

Boys Will Be Boys
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 Clue 3

For this clue, we will be completing two sets of blocks. Both blocks require HSTs, but we truly don't need a lot so we are going to complete them 2 at a time to save fabric. If you prefer to do these using the easy 8 method, save your scraps to be cut down and used later. Let's work with the larger HSTs first. This will be a pretty easy clue with great results. We will need four of each if you are making the square. If making the rectangle, you will need FOUR Block A units and TWO Block B units. Rectangle requirements will be in ().

Block A: All sizes/shapes need FOUR

BACKGROUND-NEUTRAL	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>5-1/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 5-1/4" squares</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>4-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>Remainder + 1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 4-7/8" squares</i>	<i>10</i>	
<i>6-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 6-1/4" squares</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>5-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>Remainder + 1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 5-7/8" squares</i>		<i>10</i>

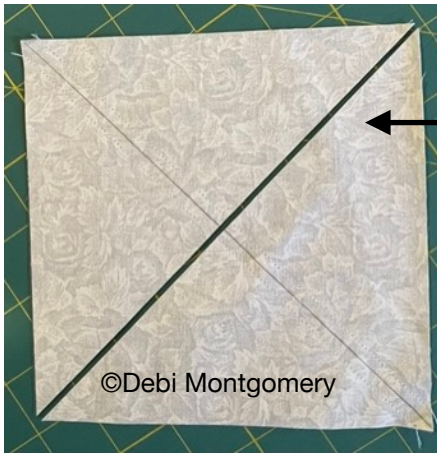
BACKGROUND-LIGHT/ MEDIUM	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>5-1/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 5-1/4" squares</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>AND 4-7/8" squares</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>4-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/2" squares</i>	<i>4</i>	

BACKGROUND-LIGHT/ MEDIUM	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>6-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 6-1/4" squares</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>AND 5-7/8" squares</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>5-1/2" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 5-1/2" squares</i>		<i>4</i>
BACKGROUND-MEDIUM/ DARK	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>5-1/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 5-1/4" squares</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>AND 4-7/8" squares</i>	<i>6</i>	
<i>4-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/2" squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>6-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 6-1/4" squares</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>AND 5-7/8" squares</i>		<i>6</i>
<i>5-1/2" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 5-1/2" squares</i>		<i>8</i>

First we need to cut two (2) of our NEUTRAL and MEDIUM/DARK 4-7/8" (5-7/8") squares on ONE diagonal. Please leave the others intact. We will have four triangles now.

Now, let's grab our largest squares (should be 5-1/4" or 6-1/4") in all three fabrics. We will draw one diagonal line on the wrong side of our NEUTRAL squares and mate one with each of the other two. Stitch 1/4" to the left and right of the line. Then we will cut on BOTH diagonals. (See pics on page 3)

This will leave us with four 2-colour triangles that will measure the same size as the triangles we cut in the "First" paragraph.



You can't see my stitching as I used white thread on white fabric, but you can see my cut opposite the drawn line.

I then cut ON the line.



You should have these in two colour-ways now.



Now to mate these with their appropriate larger triangles:



Be sure to mate them with like colours, the MEDIUM/DARK with the triangles with the MEDIUM/DARK in it. The NEUTRAL with the MEDIUM/LIGHT 2-colour triangles. These will be rotated, so the position of the NEUTRAL doesn't matter for now.

Now to assemble some HSTs, we need to grab those remaining 4-7/8" (5-7/8") squares and mate them NEUTRAL with each of the other two fabrics. We will draw ONE diagonal line on the wrong side of our NEUTRAL, stitching a scant 1/4" to the left and right of our drawn line.

Once we stitch, we will cut *ON* the line and press toward the darker fabric. We should have eight of each colour-way and these need to be trimmed to 4-1/2" (5-1/2") now.

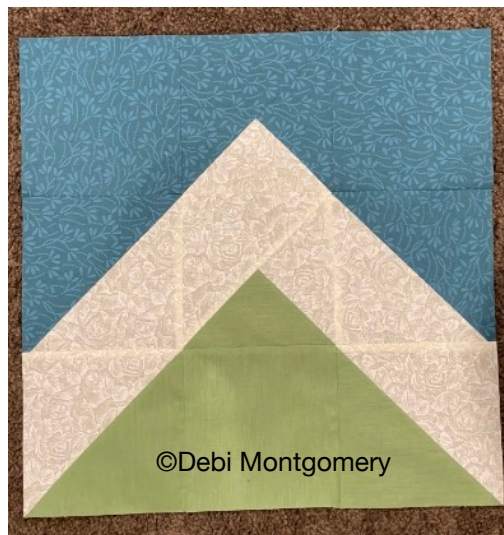
Ready to assemble this unit now. Grab those two colour triangle units we did on page 3 and these HSTs with the remaining squares we cut on pages 1 and 2. We will lay this out like this. Please make sure your *MEDIUM/DARK* fabric is at the "top" of your block.

Deconstructed:



Complete:

These should measure 12-1/2" or 15-1/2" now. You should have four.



Block B: Rectangle needs TWO, Square needs FOUR.

BACKGROUND-NEUTRAL	12" blocks	15" blocks
6-7/8" WOF strips	1 (1)	
Sub-cut to 6-7/8" squares	2 (1)	
AND 6-1/2" squares	4 (2)	
3-7/8" WOF strips	1 (1)	
Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares	8 (4)	
8-3/8" WOF strips		1 (1)
Sub-cut to 8-3/8" squares		2 (1)
AND 8" squares		4 (2)
4-5/8" WOF strips		1 (1)
Sub-cut to 4-5/8" squares		8 (4)

BACKGROUND-LIGHT/ MEDIUM	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>6-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 6-7/8" squares</i>	<i>2 (1)</i>	
<i>8-3/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 8-3/8" squares</i>		<i>2 (1)</i>
VERY DARK	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>3-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1 (1)</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares</i>	<i>8 (4)</i>	
<i>4-5/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1 (1)</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 4-5/8" squares</i>		<i>8 (4)</i>
ACCENT	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>3-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>2 (1)</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/2" squares</i>	<i>16 (8)</i>	
<i>4-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>2 (1)</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/4" squares</i>		<i>16 (8)</i>

We will work from the largest of the LIGHT and MEDIUM/LIGHT squares first. We will assemble some HSTs like we did above that need to measure 6-1/2" (8") now. You should have two or four depending on your chosen layout.

We will also make HSTs with our SMALLEST LIGHT and VERY DARK squares. These HSTs will measure 3-1/2" (4-1/4") and be pressed toward the VERY DARK. You will need eight or sixteen of these depending on layout.

Let's assemble!



Complete, these should measure 12-1/2" or 15-1/2". I assembled those ACCENT squares first, then the larger unit. I pressed these, pinwheel-ing the centre. Each of the four units should measure 6-1/2" or 8" for your completed size to be accurate.

