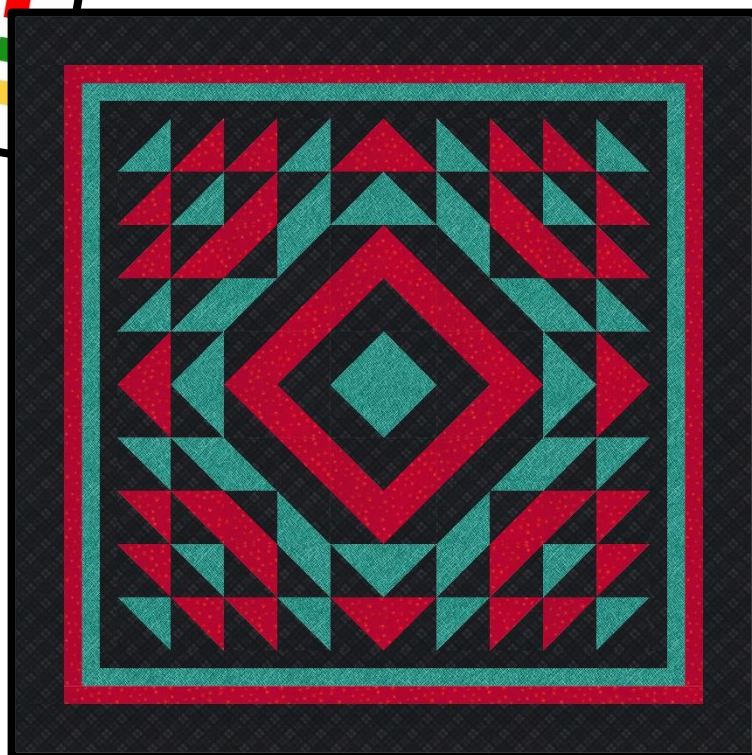
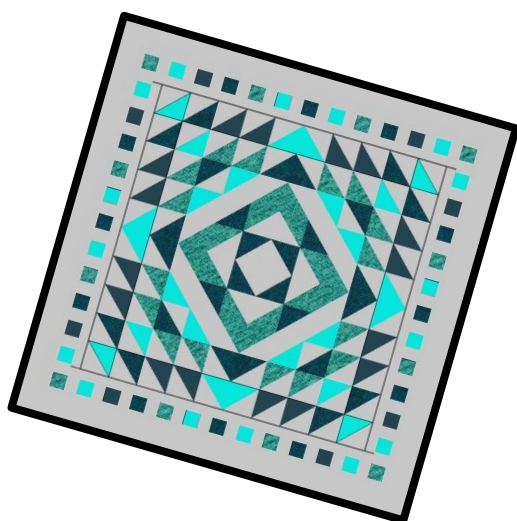


# Advent Scrap Along IV

## A Scrappy HST Quilt Sampler

By Marianne Jeffrey



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# Introduction

This quilt was designed to use scrappy squares of any size depending on your preference.

The information and directions on pages 3 to 11 are relevant to the entire project. The basic construction fundamentals are the same regardless which size scrappy square you are working with. Once you understand those basic skills you are ready to begin piecing the fun sampler quilt block designs that are included in this quilt-a-long.

I hope you  
enjoy this  
design!

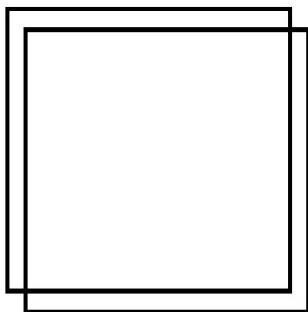
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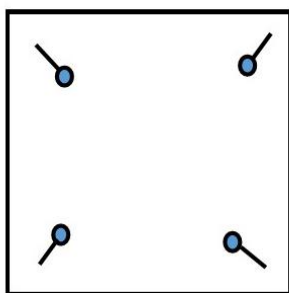
# Tutorial

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## How to make 4 quick half square triangles!

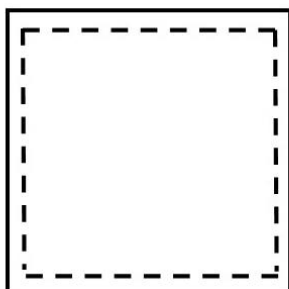


Place 2 squares of fabric right sides together

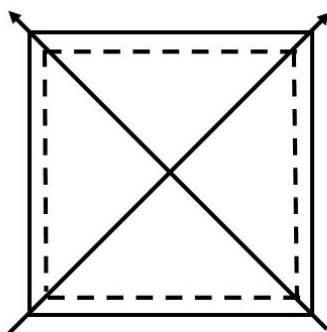


Line them up together

Pin in the 4 corners



Sew a 1/4 inch seam all the way around them



Using a quilt ruler and rotary cutter cut the block in half on both diagonals

Press them open and you have 4 HSTs!

# How to Get Started

## Step 1

Make a Half Square Triangle (HST) or set of HSTs your desired size.

