

Blast from the Past Sampler: Block 9

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FINISHED BLOCK: 12" square

MATERIALS

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

- 9×21" piece (fat eighth) light print
- 9×21" piece (fat eighth) dark print

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From light print, cut:

- 1-7³/₄" square
- 2-4³/₄" squares

From dark print, cut:

- 1-7³/₄" square
- 2-4³/₄" squares
- 16-2" squares

ASSEMBLE BLOCK

Measurements include 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 two diagonal lines in an X on wrong side of each light print 4³/₄" square and 7³/₄" square.

2 Layer a marked light print 4³/₄" square atop a dark print 4³/₄" square. Sew together, stitching 1/4" on each side of drawn lines (**Diagram 1**).

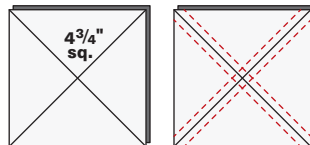


Diagram 1

3 Referring to **Diagram 2**, cut layered 4³/₄" squares horizontally and vertically into four 2³/₈" squares. Cut each 2³/₈" square on its diagonal line to make eight triangles. Press open to make eight small triangle-squares. Each small triangle-square should be 2" square including seam allowances.

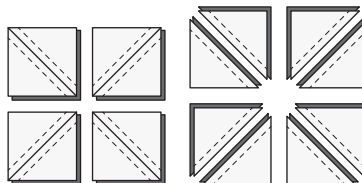
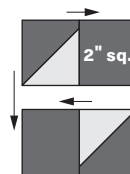


Diagram 2

4 Repeat steps 2 and 3 to make 16 small triangle-squares total.

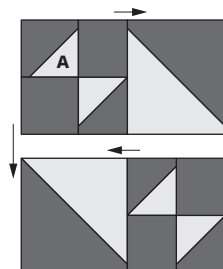
5 Repeat steps 2 and 3 using marked light print 7³/₄" square and dark print 7³/₄" square to make eight large triangle-squares. Each large triangle-square should be 3¹/₂" square including seam allowances.

6 Referring to **Diagram 3**, join two small triangle-squares and two dark print 2" squares in pairs. Press seams toward dark print squares. Join pairs to make Unit A. Press seam in one direction. The unit should be 3¹/₂" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make eight A units total.



Unit A
Diagram 3

7 Referring to **Diagram 4**, join two A units and two large triangle-squares in pairs. Press seams toward triangle-squares. Join pairs to make Unit B. Press seam in one direction. The unit should be 6¹/₂" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four B units total.



Unit B
Diagram 4

8 Referring to **Diagram 5** for unit orientation, sew together B units in pairs. Press seams open. Join pairs to make a block. Press seam open. The block should be 12¹/₂" square including seam allowances.

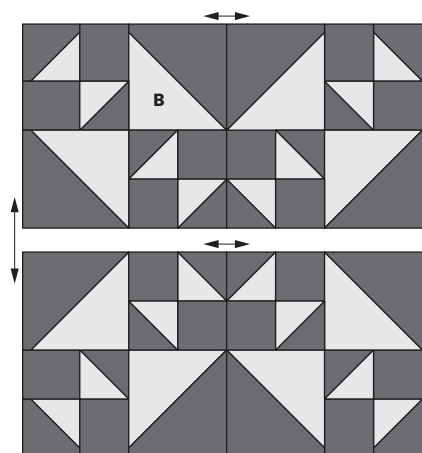
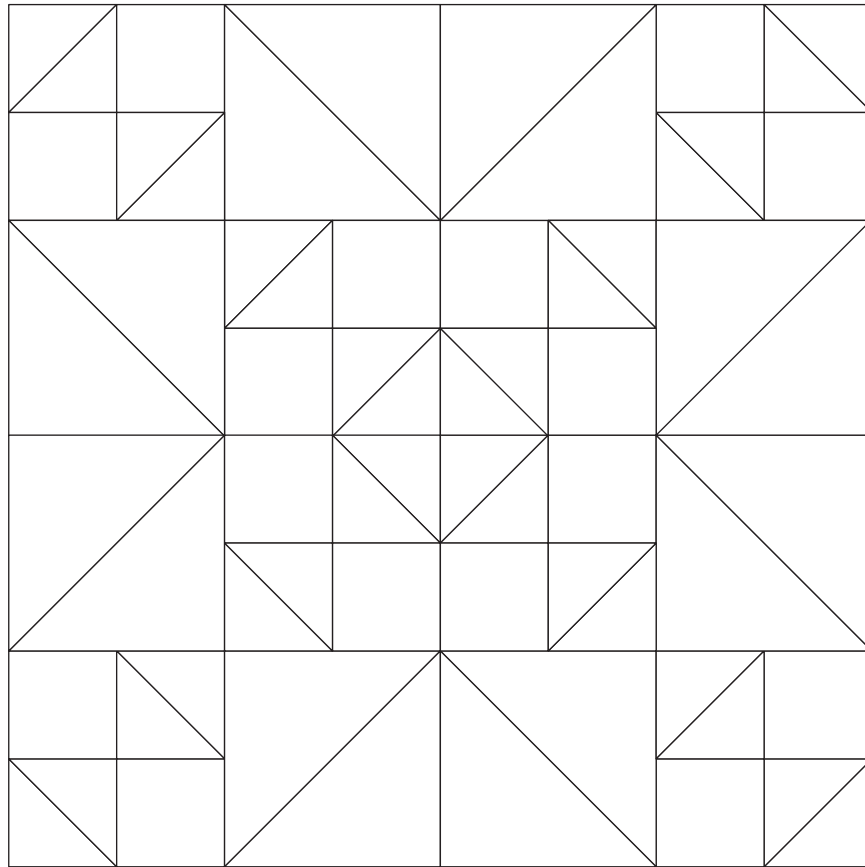
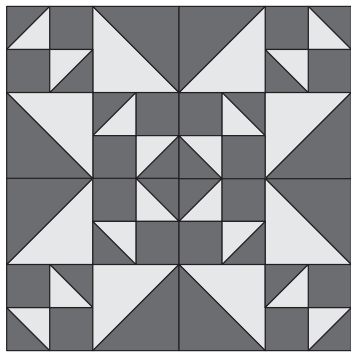


Diagram 5

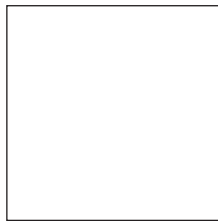




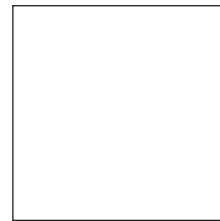
Coloring Diagram



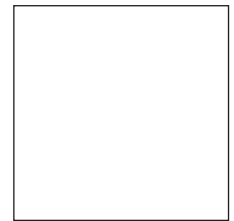
Use the Coloring Diagram, *top*, to plan your version of the original block, *above*. Audition fabric swatches using the squares, *right*.



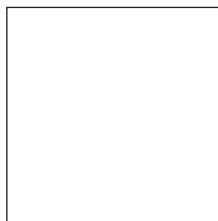
Swatch



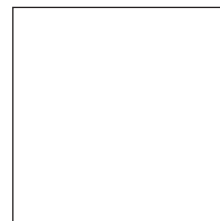
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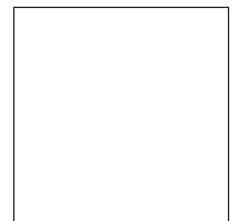
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