

Dynamite!
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Clue 3

We have four different blocks with four in each in this clue. In the end, I may have to spread these out further so we don't have too much to do in a given clue. Just thinking out loud. So let's just get right to it. Four of each block...

Block A: The first chart is for TWO fabrics, please cut the specified units from EACH fabric.

BACKGROUND and BOLD	<i>8" blocks</i>	<i>10" blocks</i>
<i>9-1/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 9-1/4" squares</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Mate these and cut on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>11-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 11-1/4" squares</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Mate these and cut on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>		<i>4</i>
DARK	<i>8" blocks</i>	<i>10" blocks</i>
<i>8-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 8-7/8" squares</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>10-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 10-7/8" squares</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>		<i>4</i>

Let's grab those triangles we mated (BACKGROUND and BOLD).

We will keep them mated right sides together and starting at the 90° (square) angle with the **BACKGROUND** on top, stitch to the corner. You should have a larger triangle (containing those two triangles).



This triangle should be **EXACTLY** the same size as your **DARK** triangles. We will mate these now and stitch on the long diagonal line. **PLEASE** remember we are stitching on the bias. Please let your feed dogs do their work, no pushing or pulling the fabric. This causes curves in our block.

Block B: Watch this first chart again, it's for **TWO** fabrics, please cut units from **EACH** fabric.

BACKGROUND and BOLD	8" blocks	10" blocks
3-3/8" WOF strips	2	
4-1/16" WOF strips		2
DARK and COMPLIMENT	8" blocks	10" blocks
4-7/8" WOF strips	Scraps or 1	
Sub-cut to 4-7/8" squares	2	
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles	4	
5-7/8" WOF strips		Scraps or 1
Sub-cut to 5-7/8" squares		2
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles		4

Our first job will be to make a strip set from those WOFs (BACKGROUND and BOLD). We will NOT press these open just yet. Please read and watch carefully. This is NOT hard to accomplish at all, but you can easily make a little mistake that will have catastrophic results. (Please trust me and don't ask how I know this!!)

We will start with our strip-set and the COMPLIMENT triangles. We need to stitch these COMPLIMENT triangles to the BACKGROUND side of our strip-set. We can only fit two on each strip-set so please just centre it on each half. If you didn't have enough to make a complete strip-set and you're pinching fabric like me, Please make sure you have enough to clear the corner.



To make sure you “clear the corner”, I put a pin where I thought I could start, then put my ruler on the edge of the triangle (where my cutting line will be), to make sure it worked.

Then you can stitch this on to the BACKGROUND after opening the strip-set.

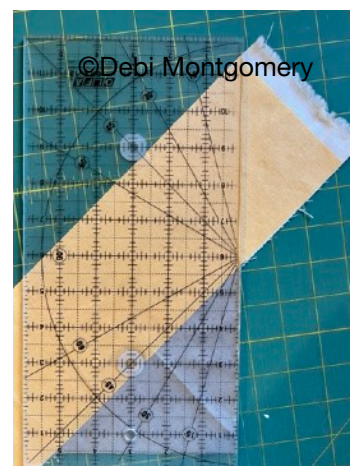


Take your strip-set with the triangle stitched on to the cutting table. Time to create our block (or most of it). We will cut along both “sides” of the COMPLIMENT triangle

This will give us an odd shaped block. We will add the final DARK triangle to the “blank space”.



This should look like a triangle before we press it open.





We will add that DARK triangle to that space at the top.



We will now have an 8-1/2" or 10-1/2" square again. I needed to sliver trim the sides to "square" it. We need FOUR of these, always pressed toward the darker colour.

Block C: We are cutting double what we need as we will use these exact units in a future clue. WATCH the chart, it is for TWO fabrics, please cut specified units from EACH fabric.

DARK and BOLD	8" blocks	10" blocks
5-1/4" WOF strips	1	
Sub-cut to 5-1/4" squares	4	
Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles	16	
4-7/8" WOF strips	1	
Sub-cut to 4-7/8" squares	8	
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles	16	
2-7/8" WOF strips	1	
Sub-cut to 2-7/8" squares	8	
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles	16	
1-7/8" WOF strips	1	

DARK and BOLD	<i>8" blocks</i>	<i>10" blocks</i>
<i>6-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 6-1/4" squares</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>		<i>16</i>
<i>5-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>Scraps + 1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 5-7/8" squares</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>		<i>16</i>
<i>3-3/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-3/8" squares</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>		<i>16</i>
<i>2-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>

First things first, let's grab those WOFs to make more strip-sets, stitching a DARK to the BOLD with right sides together along the long edge.

We need to cut these into 1-7/8" OR 2-1/4" sections now. We need 16 of these sections.



We will assemble 4-patch units with these sections.

8-1/2" blocks, this 4-patch should measure 3-1/4" now.

10-1/2" blocks, this 4-patch should measure 4" now.

PLEASE SET ASIDE FOUR of these 4-patch units to use in a later clue.

We are assembling four snail trail units with these triangles. For these, we will start with our smallest triangles placed like this:

One way to keep this going in the correct direction is to always have your **BOLD** under the needle first, both the triangle and the square. Be consistent if you start the opposite way, keep going... these can make a trail in either direction, but they all need to be exactly alike.



	8" blocks	10" blocks
4-patch	3-1/4"	4"
Round 1	4-1/2"	5-1/2"
Round 2	6-1/4"	7-1/2"
Round 3	8-1/2"	10-1/2"

Round 2:



Round 3:



I tried to keep the **BOLD** and **DARK** squares in the 4-patch in the same position in all the pictures.

Once that last set of triangles is stitched, your block should measure 8-1/2" or 10-1/2", please press **AWAY** from the centre with each round.

Block D: four of these EASY blocks

DARK	<i>8" blocks</i>	<i>10" blocks</i>
<i>4-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/2" squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>2-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 2-1/2" squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>AND 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" units</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>5-1/2" WOF strips</i>		<i>1-2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 5-1/2" squares</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>3" WOF strips</i>		<i>2-3</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3" squares</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>AND 3" x 5-1/2" units</i>		<i>8</i>
BOLD	<i>8" blocks</i>	<i>10" blocks</i>
<i>2-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 2-1/2" squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>3" WOF strips</i>		<i>1-2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3" squares</i>		<i>8</i>

Grabbing the squares first, then adding the rectangles, these should measure 4-1/2" or 5-1/2" when assembled. Then add your DARK squares for our complete 8-1/2" or 10-1/2" blocks You should have FOUR of these, pressed flat.