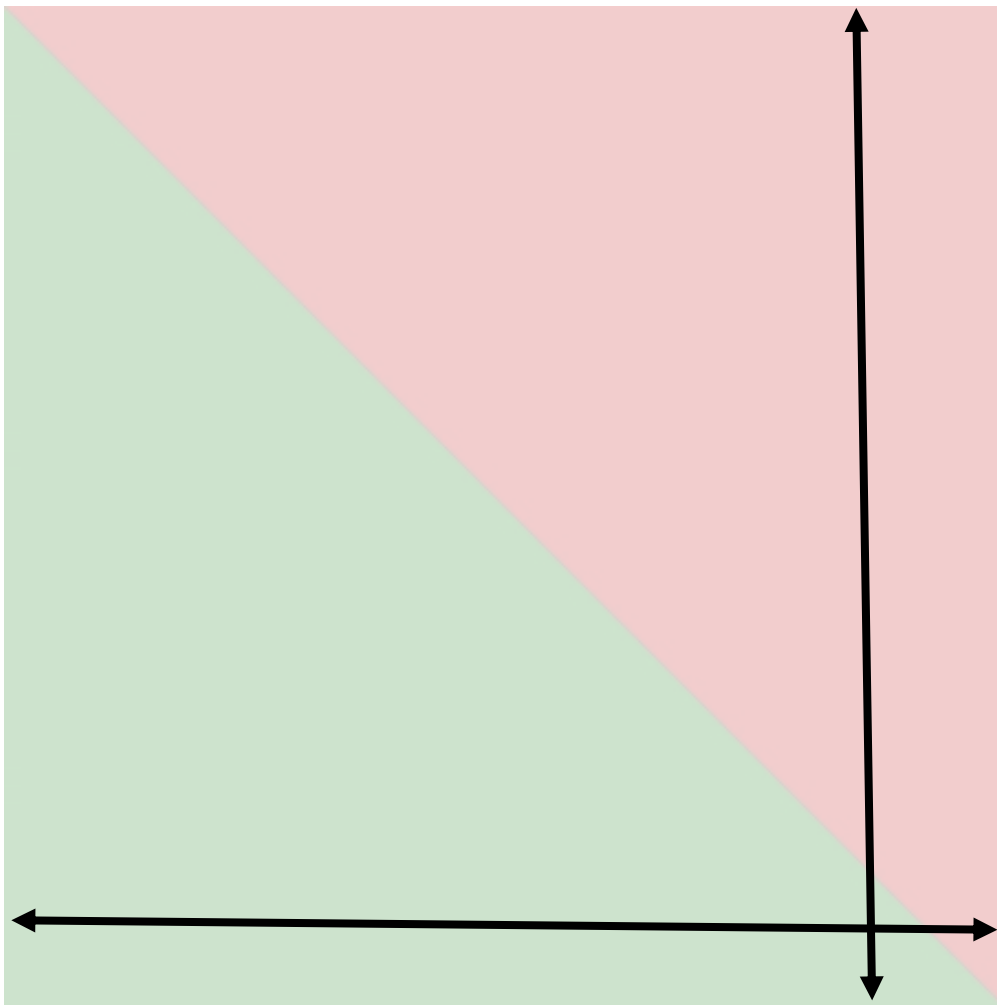
I like to use 9" squares and I piece them using the method shown on page 3, this yields 4 HSTs from 2 nine-inch squares of fabric.

Why nine-inch squares? Because you can cut 4 from a fat quarter.

**YOU CAN MAKE YOUR HSTs ANY SIZE AND USE ANY METHOD YOU PREFER!**

## Step 2

If necessary, trim your HST to square them up.



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# Block Construction

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## Piecing Instructions

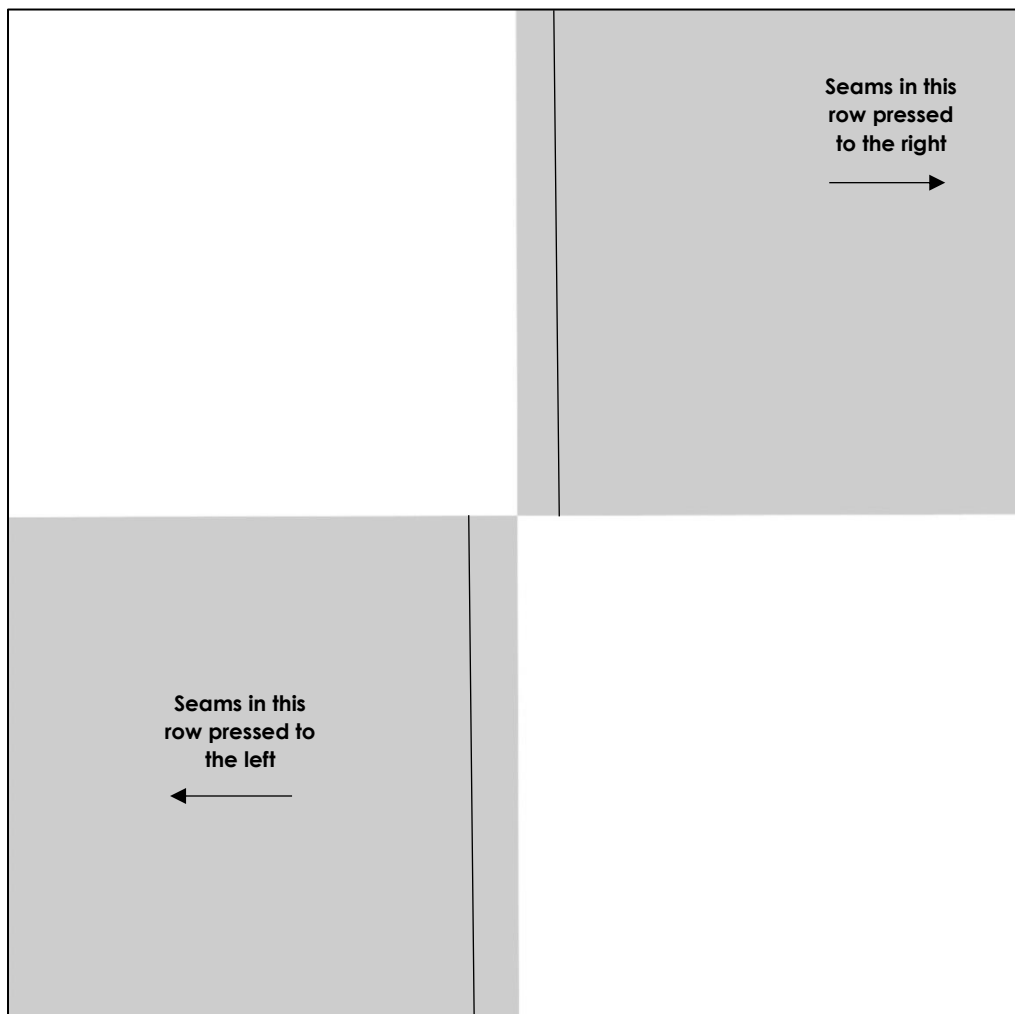
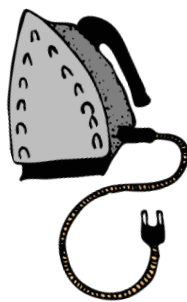
1. Piece your HSTs using your preferred HST method
2. Layout your scrappy squares & HST blocks as shown in the daily block diagram.
3. Sew them together in rows.
4. Sew the rows together to form the block.
5. Note the pressing tip over page and be sure to align your seams as you go; depending on your preferred pressing method.



