

Ann's Holiday Reflection Block December Block-of-the-Month

This makes a 12-inch finished block.

Fabric Requirements

Background fabric (off-white tonal):

- One 4-1/2-inch square
- Two 5-inch squares
- Four 5-1/2-inch squares

Print (blue holiday fabric):

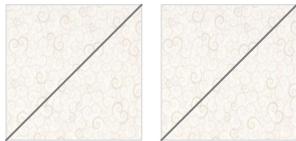
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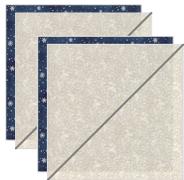
Directions

Please read all directions before marking, sewing, or cutting.

Making the half-square triangles: On the *back* of each of the two background 5-inch squares, mark one diagonal line.



Place marked background 5-inch squares with 5-inch print fabrics, *right* sides together.

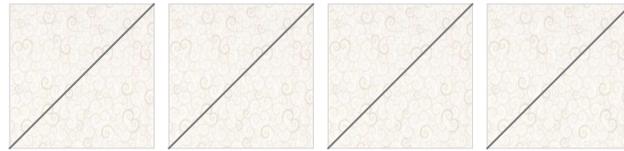


Stitch 1/4 inch along either side of the marked line on each set of squares. Cut along the marked line and press seam allowance to the darker fabric carefully so you don't stretch the bias seam. This should yield *four* half-square triangles

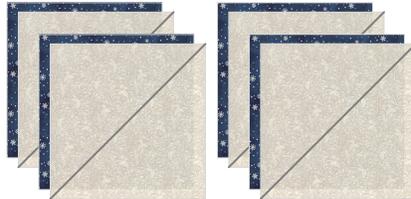


Square up and trim the 4 half-square triangles to 4-1/2 inches. You will only need 3 of these for one block. Set these aside for assembling the block.

Making the quarter-square triangles: On the *back* of each of the four background 5-1/2-inch squares, mark one diagonal line.



Place marked background 5-1/2-inch squares with 5-1/2-inch print fabrics, *right* sides together.



Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch along either side of the marked line on each set of squares. Cut along the marked line and press seam allowance to the darker fabric carefully so you don't stretch the bias seam. This should yield *eight* half-square triangles



On 4 of the 8 half-square-triangles, mark a diagonal line on the wrong side, perpendicular to the seam, as shown below.



Match each of the marked half square triangles right sides together with an unmarked half square triangle, seams aligned, but with the light sides facing the dark sides of the opposite piece.



Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch along either side of the marked line on each set of squares. Cut along the marked line and press seam allowance to one side carefully so you don't stretch the bias seam. This should yield *eight quarter-square triangles*.

Square up and trim the quarter-square triangles to 4-1/2 inches.

Arrange the squares, half-square triangles, and quarter-square triangles as shown below. Sew together in rows, then sew the rows together to complete the block. Your block should measure 12-1/2 inches square.

