

*Carpenter's Son*  
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 Clue 1

*Let's begin with a fun more interesting block for our Christmas wall-hanging. This block is a cross variation. Don't worry, we will have some stars (and other more fun blocks) later in our clues. This is a block that has quite a few steps, so hang in there. Once we complete this unit, it will be smooth sailing! We will cut everything first, then assemble step by step. We will be using all three fabrics (or whatever you have chosen to use in each spot). For ease, I am staying non-scrappy so you can follow along easier. We are working with some odd sizes today to keep the overall size of our wall hanging within a good range. Our finished size block units will be 9", measuring 9-1/2" today.*

*Let's cut:*

<b>BACKGROUND</b>	
<i>2-3/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 2-3/4" squares</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>AND *2+" squares</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>2" WOF strips</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 2" squares</i>	<i>32</i>
<i>1-5/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 1-5/8" squares</i>	<i>48</i>

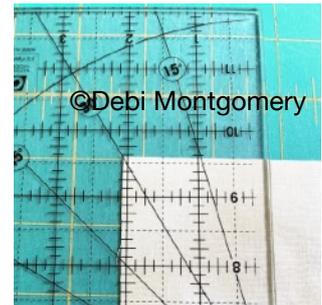
*\* See pic for where I cut on my ruler, not 1/8" but well over 2". This is the centre of our block unit, please measure as close to mine as possible. See pic on page 2.*

<b>CONTRAST 1</b>	
<i>3-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/2" squares</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>2" WOF strips</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 2" squares</i>	<i>32</i>
<i>Using remaining from both cuts:</i>	
<i>1-3/8" x **2+" rectangles</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>1-3/8" x 3-3/4" rectangles</i>	<i>8</i>

<b>CONTRAST 2</b>	
3-1/2" WOF strips	1
Sub-cut to 3-1/2" squares	4
2" WOF strips	1
Sub-cut to 2" squares	16
Cut 2" squares on ONE diagonal for triangles	32

*This looks like a tricky difficult block, but we are going to make it really easy for you. First let's grab those 2+ squares. Let me show you what I mean by 2+...*

*I cut slightly larger than 2" but smaller than 2-1/8". Keep these on the smaller rather than larger size to make our block end perfectly.*



*We need those 1-3/8" x 2+ Contrast 1 rectangles now, they will be sewn to two opposite sides of these 2+ squares.*

*We will follow these with those longer 1-3/8" x 3-3/4" Contrast 1 rectangles on the top and bottom of this unit to make a 3-3/4" square.*

*After pressing these away from the centre, set them aside and we will work on the next part.*

*We are going to assemble some triangles to set the square we just completed on point. We will use the 1-5/8" Background squares with the 2" Contrast 2 triangles to make these. We will be stitching a triangle to adjacent sides of the square to make these triangles.*

*Let's go ahead and assemble this part of the block, here is the "map":*

*And this part should measure just about 5" now:*



Set this aside after pressing, I pressed TOWARD the centre to make those points more perfect, but you can choose your favourite way.

Now we will use our 3-1/2" Contrast 1 and Contrast 2 AND 16 of the 2" Background and 16 of the Contrast 1 squares to make some flying geese. These are so small and fun!! We need to mate the Contrast 1 3-1/2" with the Background 2" squares, then mating the Contrast 2 3-1/2" squares with the Contrast 1 2" squares. I am showing the Contrast 1 and Contrast 2 flying geese here.



We need to draw a line on the wrong side of the 2" squares and stitch 1/4" to the left and right of the line. We will cut ON the line and press away from the larger triangle to form the heart shape in the centre pic. Then we will add the final square as in the right pic in the same manner, cutting on the line again. After pressing, we need to trim these down to 1-5/8" x just under 3".

You should have two colour-ways of flying geese units now.

We will assemble these like this:

If you press these away from the centre point, they lay flatter.



Let's set these aside now to make some HSTs using our remaining 2" Background and Contrast 1 squares to do these. We will draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Background fabric, mating them with the Contrast 1, stitching 1/4" to the left and right of the line. We will cut on the line and press toward the LIGHTER fabric. This will help us nest these later. Trim these to 1-5/8".

Let's take these now and make some rectangles like this with our 1-5/8" Background squares like this:

We need half one way and half the other as we will be adding these to the sides of our flying geese units in the next step.



*We should have 16 of the flying geese units. We should have 16 of the rectangles each way (32 total). We will put the rectangles on each side like this, position is vital for the squares to shine.*



*We will have 16 of these units now. They should measure just over 5" by just under 3".*

*Now that all the little stuff is complete, why don't we assemble this block. All we need now are those remaining Background squares to finish!*

*Here is the deconstructed unit. Once assembled, these need to measure 9-1/2"*



*PHEW! That was tricky, but we are finished with this one! Just a few more and this beautiful runner will be complete.*