

Big Dipper



This month we will celebrate Thanksgiving, and hopefully some fall weather. Our colorway for the block will be fall colors such as oranges, yellows, golds, reds, browns, and greens. You will need a light color for the background, a medium and a dark

Fabric Required:

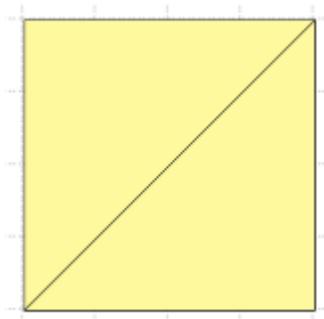
2 – 7 ½” x 7 ½” Background fabric

1 – 7 ½” x 7 ½” Medium fabric

1 – 7 ½” x 7 ½” Dark Fabric

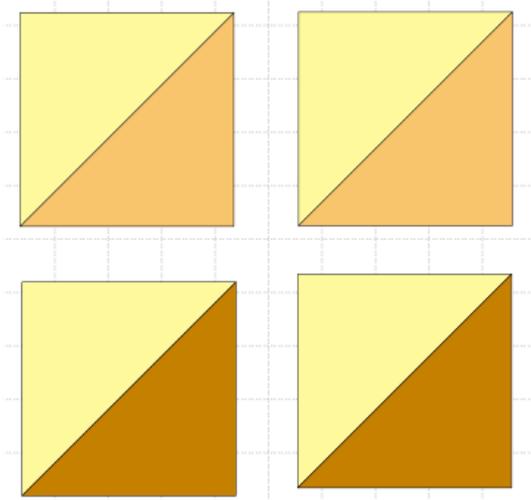
Construction:

Place a background square right sides together on top of your medium and dark blocks.

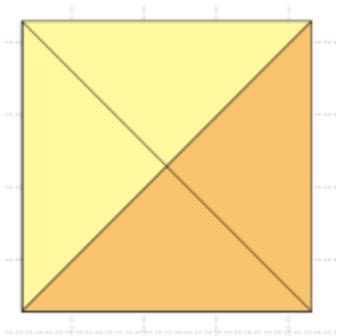


Draw a diagonal line from from corner to corner, then sew a ¼” seam along both sides of the drawn line. Cut along the drawn line.

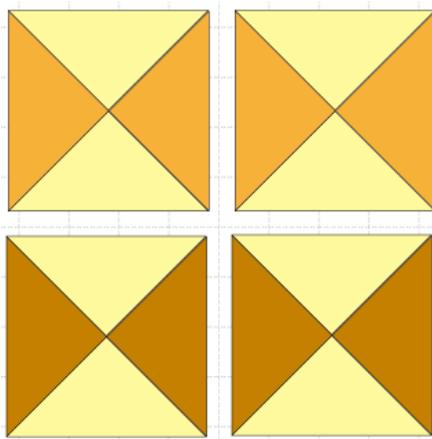
Open your block and press away from your background fabric. Trim off the dog ears. You should have a total of four HST blocks that are approximately 7" square.



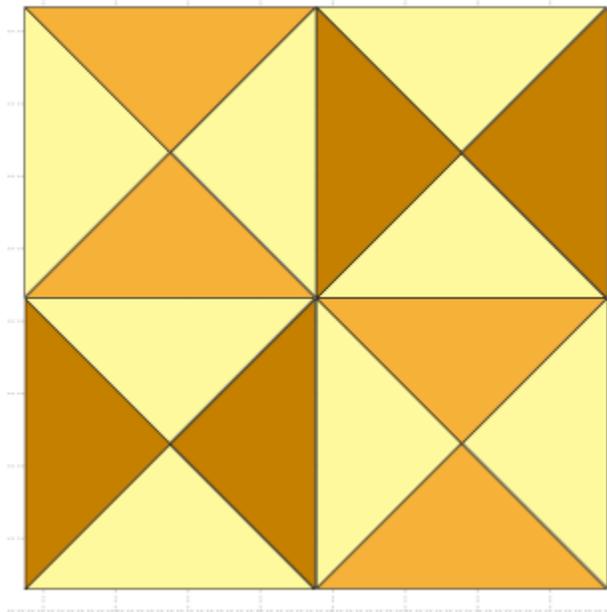
With your background and medium HST blocks, Put them right sides together. Rotate your top block 180° so that the medium part of the HST is over a background. Your seam along the center should nest. Repeat with your background and dark HST blocks.



Draw a diagonal line from opposite corners. Sew a 1/4" seam along both sides of the line. Cut along the drawn line. Press the seam to one side and trim the dog ears. You should have four QST blocks that are approximately 6 1/2" square.



Place your blocks in opposite corners from each other. Turn one set of blocks so that the background fabric goes left to right, and turn the other set of blocks so that the background fabric goes up and down.



Sew the four blocks together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Since you will have a lot of seams together in the center, do your best to spin the center to try to get the block to lay flatter.

HINT: If you have the problem like I do where my sewing machine tends to pull in the corners of the block into the needle hole on the machine because you are starting with a seam, try putting a small piece of paper under the corner of your block so that the machine can't pull the fabric in. The paper can be torn off after you finish sewing.