

QUILTSCAPE 2012 BLOCK CHALLENGE Directions

“Fall into Autumn”

The fabric for this year’s challenge can be found at Creations Sew Clever, Neff’s County Loft and Almost Sisters. You will need to purchase a fat quarter from one of the vendors participating. Choose your favorite and add as many more fat quarters or your stash to make your block. Please embellish or add your special touch to the middle of the block to reflect the fall season of the year.

Challenge Rules:

- You must make a small quilt using the Quiltescape Challenge Block” shown.
- The quilt must comprise of only this one block, a 1” wide border and binding.
- You must use the fat quarter fabric from one of the three vendors. You may add as many additional fabrics and colors as you like.
- You must embellish the middle of your block to make it unique and special.
- You must name your creation! I created the block in EQ7 but have not named it.
- **You must bring the completed quilt to Quiltescape 2012 for display and viewer’s choice awards**

This is a 18” finished block with 1” borders added to complete it as a quilt.

The directions are for the Magic Triangle Method and you need to use the tool to the mark the seam allowances.

Go to www.cindycasciato.com and watch the You-Tube video first to learn more about this amazing solution to eliminate 1/8” rotary cutting measurements.

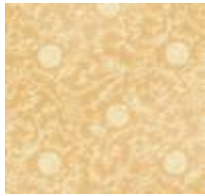
You can purchase the Magic Triangle Method Tool at www.cindycasciato.com



2012 Quilt Block Challenge Instructions

18" Block with 1" finished borders = 20" project.

Cutting Directions: All cutting instructions are for Magic Triangle Method Math no 1/8" cuts.



Cut (4) 3 1/2" squares from light



Cut (2) 4" squares from a light and accent color



Cut (4) 4" squares from a light and medium print



Cut (4) 4" squares of dark

Cut (2) 4 1/2" squares from each of the two colors



Cut (1) 7 1/2" square of dark

Cut (4) 4" squares of medium accent



Cut (1) 6 1/2" square of light

Cut (4) 3 1/2" squares of medium print



Piecing Directions:

Using the Magic Triangle Method Tool



Half-square triangle units:

Make 4 identical units of the background and accent color. Finished Unit measures: 3 1/2"

Make 8 identical units of the background and a medium color. Finished Unit measures: 3 1/2"



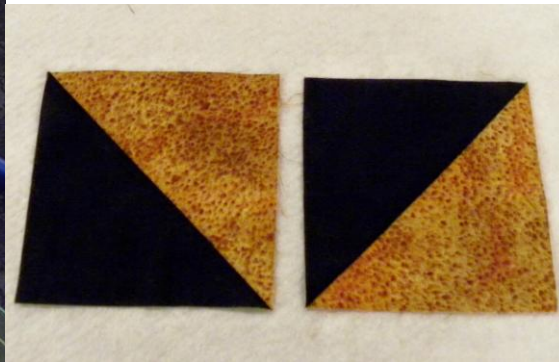
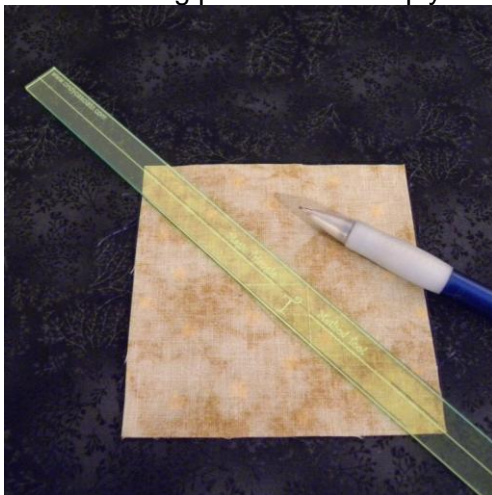
Simply mark the seam allowance on the back of the lighter square using a mechanical pencil.

Sew on the marked lines and cut apart down the center diagonal of the sewn unit.

There will be no need to re-size these units as they will come out perfect each time.

Cut apart and press seams towards the dark to make two half-square triangle units at once.

The following pictures are simply examples of how to use the tool.

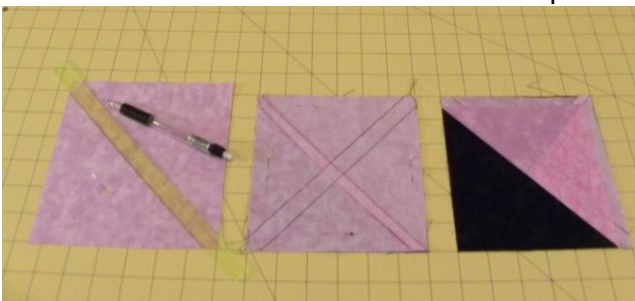


This Unit is called a three-part square because it's made of 3 triangles.



Make 8 identical units that look like this diagram. Finished Unit measures: 3 1/2"

1. Start by combining the 4 1/2" squares of background and accent colors into half-squares.
2. Press all the seams to the dark side. These half-squares should measure 4".
3. Combine the 4" half-squares with the 4" dark squares. Draw the diagonal stitching lines across the seam lines of the half squares.
4. Stitch on the lines and cut the squares apart and press the seams towards the dark triangle.



Note: This picture shows a step by step process of a three-part square. It is not meant to represent the fabrics in the challenge block.

Make 4 identical units that look like this diagram.

