 1/2" square. For best results, trim from all 4 sides of the QST.

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".

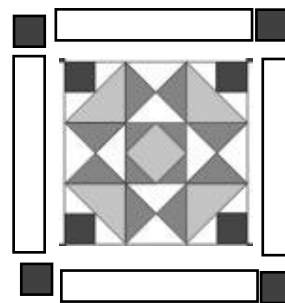
Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4

