

Shattered Dishes



Fabric Required:

Back in September 2026, we made the Broken Dishes block for our block of the month. This time, we are going to take those broken dishes and completely shatter them. This is a great block to use up any leftover layer cake squares. Choose whatever two fabrics that you like together, but they should have a fair amount of contrast between the two in order for the pattern to show up well.

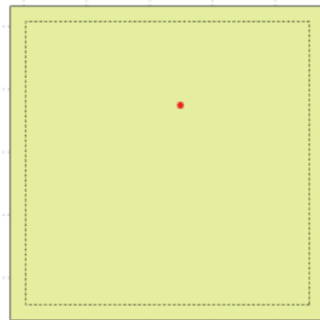
2 – 10” Square Contrasting Colors.

Construction:

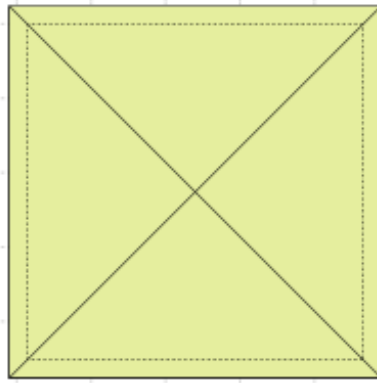
We start with the Broken Dishes pattern.

We will be doing a four at a time half-square triangle for a quick and easy block. **NOTE:** The HST's that are created using this method will all be on the bias, so be careful not to stretch your blocks.

Place the two squares together right sides facing. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ ” seam around all sides of the block.



On the light fabric, mark from corner to corner to form an X on the block.

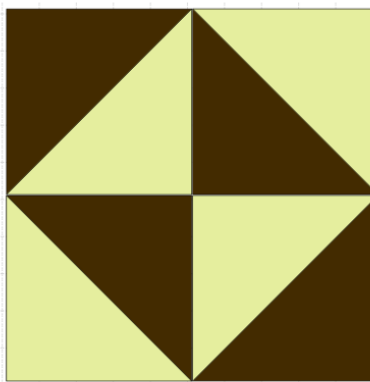


Cut along the marked lines. This will give you four half-square triangle blocks.

Open and press towards the dark fabric. Trim the dog ears and square up the blocks to 6 1/2" square.



Arrange the blocks with two of the dark triangles pointing out, and two pointing in. Place them in opposite corners to create the following pattern.



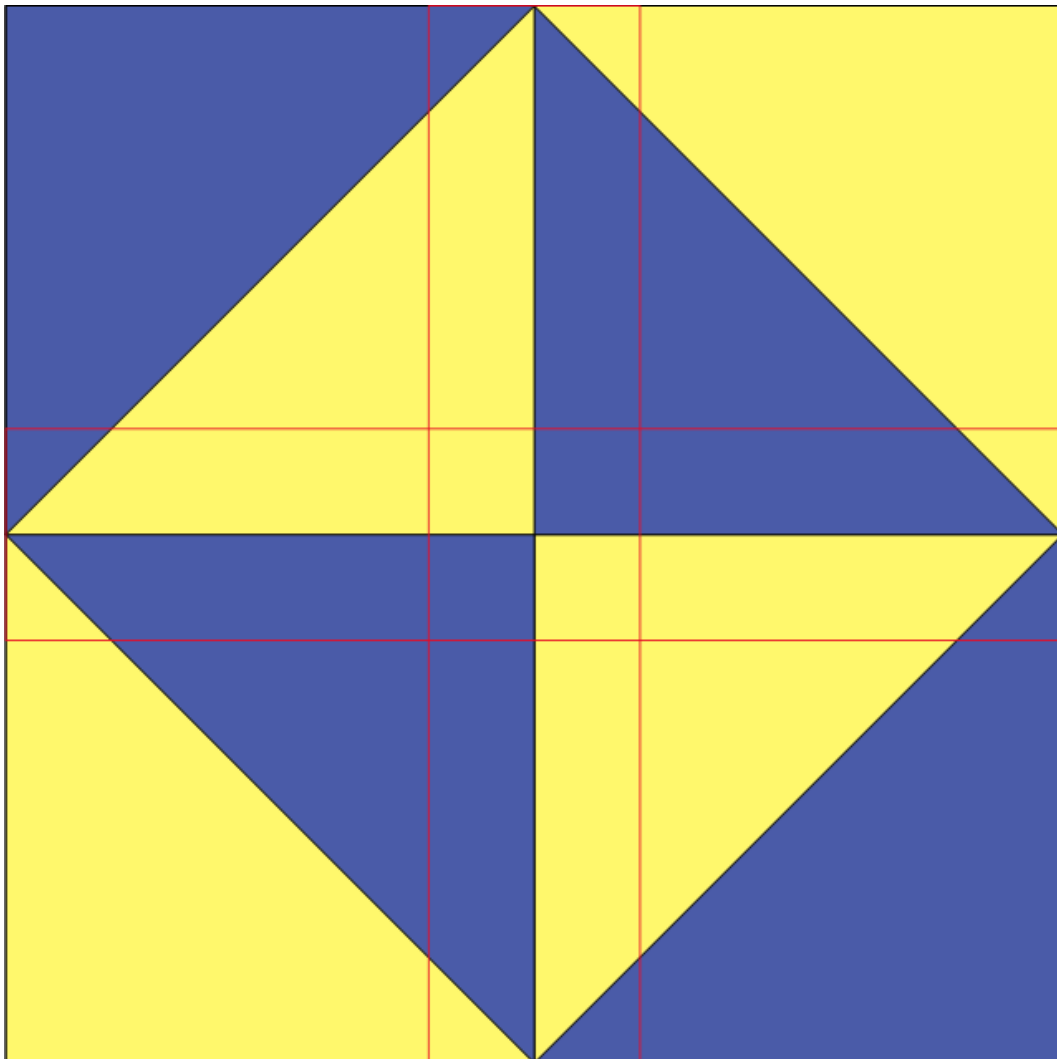
Sew together with a standard 1/4" seam. Spin the center seams and press towards the dark triangle.

