



Block 1: Begin at the Beginning

Murder at Jamestown

sew the quilt to solve the crime!

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FABRIC REQUIREMENTS & CUTTING LIST

FF2 cut 4 at 3-7/8" x 3-7/8"
cut 4 at 3.5" x 3.5"

BG2 cut 1 at 7.25" x 7.25"
cut 4 at 2.5" x 1.5"
cut 4 at 1.5" x 4.5"

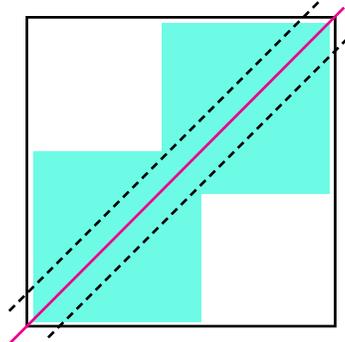
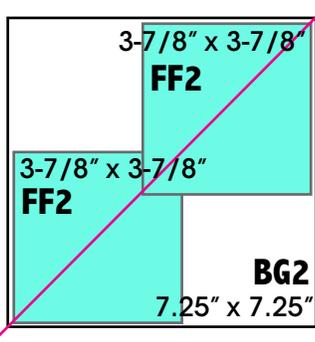
AC7 cut 2 at 4.5" x 4.5"

FF3 cut 2 at 2.5" x 2.5"

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

All seam allowances are 1/4". All seams are pressed to one side unless otherwise noted.

Measurement of completed block is 12.5" x 12.5" with a finished measurement (when sewn into the quilt top) of 12" square.

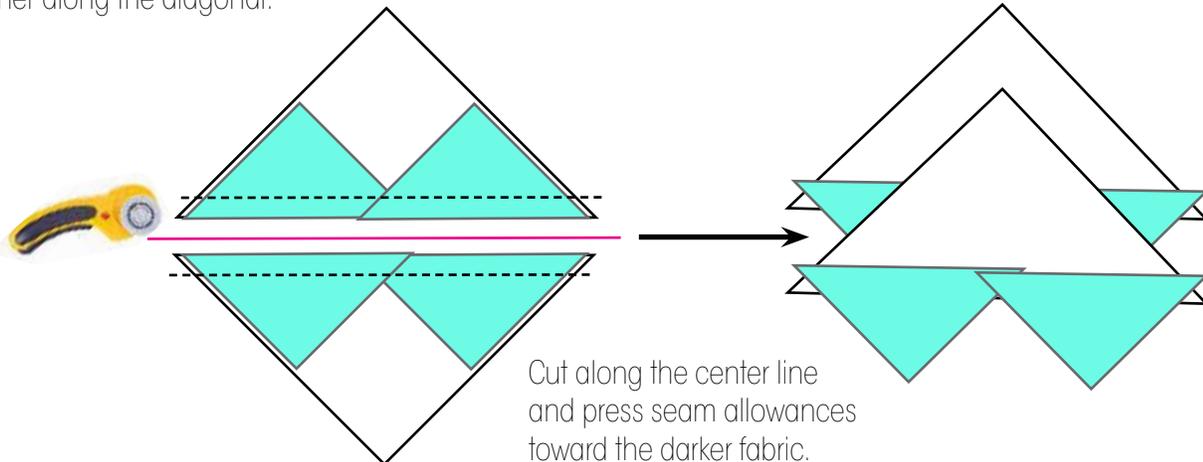


TIP

Using a spray product like Best Press or Flatter can stabilize fabrics cut in small sizes or sewn on the diagonal to prevent stretching & distortion.

Begin by placing two squares of FF2 on one square of BG2, right sides together, using the cut sizes indicated. The small squares will overlap slightly at center points. Draw a line from one corner of the larger square to the other along the diagonal.

At the machine, sew a seam 1/4" away from the line on each side, making two seams through all thicknesses.



Cut along the center line and press seam allowances toward the darker fabric.

FF2
3-7/8" x 3-7/8"

Place one square of FF2 in the size indicated at the remaining corner of BG2. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner as shown. Sew a seam 1/4" to each side of the line.

Cut along the center line and press seam allowances toward the darker fabric. Repeat with other remaining piece to make a total of FOUR. This is Unit A.

