

Blast from the Past Sampler: Block 2

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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

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 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares specified here.

From light print, cut:

- 3-2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares
- 3-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

From dark print, cut:

- 3-2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

ASSEMBLE BLOCK

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ " on wrong side of each light print 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " square.

2 Layer a marked light print square atop a dark print 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " square. Sew together with two seams, stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of drawn line (**Diagram 1**). Cut apart on drawn line. Press open to make two triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances. Repeat to make six triangle-squares total.

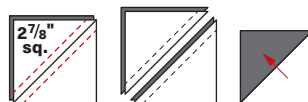


Diagram 1

3 Referring to **Diagram 2** for triangle-square orientation, lay out triangle-squares and light print 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to complete block. The block should be 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

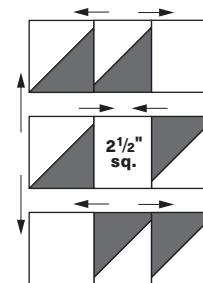
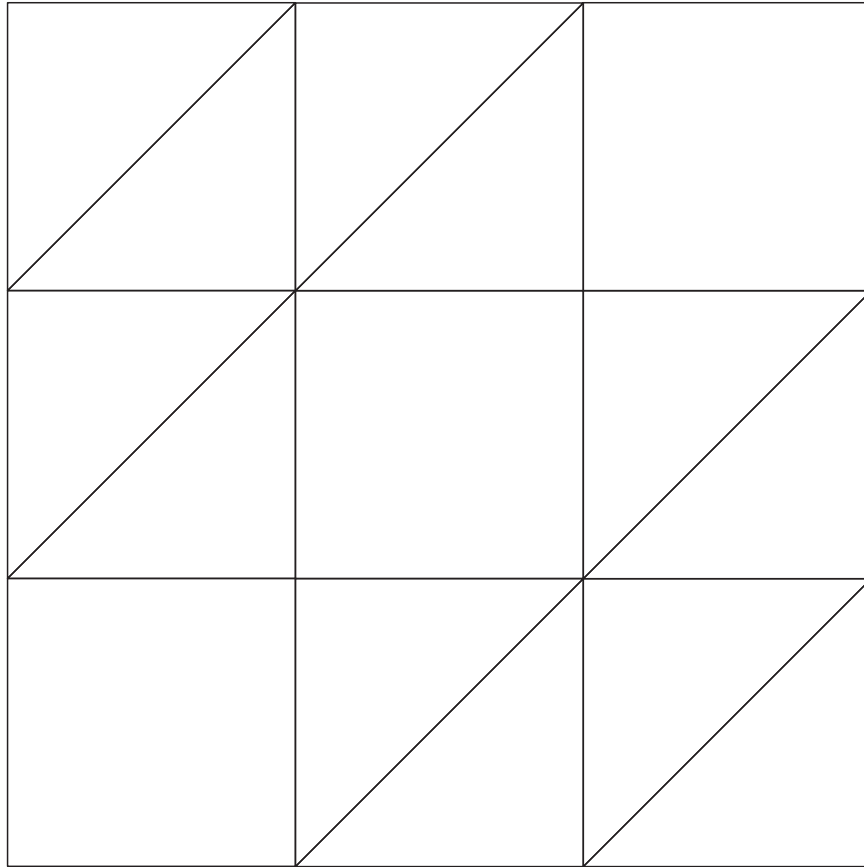
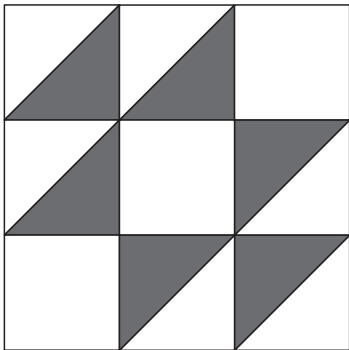


Diagram 2

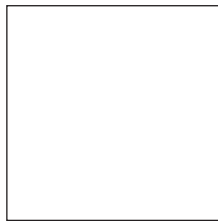




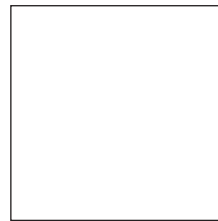
Coloring Diagram



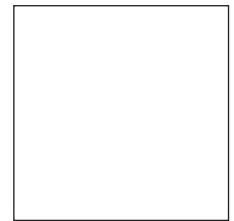
Use the Coloring Diagram, *top*, to plan your version of the original block, *above*. Audition fabric swatches using the squares, *right*.



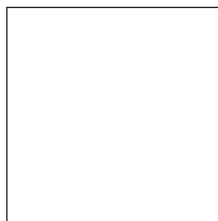
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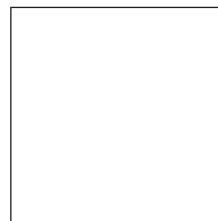
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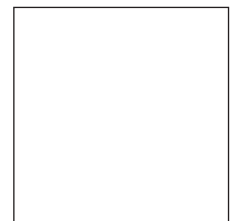
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