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# Pressing TIP!

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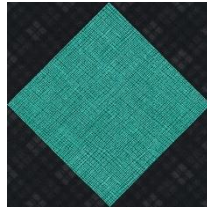
To reduce the bulk of the seams, alternate which direction you press your seams for each row,  
**or press your seams open.**

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# Advent Scrap-a-long Schedule

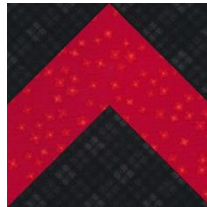
There are 25 blocks in this design, you can make one a day between December 1 and 25 or you can make them in batches. The instructions are written to suit either method.

Block 1 – make 1

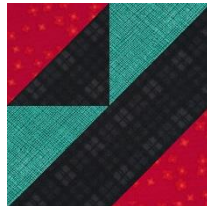


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Block 2 – make 4



Block 3 – make 4



Block 4 – make 4



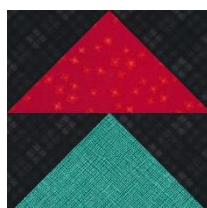
Block 5a – make 4



Block 5b – make 4



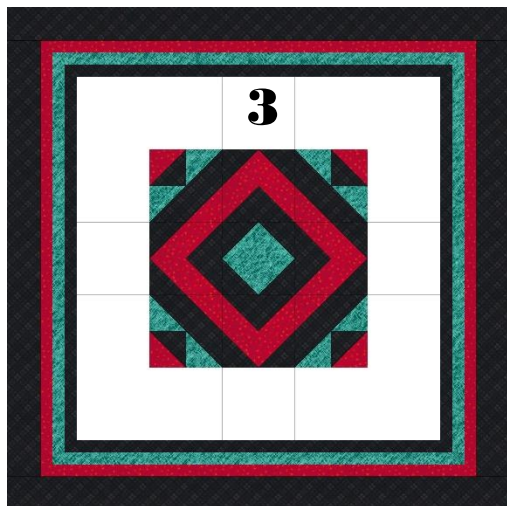
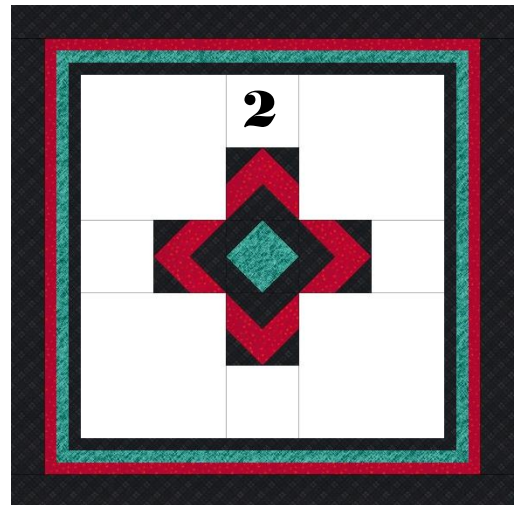
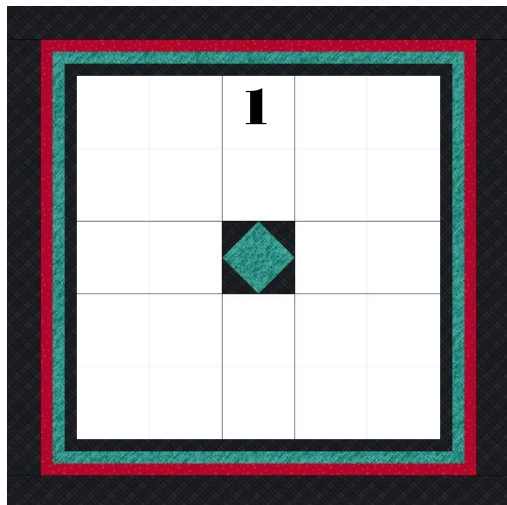
Block 6 – make 4



# Advent Scrap-a-long Phases

Borders are included in these images on for illustrative purposes so you can see the scope of the design as it progresses.

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Final Blocks are complete!  
Time to add borders!

