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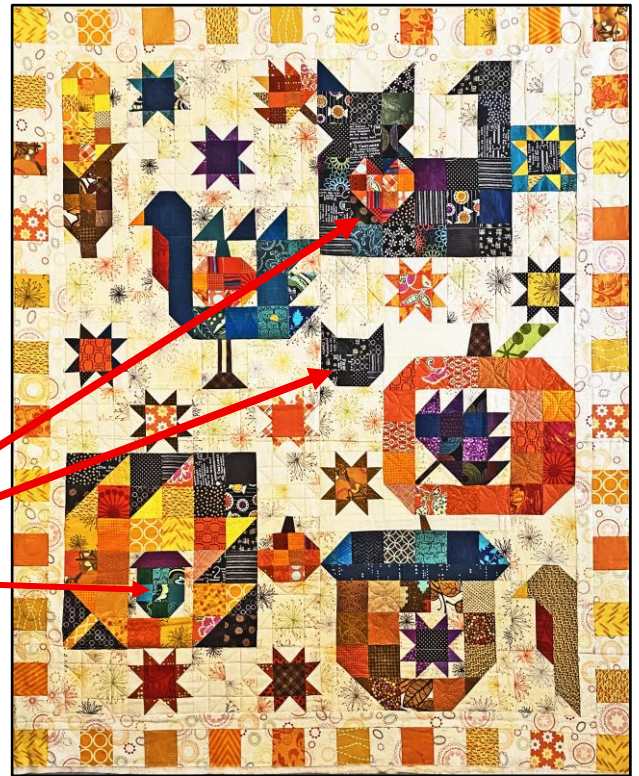
Leftovers.....Yum!

A Feast of Fabulous Fall Fabrics
Week 3: Three Mini Blocks

The 16-patch block is a staple in the world of quilt blocks, but sewing together 16 scrappy squares may seem daunting.....so many intersecting corners to line up! Using simple techniques, you can make beautiful blocks that are straight and square.

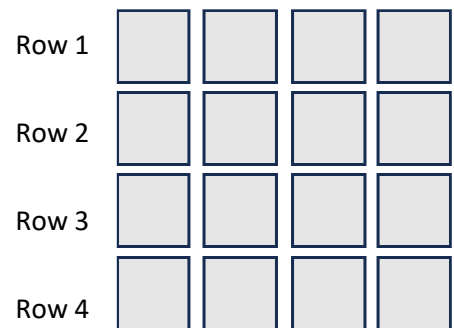
Featured Techniques:

- Nesting seams
- Pattern reading skill building
- Read through all instructions before beginning
- Finished block size: 4x4



Basic 16- patch block

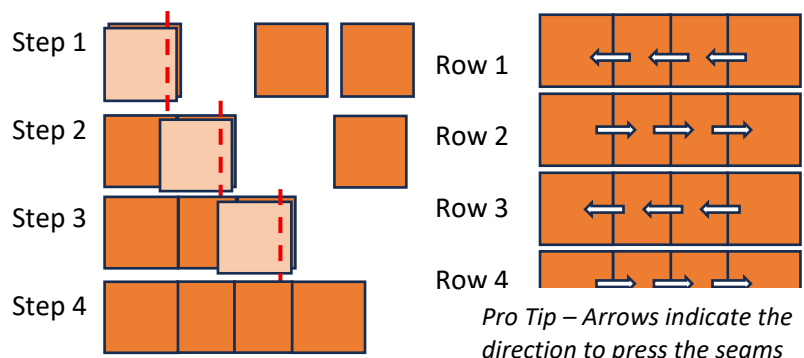
The first two blocks, the mini cat and mini heart, are laid out in the traditional 4 square by 4 square configuration, however some of the squares are replaced with half-square triangle (HST) units to create a unique shape.



16-patch layout diagram

Sewing the Basic 16- patch Block

- Sew into four rows as shown
- Press odd rows to the left
- Press even rows to the right
- Sew rows together in order, nesting the seams



Pro Tip – Arrows indicate the direction to press the seams

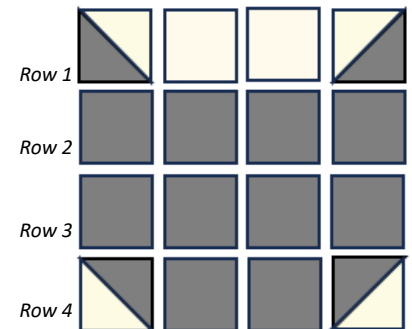
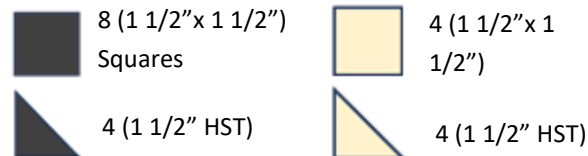
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Mini Cat Block



Precut Shapes Needed*

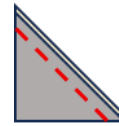
* From units cut in Week 2. If additional colors/fabrics are needed, refer to the information in the Week 2 handout.



