

You will need:

4 Dark squares, 4-7/8" (**)

4 Light squares, 4-7/8" (**)

8 Dark squares, 2-1/2"

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** See NOTE below**



For each quarter-section of the block, do the following:

1. Lay down one large, dark square and one large, light square – right sides together
2. Draw a line from point to point
3. Sew 1/4" away from each side of the line you drew
4. cut along the drawn line

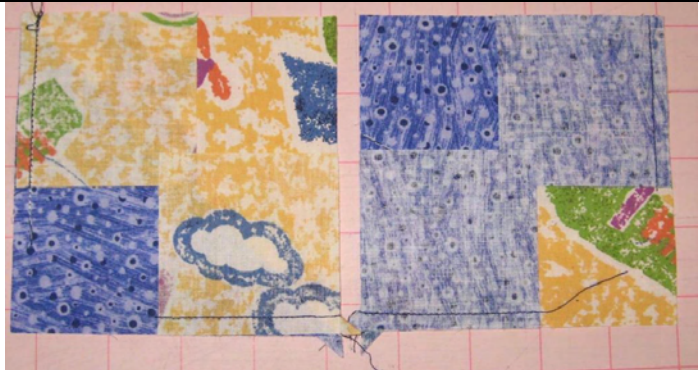


5. Press open to form two large half-square-triangle patches
6. Position the 2-1/2" squares as you see them in the photo to the right

NOTE I start with 5" Squares, then trim back the HST patches to 4-1/2" so I *know* they'll size properly.



7. Sew dark squares to light corners and light squares to dark corners



8. Press open. Finger pressing is good enough, but use the iron if it makes you more confident.

Press toward the dark on both patches



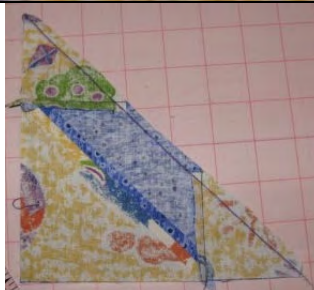
9. Lay down the two shapes right sides together
10. Pin to keep it all in place while you draw the line and while you sew
11. Draw a straight line from one corner of a small square to the corresponding corner of the other small square



12. Sew to the right of the line you drew ... *Almost* on the line, but not quite.



13. Trim away the excess



14. Press open



Repeat this process for each of the four quarters of the block. Rotate each of the four quarters until you have the lights and darks arranged the way you want them. Sew them together and c'est voila! The Gretchen Block. ☺

