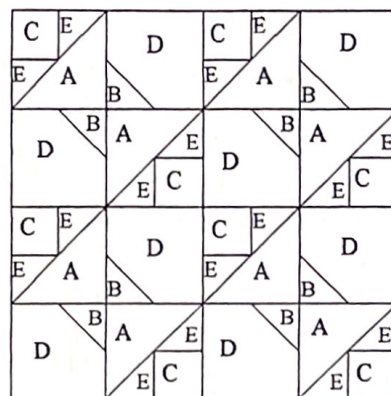
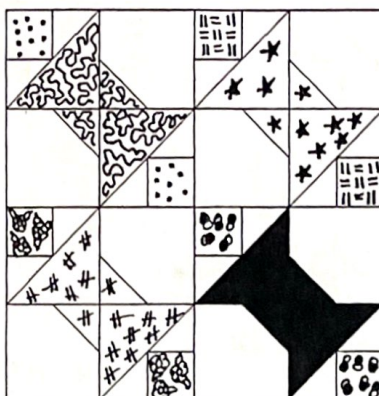


SPOOLS AND BOBBINS

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Use this pattern in a *Block By Block* quilt or anywhere you need a 12" (12 1/2" with seam allowances) block.



All instructions include 1/4" seam allowances.



Rotary Cut

From each of the 4 different fabrics for A, cut 1 square, 3 7/8" x 3 7/8".



Cut each square once diagonally to yield 8 triangles.

From each of the 4 different fabrics for B, cut 2 squares, 2" x 2".

From each of the 4 different fabrics for C, cut 2 squares, 2" x 2".

From the fabric for D cut 8 squares, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2".

From the fabric for E, cut 8 squares, 2 3/8" x 2 3/8".



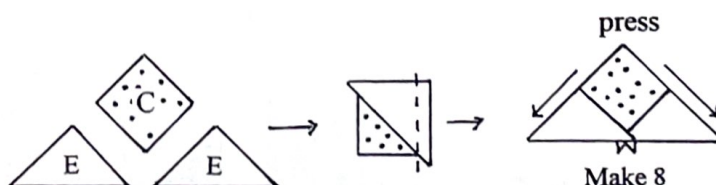
Cut each square once diagonally, to yield 16 triangles.



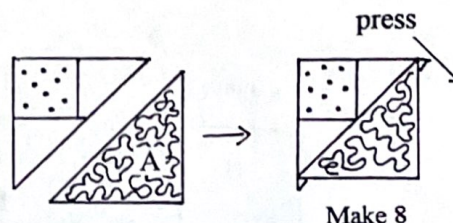
Machine Piece

Pair up each spool fabric with a bobbin fabric and keep them in pairs as you sew for a unified look. Stitch them randomly for a scrappier look.

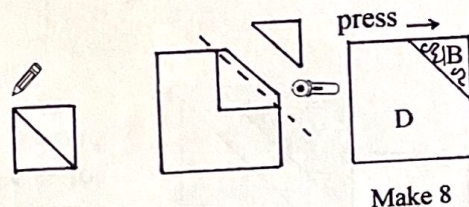
1. Stitch a triangle E to adjacent sides of each square C to make 8 triangles. (Hint: Match the corners of the triangles with the corners of the squares. The tips of the triangles extend beyond the edges of the squares.) Press toward the E's. Trim any tips that extend beyond the edges.



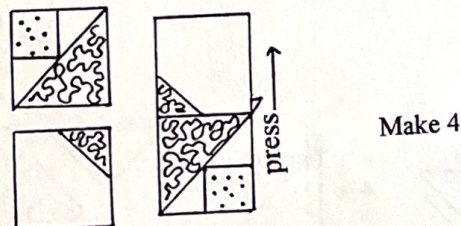
2. Stitch each triangle from step 2 to a triangle A, to make 8 squares that each measure, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2". Press toward the A triangles. Trim any tips that extend beyond the edges.



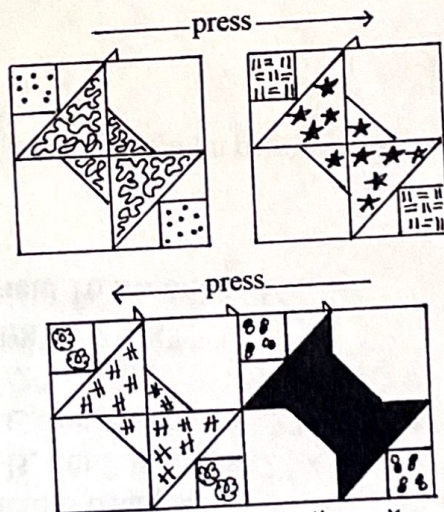
3. Draw 1 diagonal line on the wrong side of each square B. With right sides facing, stitch squares D and B together on the diagonal lines. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the just sewn seam and press away from the D's to make 8 squares that each measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". (Refer to page 55 of *Block By Block* if you need more help with this step.)



4. Stitch each square made in step 3 to a square made in step 2 to make 8 rectangles that each measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ". Press as shown. Stitch the rectangles together to make 4 squares $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ". Wait to press until step 6.



5. Arrange the blocks in a pleasing order. Stitch into horizontal rows first and press according to the diagram. Sew the last vertical row and press in either direction.



MACHINE QUILTING DIAGRAM

Congratulations, your block is now finished* and should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Use this block in a project of your own or a *Block By Block* quilt. See page 80 of *Block By Block* if you need extra advice on machine quilting.

