

Picnic Perfect
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 Clue 3

We are almost picnic ready! I am making the large size, so I will be having my picnic on my king-size bed! Breakfast in bed anyone?!? No rules here, you can do whatever you like. I won't judge if you have breakfast in bed everyday! I'm getting sidetracked, let's get busy with this clue first! We will be assembling two different star blocks (four {4} of each), cutting more lattice, and stitching the border corners. It sounds like a lot, we have way more behind us than before us. We need the tri-recs tool for this clue. Please check our YouTube channel for video tutorials on cutting and assembly with this tool. Please watch the diagonals when cutting triangles

Block A:

BACKGROUND	12" blocks	15" blocks	18" blocks
<i>5-1/4" WOF strips</i>	1		
<i>Sub-cut to 5-1/4" squares</i>	4		
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>	16		
<i>4-1/2" WOF strips</i>	2		
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/2" squares</i>	16		
<i>2" WOF strips</i>	2-3		
<i>Sub-cut to 3-3/8" lengths</i>	8		
<i>AND 6-1/4" lengths</i>	8		
<i>6-1/4" WOF strips</i>		1	
<i>Sub-cut to 6-1/4" squares</i>		4	
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>		16	
<i>5-1/2" WOF strips</i>		3	
<i>Sub-cut to 5-1/2" squares</i>		16	

BACKGROUND	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>	<i>18" blocks</i>
<i>2-1/4" WOF strips</i>		3	
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/8" lengths</i>		8	
<i>AND 7-5/8" lengths</i>		8	
<i>7-1/4" WOF strips</i>			1
<i>Sub-cut to 7-1/4" squares</i>			4
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>			16
<i>6-1/2" WOF strips</i>			Scraps + 2
<i>Sub-cut to 6-1/2" squares</i>			16
<i>2-5/8" WOF strips</i>			3
<i>Sub-cut to 4-3/4" lengths</i>			8
<i>AND 9" lengths</i>			8
CONTRAST	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>	<i>18" blocks</i>
<i>3-3/8" WOF strips</i>	Scraps or 1		
<i>Sub-cut to 3-3/8" squares</i>	4		
<i>4-1/8" WOF strips</i>		Scraps or 1	
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/8" squares</i>		4	
<i>4-3/4" WOF strips</i>			Scraps or 1
<i>Sub-cut to 4-3/4" squares</i>			4
ACCENT	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>	<i>18" blocks</i>
<i>5-1/4" WOF strips</i>	1-2		
<i>Sub-cut to 5-1/4" squares</i>	8		
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>	32		

ACCENT	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>	<i>18" blocks</i>
<i>6-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>2</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 6-1/4" squares</i>		<i>8</i>	
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>		<i>32</i>	
<i>7-1/4" WOF strips</i>			<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 7-1/4" squares</i>			<i>8</i>
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>			<i>32</i>

We will be “building” this block on point (diamond rather than square) to reduce bulk in some of the seams. We will start with the **CONTRAST** square and the **BACKGROUND** rectangles:



Once complete, these should measure 6-1/4”, 7-5/8”, or 9” and be pressed away from the centre square. You should have four (4) of these.

Now let’s grab the **BACKGROUND** squares with the **ACCENT** triangles to create a funny looking “square” (not really a square at all, but ...)

You should have 16 of these units now. I pressed these away from the **BACKGROUND**.



Believe it or not, we are ready to lay out our blocks and stitch them together.



You should have some **BACKGROUND** triangles leftover from the cutting chart. We need those to complete our block. We will assemble these like a 9-patch unit as pictured to the left.



The funny “squares” should be the same size as the squares we created in the first part of this clue.



Isn't she a beauty? You will need to trim the seam allowances at the edges to square these up. I pressed those funny squares toward the centre to bring out the point and help with bulk in the centre. These should measure 12-1/2", 15-1/2", or 18-1/2" now.

Now we can set those aside and work on the next block. We need four of these as well.

Block B:

BACKGROUND	12" blocks	15" blocks	18" blocks
4-1/2" WOF strips	3-4		
Using the “tri” tool, cut triangles	16		
AND 4-1/2" squares	16		

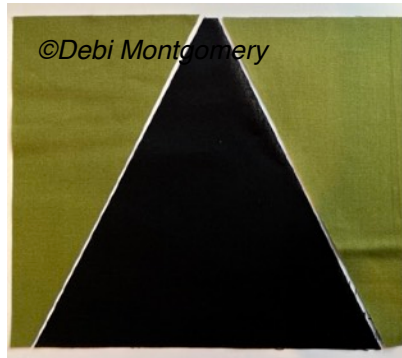
BACKGROUND	12" blocks	15" blocks	18" blocks
5-1/2" WOF strips		4	
Using the "tri" tool, cut triangles		16	
AND 5-1/2" squares		16	
6-1/2" WOF strips			4-5
Using the "tri" tool, cut triangles			16
AND 6-1/2" squares			16

CONTRAST	12" blocks	15" blocks	18" blocks
4-1/2" WOF strips	2		
Using the "recs" tool, cut triangles**	16 sets (32 triangles)		
5-1/2" WOF strips		2	
Using the "recs" tool, cut triangles**		16 sets (32 triangles)	
6-1/2" WOF strips			2
Using the "recs" tool, cut triangles**			16 sets (32 triangles)

****Please place these fabrics right sides together before cutting these triangles,**

ACCENT	12" blocks	15" blocks	18" blocks
4-1/2" WOF strips	Scraps or 1		
Sub-cut to 4-1/2" squares	4		
5-1/2" WOF strips		Scraps or 1	
Sub-cut to 5-1/2" squares		4	
6-1/2" WOF strips			Scraps or 1
Sub-cut to 6-1/2" squares			4

The YouTube channel will give you heaps of help with cutting and assembly of the tri-recs.



Once your tri-recs points are complete, we need to assemble these blocks, using the additional squares we cut.

Border work:

BACKGROUND	12" blocks	15" blocks	18" blocks
2-1/2" WOF strips	Scraps or 1		Scraps or 1
Sub-cut to 2-1/2" squares	4		4
3" WOF strips		Scraps or 1	
Sub-cut to 3" squares		4	
CONTRAST	12" blocks	15" blocks	18" blocks
2-1/2" WOF strips	Scraps or 1		Scraps or 1
Sub-cut to 2-1/2" squares	4		4
AND 2-1/2" x 4-1/2"	4		4

CONTRAST	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>	<i>18" blocks</i>
<i>3" WOF strips</i>		<i>Scraps or 1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3" squares</i>		<i>4</i>	
<i>AND 3" x 5-1/2"</i>		<i>4</i>	
ACCENT	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>	<i>18" blocks</i>
<i>2-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 2-1/2" x 4-1/2"</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>AND 2-1/2" x 6-1/2"</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>3" WOF strips</i>		<i>2</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3" x 5-1/2"</i>		<i>4</i>	
<i>AND 3" x 8"</i>		<i>4</i>	

These are our border corners. We need four of these. They will measure 6-1/2" or 8" now.
Deconstructed: Complete:



Finally, we need some WOF strips to set aside for later. These are the remaining lattice and border strips.

<u>ALL FABRICS</u>	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>	<i>18" blocks</i>
<i>2-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>7 of each fabric</i>		<i>10 each fabric</i>
<i>3" WOF strips</i>		<i>9 each fabric</i>	

Lattice.... OPTIONAL.

CONTRAST	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>	<i>18" blocks</i>
<i>1-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>20</i>