UNIT A
6.5" x 3.5"
MAKE FOUR

2.5" x 1.5"
BG2

2.5" x 2.5"
FF3

1.5" x 4.5"
BG2

1.5" x 4.5"
BG2

2.5" x 1.5"
BG2

Assemble the next unit using the pieces illustrated at left and a scant 1/4" seam allowance. Begin by attaching the shorter cuts of BG2 to top and bottom of FF3, then press seams toward FF3. Next, attach the longer cuts of BG2 at left and right. Press seams toward the darker fabric. If necessary, trim to 4.5" x 4.5". Repeat to make TWO.

TIP A SCANT 1/4" seam allowance is ever so slightly narrower than the edge of your 1/4" presser foot. Practice moving the needle ONE "click" closer to the presser foot edge, then measure your finished block—that tiny bit of extra space can keep your measurements accurate in blocks with many seams!

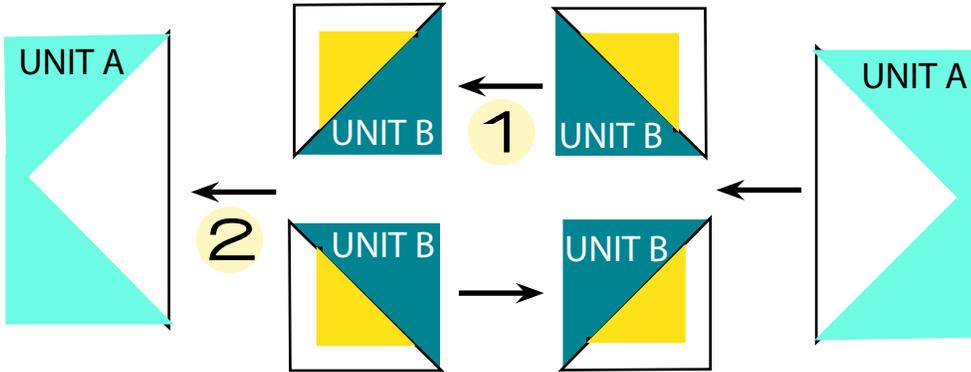
AC7
4.5" x 4.5"

UNIT B
3.5" x 3.5"
MAKE FOUR

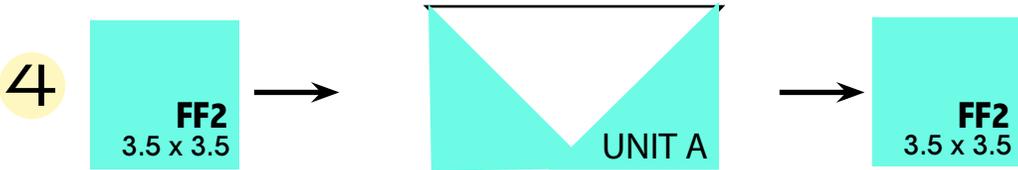
Place one of the resulting unit right sides together with the illustrated cut of AC7. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner, and stitch a 1/4" seam to either side of that line. Cut along the line to separate into two sections. If necessary, trim to 3.5" x 3.5". Repeat with remaining pieces to make FOUR. This is Unit B.



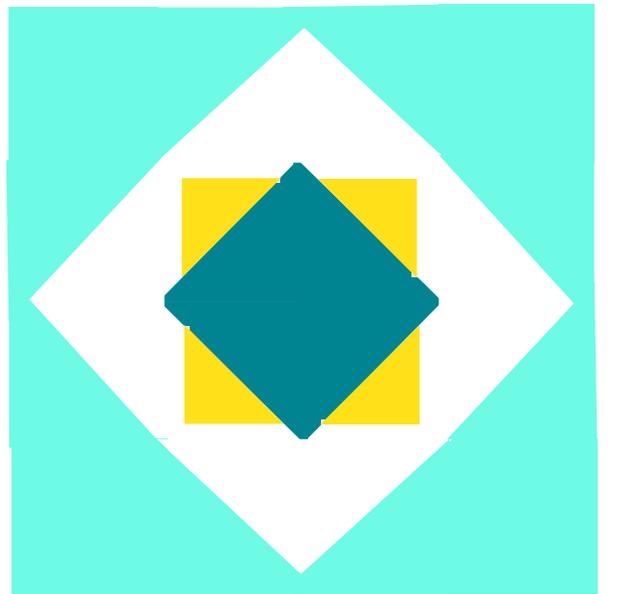
Stitch the four rows shown using the units indicated. Work in numbered order, center Unit B section first, then Unit A + Unit B row, then top row and finally bottom row. Press seam allowances in the direction of each arrow after sewing.



Next, match seam allowances between rows to assemble the block.



Press each seam allowances between rows open. Finally, give the entire block a steam press once complete.



12.5 x 12.5

COMPLETED BLOCK 1