## Sashing and Borders

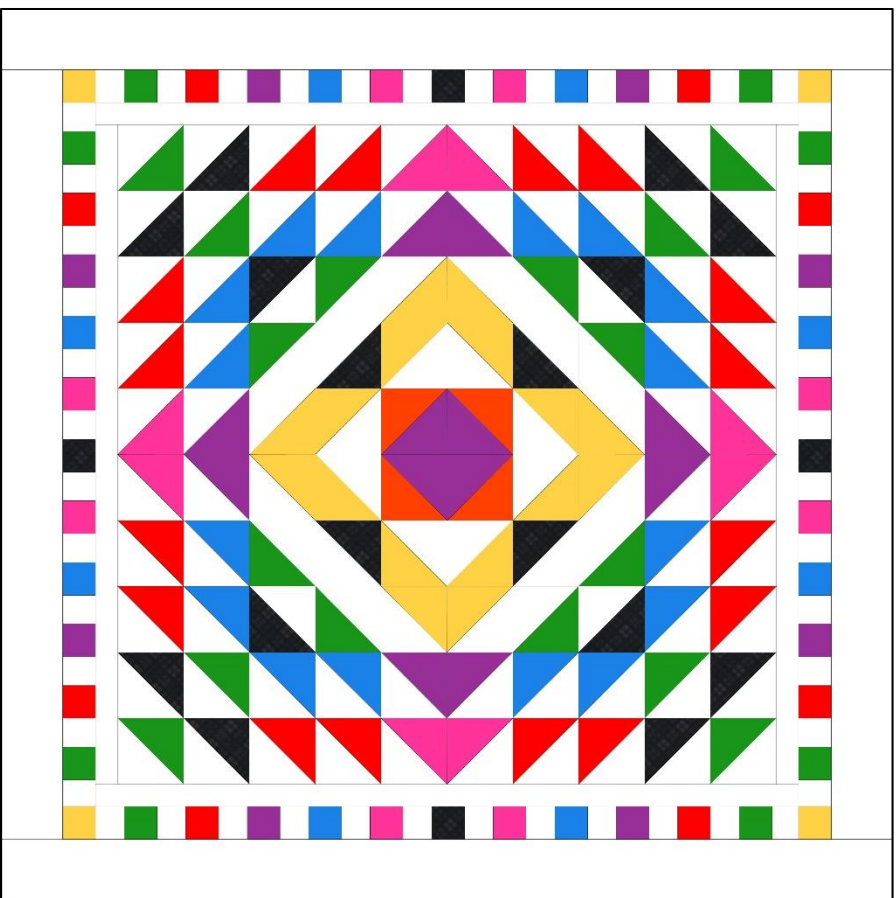
Precise sashing and border measurements **are not provided** because this pattern can be used with any size scrappy squares. You could choose to add basic borders as shown below for the simple sampler or you could use up scrappy squares as shown in the border concept overpage.

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## Border concept 2

Scrappy rainbow  
squares to frame!



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## Border Concept 3

Large Flying Geese  
Blocks to frame!

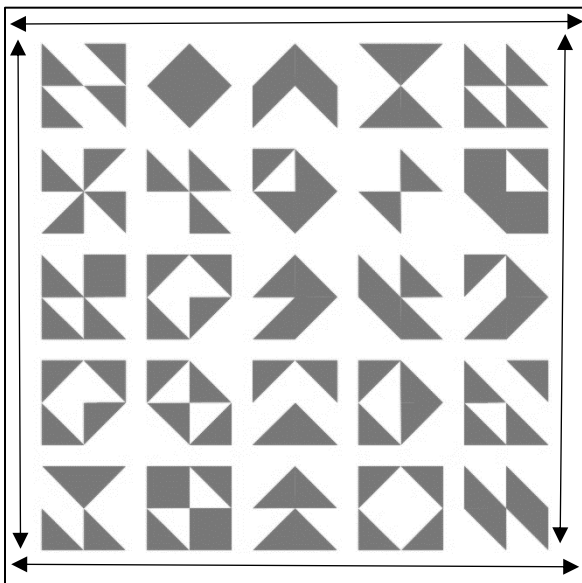


Here's a useful tip  
for border  
measurement  
that helps achieve  
a square quilt top!

## Border Length Tip

I am not providing border length measurements for two reasons.

1. The quilt can be made with any size square, so I can't calculate them all in this lifetime!
2. Scrap quilt borders should always be calculated as shown below (due to the number of seams, and possible  $\frac{1}{4}$  seam accuracy issues on each person's sewing machine)



**E.g. This example is shown for border 3 but, I advise using this method for all scrap quilt borders.**

Measure both sides of your quilt.

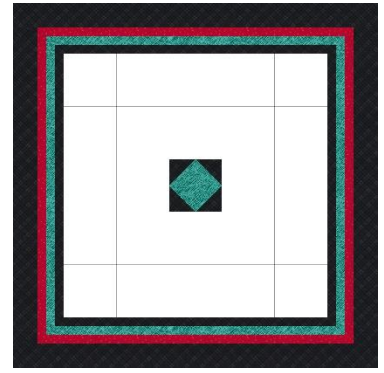
Add those 2 numbers together and divide by 2. That is the length you will cut your side borders this averages the numbers.

Measure both the top and bottom of your quilt.

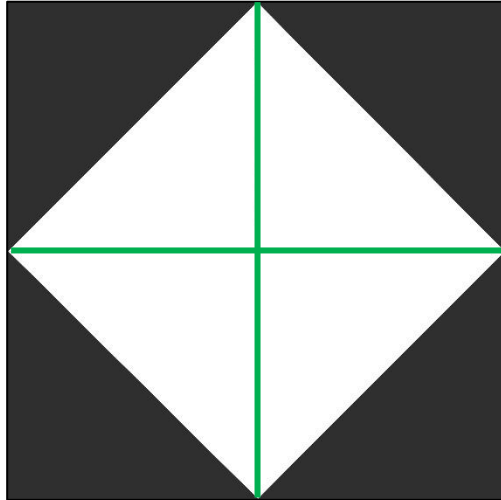
Add those 2 numbers together and divide by 2. That is the length you will cut your top and bottom borders.