The completed block size will be approximately 12 1/2" x 12 1/2"

It's now time to shatter those dishes.

1. Lay out the block finished side up and with a ruler measure $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the vertical seam line and mark a line along the edge of the ruler.
2. Turn the block 90° and measure a line $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the now vertical seam line and draw a line.
3. Turn the block again another 90° and measure a line $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the now vertical seam line and draw a line.
4. Turn the block one last time another 90° and measure a line $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the now vertical seam line and draw a line.

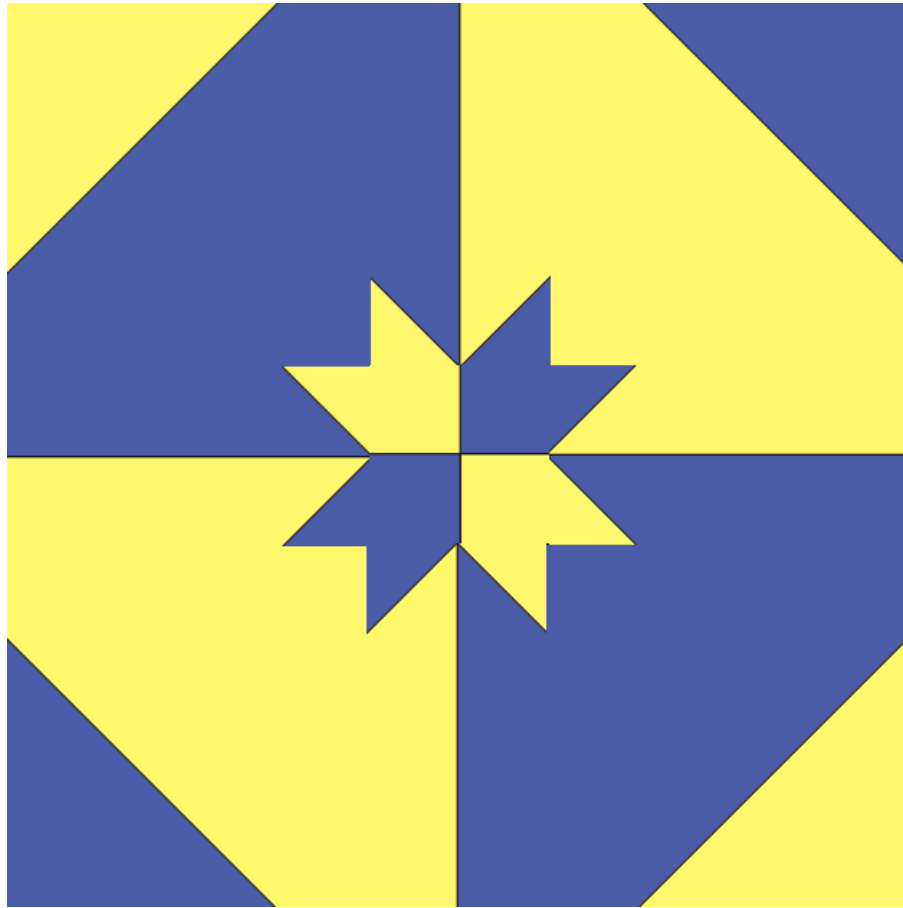
Your drawn lines should look like the image below:



Cut along the drawn lines, and leave the cut blocks in place.

Rotate each of the 8 outside blocks you just cut 180°. You do not need to rotate the center block.

Your block should look like this:



Join each block with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. If you pressed all of your pieces to the darker fabric, then your seams should all butt together nicely.

Your completed block should measure approximately 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square.