Mini Cat layout diagram

Sewing Half-Square Triangles (HST):

- Place (1) background HST and (1) black HST right sides together (RST).
- Stitch a 1/4" seam along long edges.
- Press seams open.
- Make 4 (each measures 1 1/2" x 1 1/2").



Pro Tip: Start each mini block by stitching the HST units unless otherwise noted.

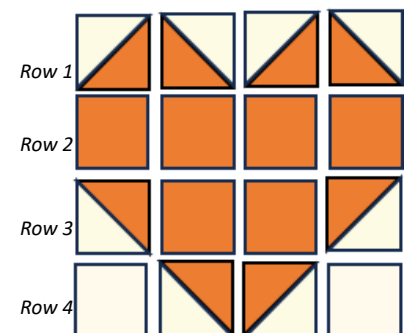
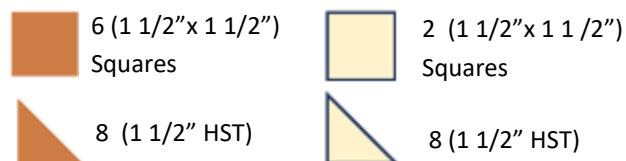
Complete the Block

- Arrange shapes/units as shown in the layout.
- Sew each Row. Join each Row.
- Make 1 (measures 4 1/2" x 4 1/2").

Mini Heart Block



Precut Shapes Needed

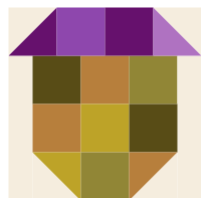


Assemble the Block

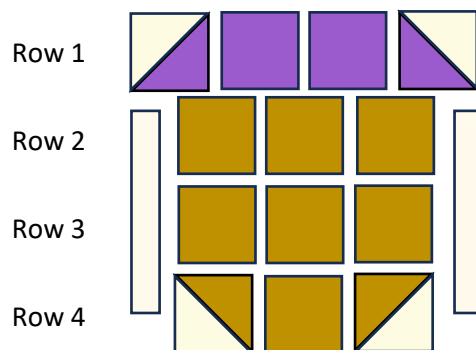
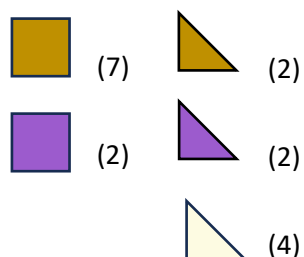
- Make (8) HST as instructed for the Cat Block.
- Arrange shapes/units as shown in layout.
- Sew each Row. Join each Row.
- Make 1 (measures 4 1/2" x 4 1/2").

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Mini Acorn Block

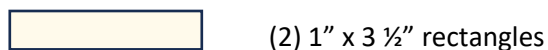


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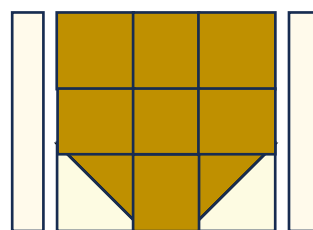
Mini Acorn Layout Diagram

Additional cutting



Sewing the block:

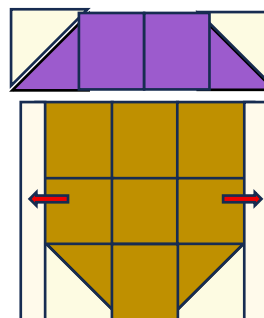
- Sew the needed HSTs
- Arrange shapes as shown in block diagram
- Sew Row 1 as shown
- Sew Rows 2, 3, and 4 using only 3 squares across
- Sew a background rectangle to each side of the Row 2-4 unit (Mini Acorn Base Layout)
- Sew Row 1 to the acorn body



Mini Acorn base layout

Good to know:

- Each mini block measures 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" unfinished



Pattern-reading skills used:

- RST = right sides together
- HST = half square triangle
- The meaning of 16-Patch block
- Arrows indicate the seam pressing direction ←
- Red dashed lines indicate a seam - - - - -

- The layout and sewing diagrams communicate a lot of information. Moving forward, you'll rely more on the diagrams and less on the written directions