

Through the Looking Glass
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 Clue 3

For this clue we will be creating three more sets of blocks. Each pretty easy, but look intricate and difficult, I love how they add to the design in so many ways!

Block A: four of these

BACKGROUND 1	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>5-3/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 5-3/4" squares</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>3-1/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/8" squares</i>	<i>10</i>	
<i>7-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 7-1/4" squares</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>3-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares</i>		<i>10</i>
BACKGROUND 2	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>5-3/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 5-3/4" squares</i>	<i>3</i>	
<i>5-3/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 5-3/8" squares</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>3-1/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/8" squares</i>	<i>10</i>	

BACKGROUND 2	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>7-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 7-1/4" squares</i>		<i>3</i>
<i>6-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 6-7/8" squares</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>3-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares</i>		<i>10</i>
ACCENT CONTRAST	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>3-1/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/8" squares</i>	<i>12</i>	
<i>3-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1-2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares</i>		<i>12</i>

So here is a pic of our COMPLETED block. We will create each quarter of the block first, then put them together. WAY easier than it looks!

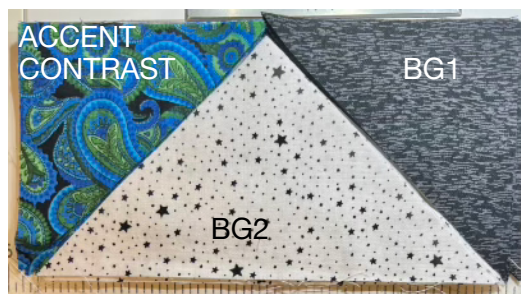


First, let's grab ONE 5-3/4" or 7-1/4" BACKGROUND 1 and BACKGROUND 2 squares. We need to mate these right sides together and cut them on BOTH diagonals. Take these to the machine and starting at the 90° (square) corner, with the BACKGROUND 2 on top, stitch to the bottom corner. This will create four 2-colour triangles. Set these aside for now please.

Now, we will use those 3-1/8" or 3-7/8" squares we cut. We need to make some HSTs with these. We will need 10 BACKGROUND 2 squares, 6 BACKGROUND 1 squares, and 4 ACCENT CONTRAST squares to create these. We need 12 (twelve) BACKGROUND 1/BACKGROUND 2 HST units and 8 (eight) BACKGROUND 2/ACCENT CONTRAST HST units. Once created, please trim these to 2-3/4" or 3-1/2" and you should be ready for the next step. You will have created: 12 (using six squares each) BG1/BG2 and 8 (using four squares each) BG2/ACCENT CONTRAST.

Using these same size squares (3-1/8" or 3-7/8"), you should only have eight ACCENT CONTRAST and four BACKGROUND 1 leftover, cut these on ONE diagonal.

Let's also cut the remaining 5-3/4" or 7-1/4" BACKGROUND 2 squares on BOTH diagonals. We will be making some flying geese units with these.



Please make sure your flying geese are laid out like mine to ensure the secondary patterns show.

We will now grab the HST from the top of this page and those flying geese to create these:

Again, PLACEMENT IS CRUCIAL for your design to shine!

You should have eight of these 5" or 6-1/2" units now. Press away from the flying geese. Those HSTs may need to be pressed open.



We should have some BG1/BG2 HST units left as well as some ACCENT CONTRAST triangles. We will create this diagonal line with those.

We need to cut those final BG2 squares we have on ONE diagonal. These will finish off those 2-colour triangles from page 2 and these diagonal lines.





We will now have everything we need to put the blocks together. We will have four of these now, measuring 9-1/2" or 12-1/2" and pressed flat.

Block B: four of these

BACKGROUND 2	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
4-1/4" WOF strips	1	
Sub-cut to 4-1/4" squares	2	
3-7/8" WOF strips	Scraps + 1	
Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares	10	
3-1/2" WOF strips	1	
Sub-cut to 3-1/2" squares	12	
5-1/4" WOF strips		1
Sub-cut to 5-1/4" squares		2
4-7/8" WOF strips		Scraps + 1
Sub-cut to 4-7/8" squares		10
4-1/2" WOF strips		2
Sub-cut to 4-1/2" squares		12

ACCENT CONTRAST	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>4-1/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/4" squares</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>3-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>Scraps + 1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares</i>	<i>10</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>Scraps + 1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 4-7/8" squares</i>		<i>10</i>

We will assemble these exactly like we did Clue 2 Block C blocks except with the **BACKGROUND 2** on the top and bottom with the **ACCENT CONTRAST** forming the arrow. **EASY.** We will again have four of these.



9-1/2" or 12-1/2" finishes these beautiful easy blocks.



Block C: the easiest of the lot for this clue, four of these as well

BACKGROUND 1	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>2-3/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 2-3/4" x 5" units</i>	<i>16</i>	
<i>3-1/2" WOF strips</i>		<i>3</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" units</i>		<i>16</i>

BACKGROUND 2	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>3-3/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>Scraps or 1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-3/4" squares</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>4-3/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>Scraps or 1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 4-3/4" squares</i>		<i>4</i>
ACCENT	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>3-1/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/8" squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	<i>16</i>	
<i>2-3/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>1-2</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 2-3/4" squares</i>	<i>16</i>	
<i>3-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>		<i>16</i>
<i>3-1/2" WOF strips</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/2" squares</i>		<i>16</i>

First we need to create some square in a square units with our BACKGROUND 2 squares and ACCENT triangles.

Please note: I ran out of my BACKGROUND 2 fabric, so I replaced with my ACCENT CONTRAST fabric.

We are ready to finish up our blocks now.

This one should measure the same as our rectangles (5" or 6-1/2") and be pressed away from that centre square.



Deconstructed:



Complete:



*These four units should measure 9-1/2" or 12-1/2" now and we are ready for our next clue!
Please press these away from the centre or the most flat way.*