# Block 1 – Make 1

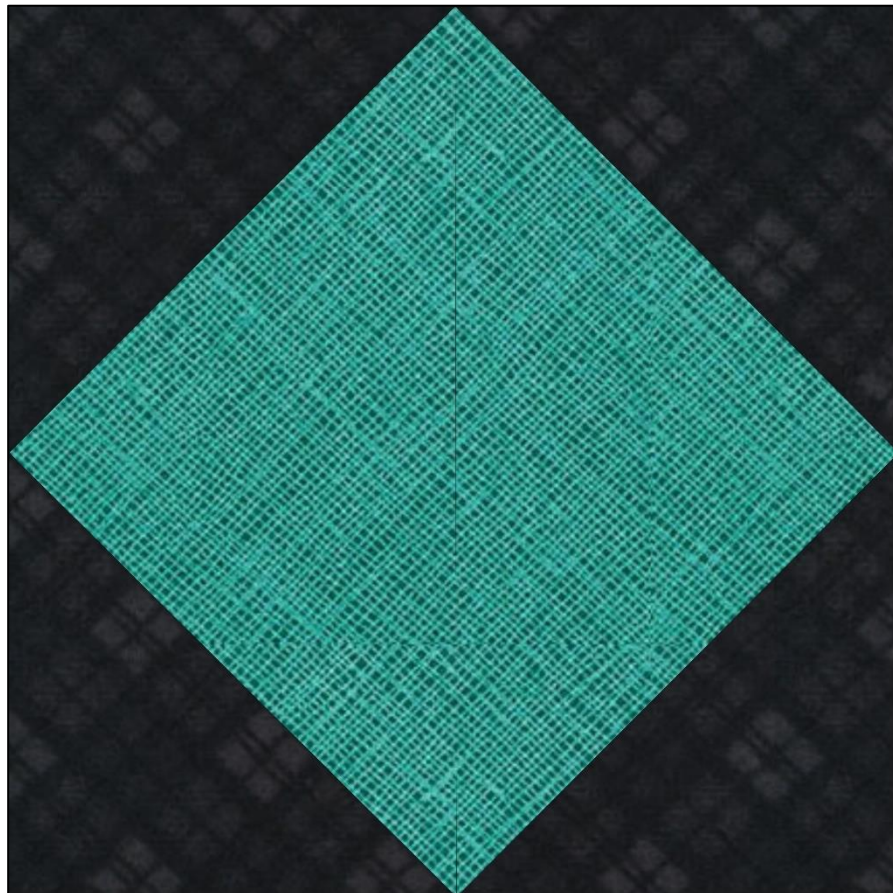
December 1st



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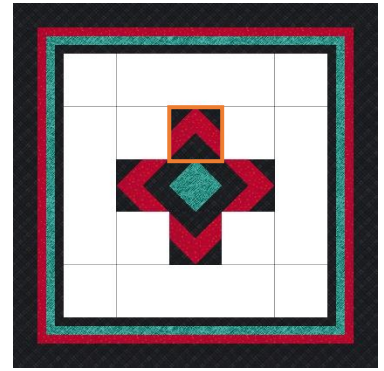
4 HSTs



# Block 2 – Make 4

Phase 2: December 2, 3, 4, 5

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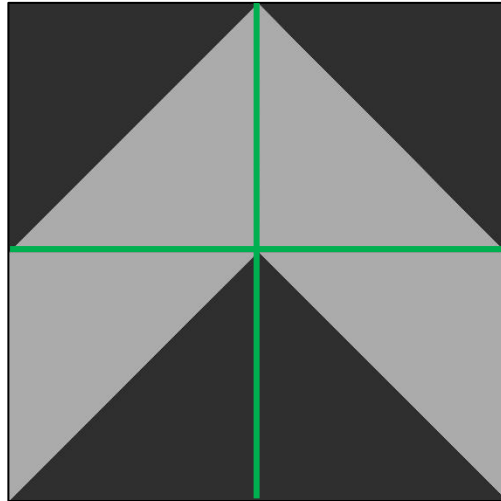


