

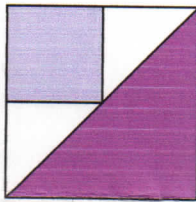
Busy Bees' Magic Triangle Block Exchange

Guidelines & Other Swap Info

- ❖ Each person is to make (9) blocks per person in the Busy Bees (less Heather but including yourself). That comes to a total of 81 blocks.
- ❖ The finished size of the blocks will be 6". Quilts are planned to be set 8 x 10 giving us a finished quilt (before borders) of 48" x 60".
- ❖ Lessons will be given at our next meeting, June 26 on how to piece the block – see below for a complete list of supplies, etc.
- ❖ Blocks will be swapped at our July 24 meeting. If you can't make the swap meeting you can drop off your blocks ahead of time at the shop.
- ❖ Fabrics can be of your choosing but
 - NO Holiday prints
 - NO 30s prints
 - NO Obvious Novelties – like things that scream "Kid-Print"

Supplies for Lesson Workshop

The Magic
Triangle Block



1. Basic Sewing Supplies – pins, seam ripper, scissors, thread, etc.
2. Sewing Machine
3. If you pre-cut your fabrics you won't need a large ruler or mat but you will need your rotary cutter.
4. Short ruler or straight edge.
5. Something to mark the wrong side of your fabric.
6. Fabric – NOTE: When I say "per block" you will actually get (2) blocks per set so we'll actually end up with 82 blocks since we need 81 and this makes even numbers of blocks.

Description

Background (small triangles)

Medium Print

Dark Print

Per Block (makes 2 blocks)

(1) 4 1/2" x 7 1/2" strip

(1) 3 1/2" x 7 1/2" strip

(1) 6 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangle

If you would like to plan for making all your blocks you will need the following:

Description

Background (small triangles)

Medium Print

Dark Print

Total Yardage

(41) 4 1/2" x 7 1/2" strips or

(4) 4 1/2" x WOF strips

(41) 3 1/2" x 7 1/2" strips or

(4) 3 1/2" x WOF strips

(41) 6 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangles

3 1/2" med/dark
4 1/2" light

Magic Triangle Piecing

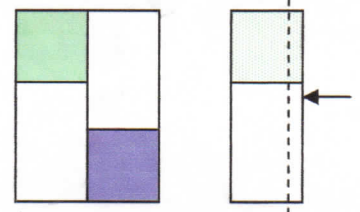
Piecing Strip-Sets for Uneven 4-Patches

1. Sew (1) 3 1/2" x WOF strip (this is your med/dark) to (1) 4 1/2" x WOF strip (this is always your light). Press toward the light fabric – this is contrary to standard practice but an important deviation.
2. Cut sewn strips from Step 1 above into 3 1/2" units.
3. Continue with Steps 1 & 2 above until you have ~~(41)~~ units.

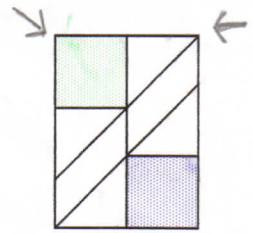
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Piecing Uneven 4-Patches

1. Take any (2) non-matching units (3 1/2") and place right sides together but alternating the light/dark placement (sort of like a uneven 4-patch) and stitch. At the center of each, snip to the stitching – be careful not to clip your stitches. Open and press each side toward the light background – this will allow the block to lie flat.



2. Working with the wrong side of the block, place ruler diagonally starting in the corner and going right through the point of the inner corner of the square; reverse the block and draw a second diagonal. – It is most important that the line just barely touches the corner of the square than anything else.



Completing the Magic Triangle Block

1. Place a non-matching 6 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangle and one of the marked, uneven 4-patches right sides together. Stitch on both drawn lines. Carefully cut the block in half through the center of the 2 stitched lines. Open and press. You will have (2) Magic Triangle Blocks.

