

Blast from the Past Sampler: Block 1

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FINISHED BLOCK: 6" square

MATERIALS

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- 10"-square light print
- 10"-square dark print No. 1
- 10"-square dark print No. 2
- 2½"-square medium print

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

If you prefer to make triangle-squares larger than necessary and trim them to size, cut 3" squares instead of the 2⅞" squares specified here.

From light print, cut:

- 4-2⅞" squares

From dark print No. 1, cut:

- 2-2⅞" squares

From dark print No. 2, cut:

- 2-2⅞" squares

ASSEMBLE BLOCK

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

1 Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each light print 2⅞" square.

2 Referring to **Diagram 1**, layer a marked light print square atop a dark print No. 1-2⅞" square. Sew together with two seams, stitching ¼" on each side of marked line. Cut apart on marked line. Press open to make two dark print No. 1 triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 2½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four dark print No. 1 triangle-squares total.

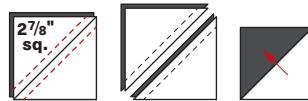


Diagram 1

3 Repeat Step 2 using remaining marked light print squares and dark print No. 2-2⅞" squares to make four dark print No. 2 triangle-squares total.

4 Lay out dark print triangle-squares and medium print 2½" square in three rows (**Diagram 2**; note orientation of triangle-squares). Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make a block. The block should be 6½" square including seam allowances.

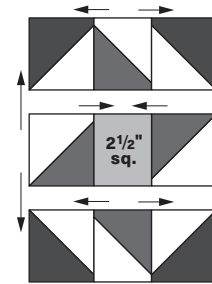
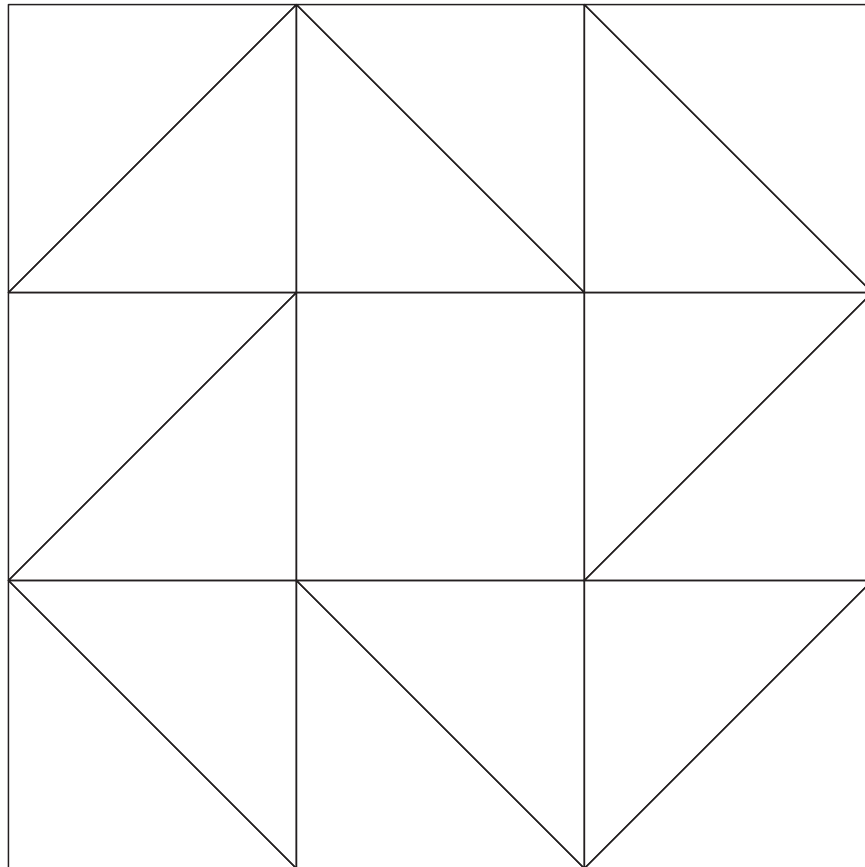
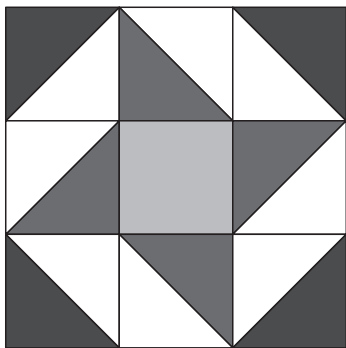


Diagram 2

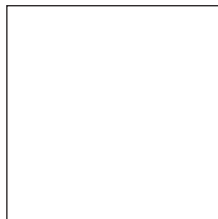




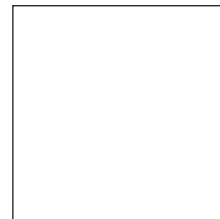
Coloring Diagram



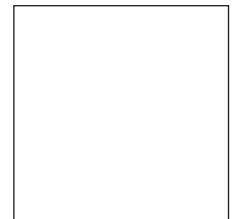
Use the Coloring Diagram, *top*, to plan your version of the original block, *above*. Audition fabric swatches using the squares, *right*.



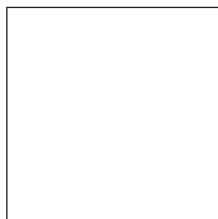
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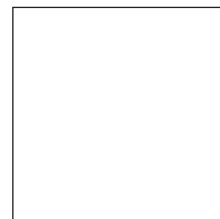
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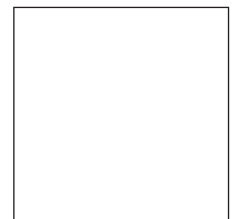
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