## Batch making instructions:

16 HSTs in total

## Individual block making instructions:

4 HST per block





## Block 3 – Make 4

Phase 3: December 6, 7, 8, 9

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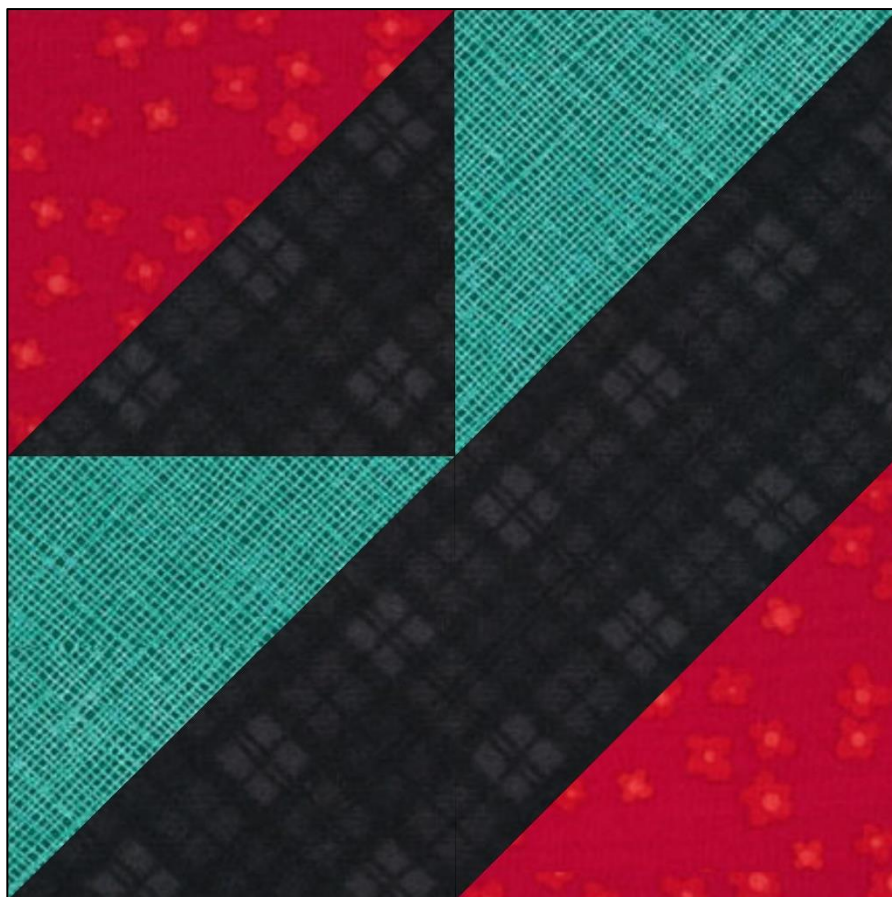
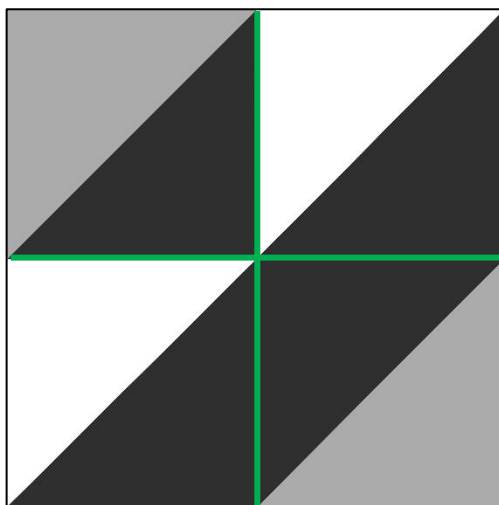
### Batch making instructions:

8 HSTs in #1 colorway

8 HSTs in #2 colorway

### Individual block making instructions:

2 HST of each colorway per block





# Block 4 – Make 4

Phase 4: December 10, 11, 12, 13

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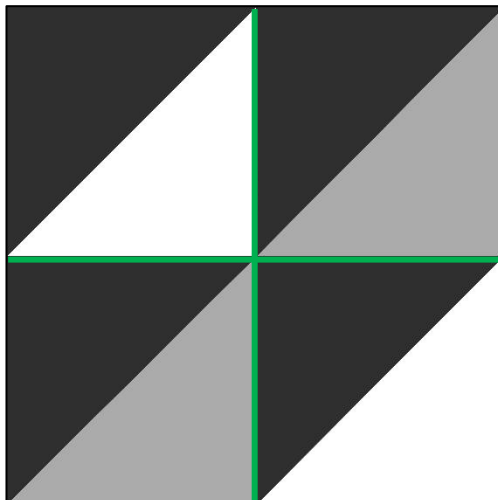
## Batch making instructions:

8 HSTs in #1 colorway

8 HSTs in #2 colorway

## Individual block making instructions:

2 HST of each colorway per block





# Block 5a – Make 4

Phase 5a: December 14, 15, 16, 17

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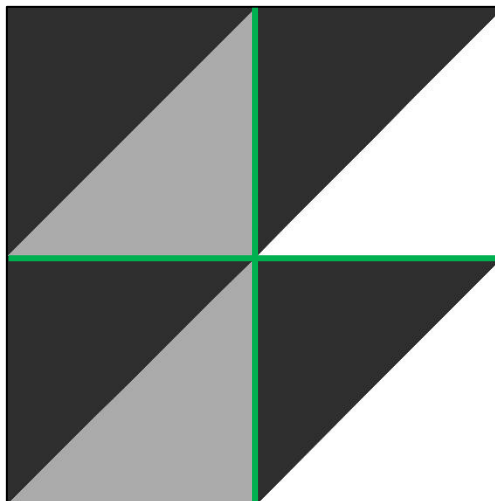
## Batch making instructions:

8 HSTs in #1 colorway

8 HSTs in #2 colorway

## Individual block making instructions:

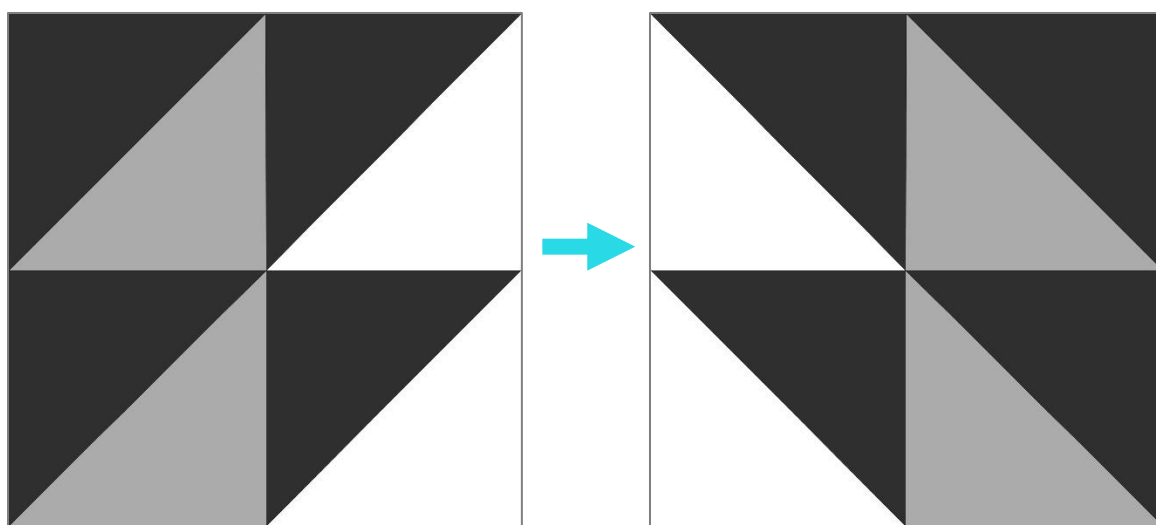
2 HST of each colorway per block



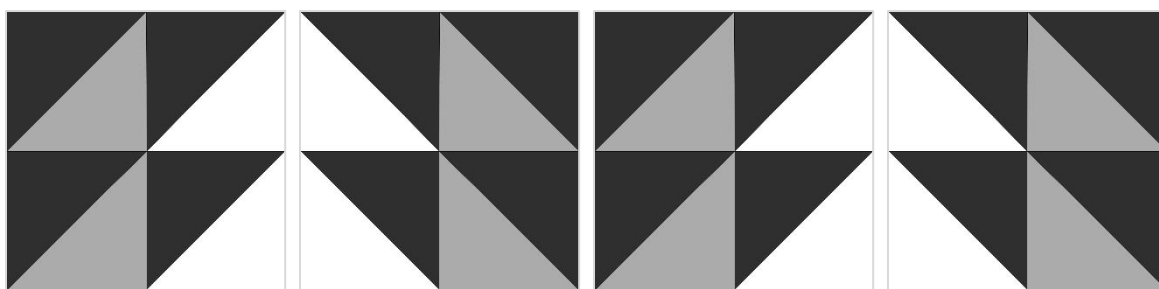
# Block Mirroring

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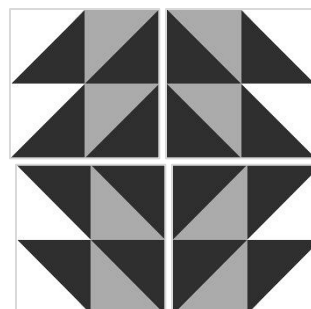
4 patch HST block construction is very simple and the blocks are very versatile but to increase the versatility of the 4 patch HST blocks you can mirror the layout of non-symmetrical blocks as you construct the block!



When you construct the blocks simply move the non-symmetrical pieces to the opposite side of the block and rotate them 180° before sewing the block together. Generally, you will need to mirror 50% of the mirror blocks used in a design to gain symmetry in the overall design.



Mirroring allows you to create far more variety in block and border elements.





## Block 5b – Make 4

Phase 5b: December 18, 19, 20, 21

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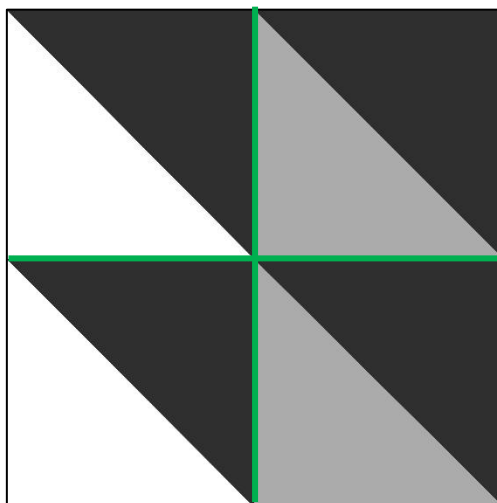
### Batch making instructions:

8 HSTs in #1 colorway

8 HSTs in #2 colorway

### Individual block making instructions:

2 HST of each colorway per block





# Block 6 – Make 4

Phase 6: December 22, 23, 24, 25

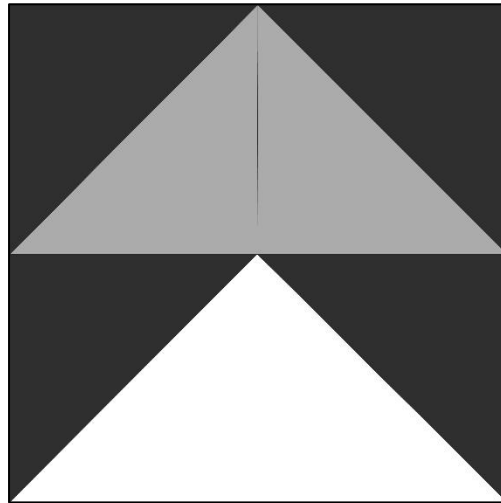
## Batch making instructions:

