

Magic Tricks



It's almost magical how quickly you will finish this 42" x 42" lap quilt!

This pattern assumes a 1/4" seam allowance. WOF means Width of Fabric. Fabric suggestion: do not use obvious directional fabric.

1/4 yd Color One (green in our sample)

- Cut (1) strip 3" wide by the WOF. Cut this strip into (4) 3" x 3" squares and (4) 3" x 5 1/2" rectangles

1/4 yd Color Two (yellow in our sample)

- Cut (1) strip 3" wide by the WOF. Cut this strip into (4) 3" x 3" squares and (4) 3" x 5 1/2" rectangles

1/2 yd Color Three (blue in our sample)

- Cut (5) strips 3" wide by the WOF. Cut one of these strips into (4) 3" x 3" squares and (4) 3" x 5 1/2" rectangles. The remaining four strips will be used in the outer border.

1/2 yd Color Four (red in our sample)

- Cut (1) strip 3" wide by the WOF. Cut this strip into (4) 3" x 3" squares and (4) 3" x 5 1/2" rectangles
- Cut (8) strips 1 1/2" wide x the WOF. Label these for use as the first and third border.

1/2 yd Accent

- Cut (3) 3 1/2" wide strips x WOF. Cut these strips into (32) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares.
- Cut (2) 4.75" x 4.75" squares. Cut each of those squares on the bias to make a total of (4) triangles. (Figure 1) Label these for use in Step 3C.

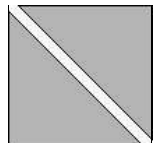


Figure 1

1 1/4 yd Background

- Cut (3) 3 1/2" wide strips x WOF. Cut these strips into (32) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares
- Cut (1) 3" wide strip x WOF. Cut this into (12) 3" x 3" squares
- Cut (2) 8" wide strips x WOF. Cut these into (6) 8" x 8" squares. Cut each of these squares on the bias to make a total of (12) triangles. (Also Figure 1) Label these for use in Step 4.
- From the remainder of the 8" strip, cut (2) 4.75" x 4.75" squares. Cut each of these squares on BOTH diagonals for a total of (8) triangles. (Figure 2) Label these for use in Step 3B.

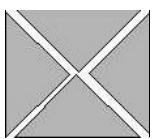
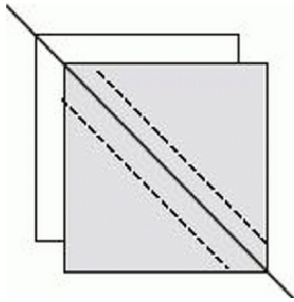


Figure 2

Step One: Make 64 Half-Square-Triangle Blocks (HSTs)



The traditional method of making Half Square Triangle Blocks (HSTs) is to place a dark and the light square right sides together and draw a diagonal line on the back of one square. Sew 1/4" on either side of the drawn line, then cut on that line. Press to the dark.

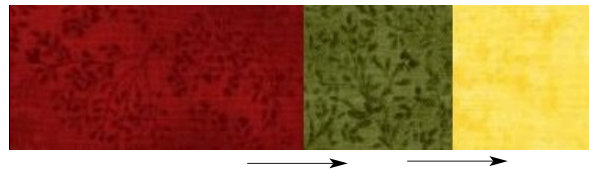
Use the (32) dark 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares and the (32) background 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares to make (64) HSTs. You **WILL** need to square these up to 3" (unfinished).

Step Two: Sewing Rows into a Square

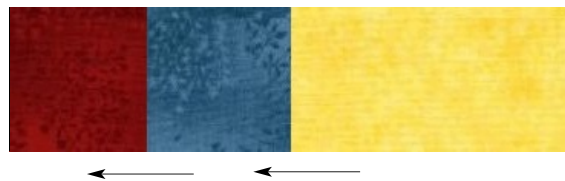
1. Sew a Background Square to either side of a Color One Rectangle. Make (4) Sets. Press toward Color One Rectangle. You will have (4) 3" x 3" Background Squares left over for Step Seven.



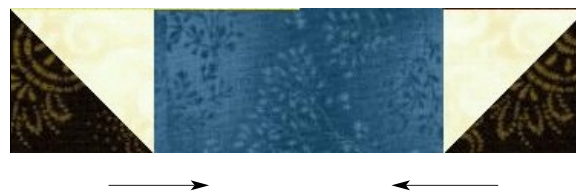
2. Sew a Color One Square to a Color Two Square. Make (4) sets. Press toward the Color Two Square. Sew the Color One Square to a Color Four Rectangle. Make (4) sets. Press toward the Color One Square.



