

Centre Stage
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 Clue 4

If you chose NOT to do the curves in clue 3, you will be making more of the optional units today. If not, you will have some fun with the eight Block A units. Block B brings some fun to the design. We only need one Block B, so try to get as much as you can from scraps before cutting new WOFs.

Block A: eight “funky” HST units...

BACKGROUND	<i>9” blocks</i>	<i>12” blocks</i>
<i>3-7/8” WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8” squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>3-1/2” WOF strips</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/2” squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>AND 3-1/2” x 6-1/2” units</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>4-7/8” WOF strips</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 4-7/8” squares</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>4-1/2” WOF strips</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/2” squares</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>AND 4-1/2” x 8-1/2” units</i>		<i>8</i>

BACKGROUND CONTRAST	<i>9” blocks</i>	<i>12” blocks</i>
<i>3-7/8” WOF strips</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8” squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>3-1/2” WOF strips</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/2” squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>AND 3-1/2” x 6-1/2” units</i>	<i>8</i>	

BACKGROUND CONTRAST	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>4-7/8" WOF strips</i>		3
<i>Sub-cut to 4-7/8" squares</i>		8
<i>4-1/2" WOF strips</i>		
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/2" squares</i>		8
<i>AND 4-1/2" x 8-1/2" units</i>		8

INSPIRATION	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>3-1/2" WOF strips</i>	1	
<i>Sub-cut 3-1/2" squares</i>	8	
<i>4-1/2" WOF strips</i>		1
<i>Sub-cut 4-1/2" squares</i>		8

If you did the HSTs in Clue 3, you will be making eight more for this clue. If you made the curves, you can easily make more curves, but I made these HSTs for this position and for flow and fun!



So, grab those BACKGROUND and BACKGROUND CONTRAST 3-7/8" or 4-7/8" squares and let's make some 3-1/2" or 4-1/2" HSTs with them, drawing one diagonal line on the wrong side of the lighter fabric, stitching 1/4" to the left and right of your line.

Not sure if you can see my stitching as I used white thread, but you can see the diagonal lines! We will cut ON the line and press toward the darker fabric, trimming to 3-1/2" OR 4-1/2". You should have 16 HST units now.

Ready to lay out! Eight of these 9-1/2" or 12-1/2" units.



Block B: ONE of these

BACKGROUND	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>4-1/4" squares</i>	1	
<i>Cut 4-1/4" square on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>	4	
<i>2-3/8" squares</i>	4	
<i>5-1/4" squares</i>		1
<i>Cut 5-1/4" square on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>		4
<i>2-7/8" squares</i>		4

BACKGROUND CONTRAST	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>3-7/8" squares</i>	2	
<i>Cut 3-7/8" squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	4	
<i>2-3/8" squares</i>	8	
<i>2" squares</i>	4	
<i>4-7/8" squares</i>		2
<i>Cut 4-7/8" squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>		4
<i>2-7/8" squares</i>		8
<i>2-1/2" squares</i>		4

INSPIRATION	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>4-1/4" squares</i>	1	
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>	4	
<i>3-1/2" squares</i>	1	
BLANK		

INSPIRATION	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>5-1/4" squares</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>4-1/2" squares</i>		<i>1</i>

Let's grab **FOUR** of those *2-3/8" or 2-7/8" BACKGROUND* and **BACKGROUND CONTRAST** squares and make **HST** units like we did for Block A, trimming to *2" or 2-1/2"*.

With the remaining **BACKGROUND CONTRAST** in this size, please cut them on **ONE** diagonal for triangles. We will make some flying geese units with the **INSPIRATION** triangles we cut. These should be pressed away from the **INSPIRATION** fabric. Let's add one **HST** unit to either short end of these flying geese like this:



We should have four of these now.

Now, let's work with the final **INSPIRATION** square and **BACKGROUND** squares we cut on the diagonals to make a square in a square unit. I finger pressed to find the centres to make it more "square".

We need to add those final **BACKGROUND CONTRAST** around this square in a square.. now there will be a square in a square in a square!



Time to grab those remaining **BACKGROUND CONTRAST** squares (should be small) to lay out the remainder of our block.



Here is our layout with the units we have complete. Once I had this assembled, I pressed from the centre outwards.



Complete, this should measure 9-1/2" or 12-1/2" and look similar to mine...

You will only have ONE of these.