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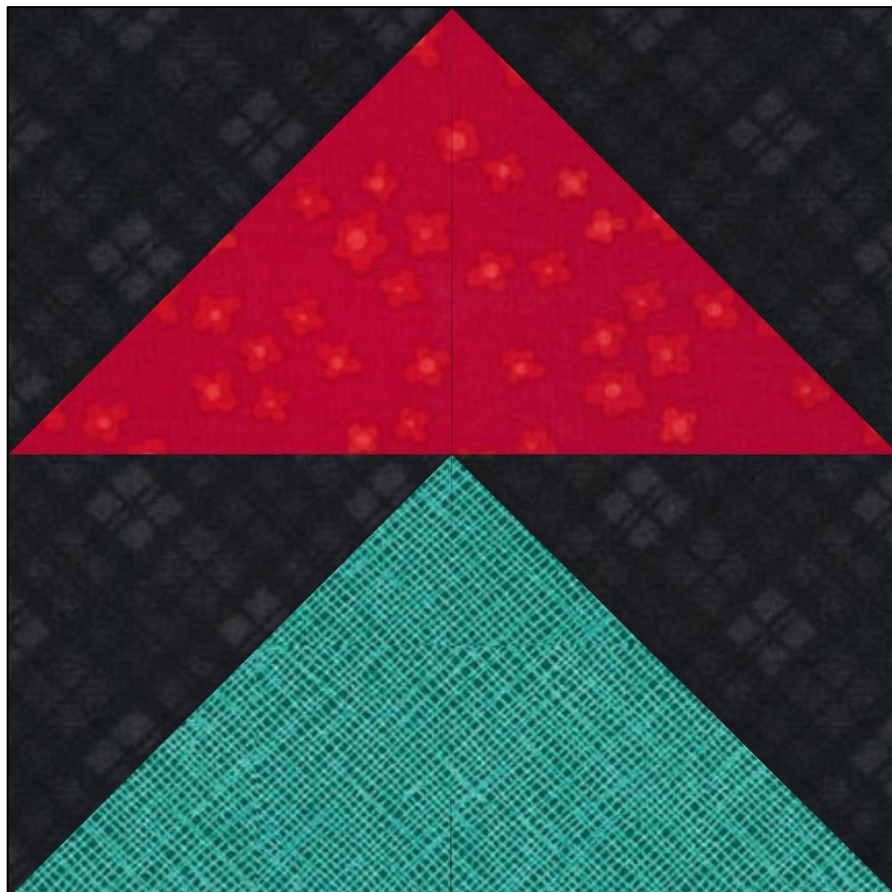
8 HSTs in #2 colorway

## Individual block making instructions:

2 HST of each colorway per block

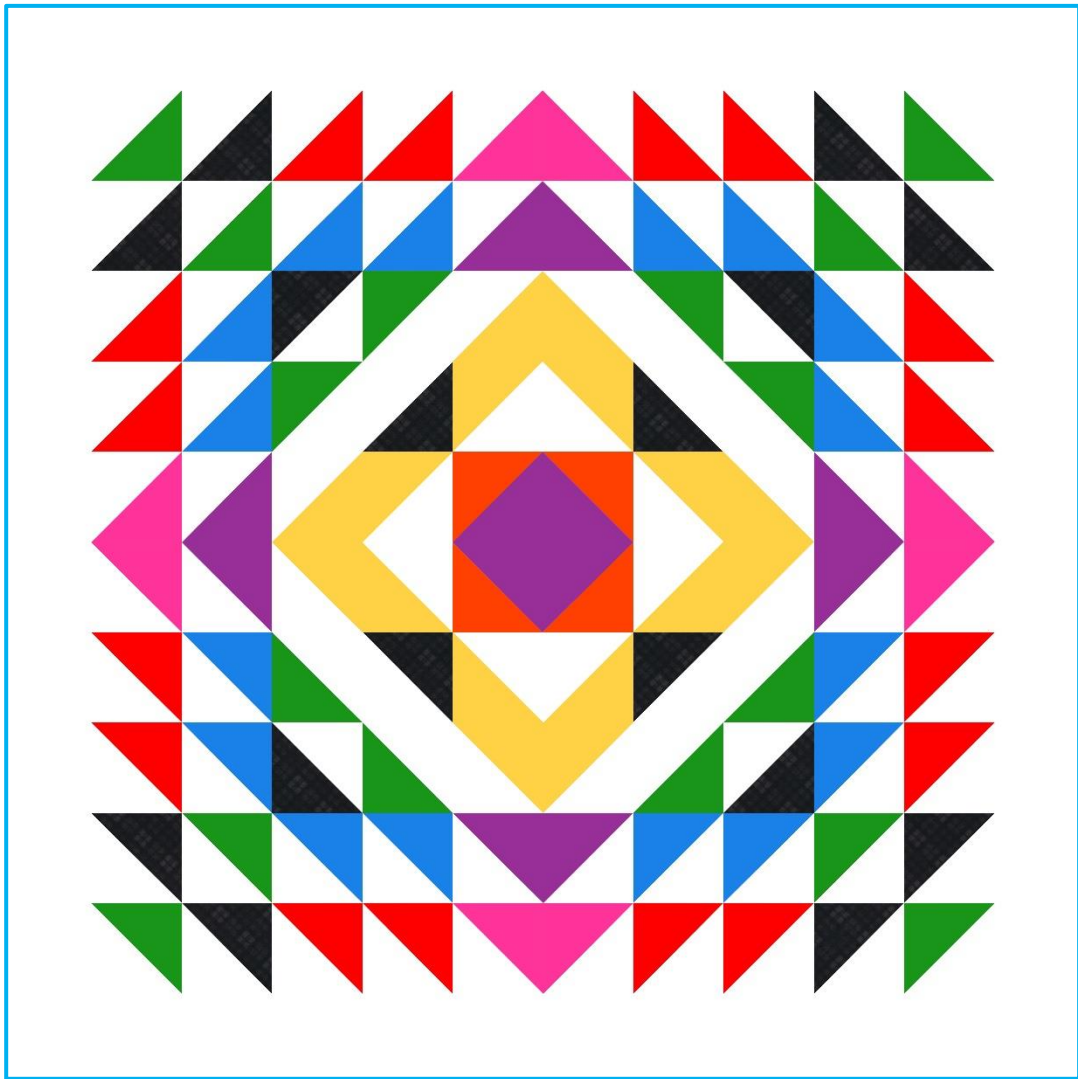


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# Time to add borders!

(Refer to pages 9, 10 & 11 for review)



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