3. Sew a Color Four Square to a Color Three Square. Make (4) Sets. Press toward the color Four Square. Sew the Color Three Square to a Color Two Rectangle. Make (4) sets. Press toward the Color Three Square.



4. Sew a HST to either side of a Color Three Rectangle, matching the angles shown below. Press toward the Color Three Rectangle. Make (4) sets.



5. Sew the rows into a square and press. Make Four.



Step Three: The center point

A. Sew two HSTs as shown in Figure 3. Press the seam open. Make (4) sets. You will have (48) HSTs left over.



Figure 3



Figure 4

B. Sew two of the small Background triangles (from Figure 2) to either side of the units you just made as shown in Figure 4. Make (4) sets. Press toward the triangle.

C. Sew a accent triangle (from Figure 1) to the top of this unit as shown in Figure 5. Make (4) sets. Press to the triangle.

You setting triangles may be slightly too large. If they are, simply place the corner of a square ruler on top of this block with the point of the ruler on the point of the block, and trim any excess.



Figure 5

Step Four: Sewing the Block

Sew a large background triangle to two sides of the square, shown as triangles 1 and 2 in Figure 6 below. Press toward the triangle. Sew on the third background triangle and press toward the triangle.

Using the triangle unit you made in Step Three, complete (4) blocks like the one shown below. Press and square up to 14 1/2".

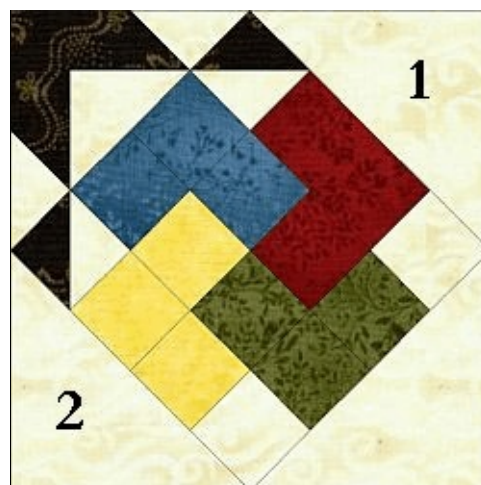


Figure 6

Step Five: Making the center star

Sew the (4) blocks in two rows of two to make a star in the center as shown in Figure 7. Press the block seams in opposite directions to give you a crisp intersection.

Step Six: Adding the first border

Cut (2) first border strips 28 ½" long. Matching the center of the border strip with the center of the quilt top, sew a border strip to both sides. Ease to fit if necessary. Forcing your quilt top to match two identically cut strips will force it to be square.

Cut (2) more first border strips 30 ½" long. Sew these to the top and bottom of the quilt top, again matching centers and easing to fit if necessary. Press to the border.



Figure 7

Step Seven: Adding the HST border

Sew your remaining HSTs into rows of 12, turning every other block to create the design shown in Figure 8. Matching the center of the row of blocks with the center of the quilt top, sew a row of blocks to the top and bottom of the quilt. Ease to fit if necessary. Press to the first border.

Sew a 3" x 3" Square to both sides of the remaining two borders. Sew these to the sides of the quilt top, again matching the center of the row with the center of the quilt top. Ease to fit if necessary. Press to the first border.



Step Eight: Head for the Border(s)!

Cut (2) third border strips 35 ½" long. Matching the center of the border strip with the center of the quilt top, sew a border strip to both sides. Ease to fit if necessary. Do not just sew on a strip and cut it off at the end! Those HSTs will distort slightly if you do and your quilt will not be square. Press to the border. Cut (2) more third border strips 37 ½" long. Sew these to the top and bottom of the quilt top, again matching centers and easing to fit if necessary. Press to the border.

Cut (2) outer border strips 37 ½" long. Matching the center of the border strip with the center of the quilt top, sew a border strip to both sides. Ease to fit if necessary. Press to the border. Cut (2) more outer border strips 42 ½" long. Sew these to the top and bottom of the quilt top, again matching centers and easing to fit if necessary. Press to the border.

Step Nine: You are done!

Pin your quilt top to the wall so you can enjoy it and your family can praise you. Use this time to decide how you are going to quilt it. Don't forget to add a label with your name, date and place on it for future generations.