

Moot Point
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Clue 3

For this clue, we will have a lot of cutting, but we will be saving some for later. I am easily confused, so we will make four snail trails spinning one direction in clue 3 and in the opposite way in a future clue. We will make all the 4-patch units at once though. We will also be cutting and assembling four star units. Eight total blocks for this clue. Let's go!

Block A: snail trail units (four this clue) Please note: the second chart is for two fabrics, please cut the specified amount from EACH fabric.

BACKGROUND	9" blocks	12" blocks
<i>5-3/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>Scraps or 1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 5-3/4" squares</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>	<i>16</i>	
<i>5-3/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1-2</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 5-3/8" squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	<i>16</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>2-1/16" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>7-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 7-1/4" squares</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>		<i>16</i>

BACKGROUND	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>6-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 6-7/8" squares</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</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>2-5/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1-2</i>

TWO FABRIC CHART BELOW: please cut the specified amount from EACH fabric like we did in Clue 2.

CONTRAST and FOCUS	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>5-3/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>Scraps or 1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 5-3/4" squares</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>	<i>8</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>4</i>	
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>2-1/16" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	

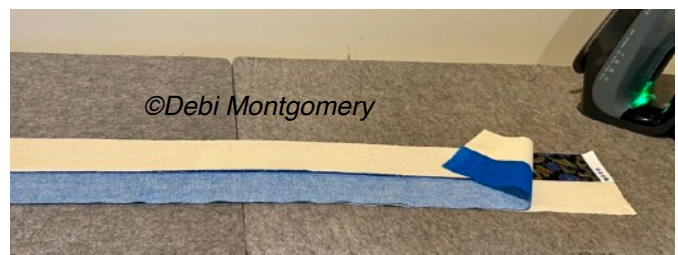
CONTRAST and FOCUS	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>7-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 7-1/4" squares</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>6-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 6-7/8" squares</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal 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>4</i>
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>2-5/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>

Please set aside HALF of the triangle units. We will use the WOF we didn't sub-cut to create eight 4-patch units, then use the **first half of the triangles**. That was a lot of cutting, but will make clue 4 a breeze!

Grabbing our WOF strips, we need to mate a BACKGROUND to each FOCUS and CONTRAST. I cut 2 BACKGROUND WOFs, but probably could have made one work. Just use half a strip with your other two fabrics.

Once complete, please press AWAY from the BACKGROUND.

Then, mate them with the opposite fabrics touching.



Once mated, your strips should nest easily for a smooth cut. For the 9" blocks, we need to cut our units to 2-1/16" x 3-5/8". For the 12" blocks, we will cut our units to 2-5/8" x 4-3/4". We need eight sets of these. Stitching that seam we nested, we should have eight (8) 4-patch units measuring 3-5/8" or 4-3/4".

Grabbing FOUR of these (set the other four aside for Clue 4) and HALF the triangles in each size we cut, we will create snail trails.



For the first half, I like to help myself remember which way I am going by knowing the "like" fabrics are first under the needle. For example, my FOCUS is in the top right of the pic...I will add my FOCUS smallest triangle to this side, making the focus the first under the needle. This is Round 1.

There is a chart below for each round, these are very close approximates, you should be within 1/8" of my measurements.

Round 2: middle sized triangles

Round 3: largest triangles (finish)



Finished, you should have FOUR snail trail units measuring 9-1/2" or 12-1/2" and always pressed away from the centre. I finger press the triangle centres to help keep my square a "square".

	9" blocks	12" blocks
4-patch	3-5/8"	4-3/4"
Round 1	5"	6-1/2"
Round 2	7-1/4"	9-1/8"
Round 3 (final)	9-1/2"	12-1/2"

Complete!!



Block B: FOUR stars

BACKGROUND	9" blocks	12" blocks
5-3/4" WOF strips	Scraps or 1	
Sub-cut to 5-3/4" squares	4	
3-1/8" WOF strips	Scraps or 1	
Sub-cut to 3-1/8" squares	8	
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles	16	
2-3/4" WOF strips	1-2	
Sub-cut to 2-3/4" squares	16	
7-1/4" WOF strips		Scraps or 1
Sub-cut to 7-1/4" squares		4
3-7/8" WOF strips		Scraps or 1
Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares		8
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles		16
3-1/2" WOF strips		2
Sub-cut to 3-1/2" squares		16

CONTRAST	<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>
FOCUS	<i>9" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>3-1/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/8" squares</i>	<i>16</i>	
<i>3-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares</i>		<i>16</i>

Firstly, let's grab the largest BACKGROUND and the FOCUS squares. We will be making flying geese units with these. These flying geese should measure 2-3/4" x 5" (for the 9" blocks) OR 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" (for the 12" blocks). I drew ONE diagonal line on the wrong side of my FOCUS squares. I used the "no waste" method...

I stitched a scant 1/4" to the left and right of my drawn line (highlighted in the pic with a dark black line in the direction I used). You should see double stitching now.



We will cut ON the line and press away from the large triangle.



Now we will take one more FOCUS square to the "heart" this created to complete our flying geese.

Once we stitch a scant 1/4" both sides of the line, we will cut and BOOM!! There are our flying geese!

Please press that final triangle away from the centre again and sliver trim to the sizes given on page 6. You should have sixteen (16) of these now.



Now, we need the *CONTRAST* squares and the *BACKGROUND* triangles. We will make a square in a square unit (times four). Finger-pressing the centres helps keep it square. These square in a square units need to measure 5" or 6-1/2" now.

This will be the centre of our stars. The flying geese will be our star points. Squared up with our *BACKGROUND* squares, these should measure 9-1/2" or 12-1/2" now.



Deconstructed Star:



You will have a bit of bulk where your star points and the square points meet, you may want to press these seams open to help reduce the bulk.

Complete, we have four 9-1/2" or 12-1/2" blocks.