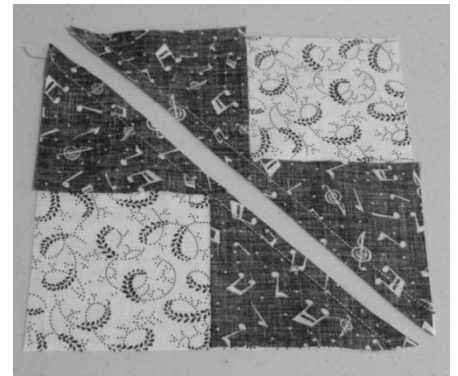
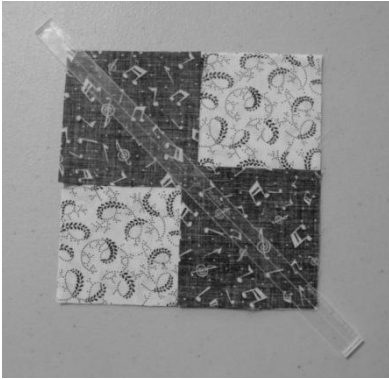
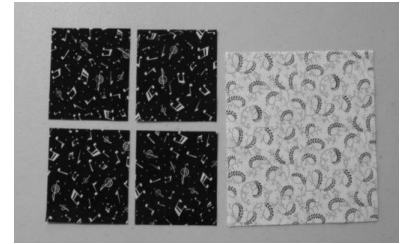
In this flying geese unit we will designate the small squares to be the sky and the large square to be the goose.

Keep in mind that the photos are a step by step!

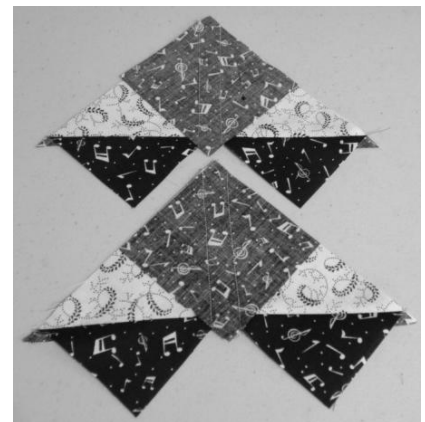
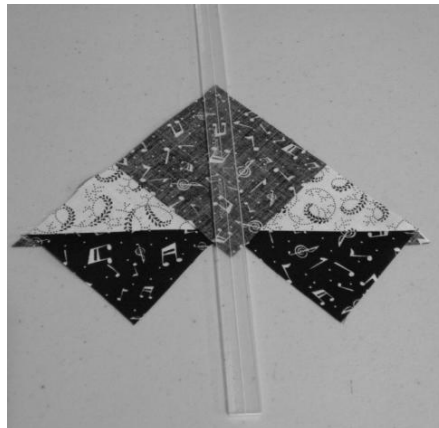
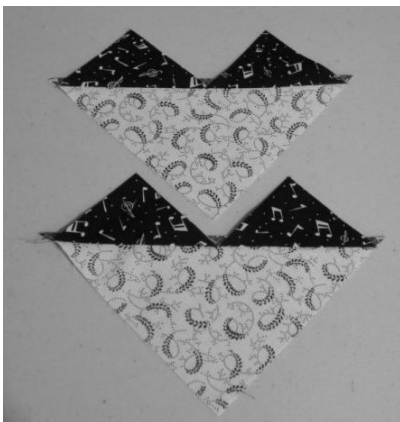
Size to cut squares:

Cut one 7½ inch square for the goose fabric. Cut four 4 inch squares for the sky fabric.

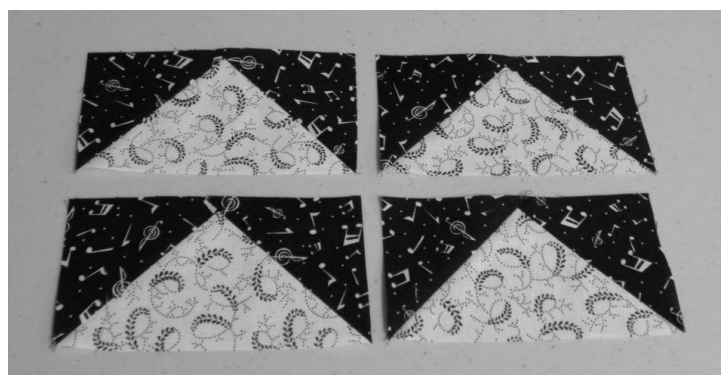
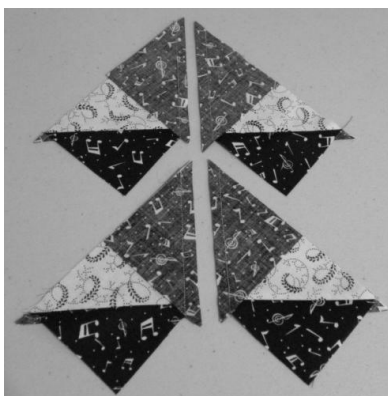
- Place two of the smaller squares on the larger square in opposite corners.
- *Align the center line on the Magic Triangle Method tool diagonally across the two smaller squares.*
- Mark the seam allowance on both sides of the Magic triangle tool using a mechanical pencil.



- Stitch on the drawn lines. Cut apart down the center of the sewn unit. This gives you two units that look like a jet plane. Press seams toward the Sky fabric.



- Place the remaining sky squares right sides together with each of the jet planes.
- Mark the seams with the tool on the wrong side of the sky squares.
- Stitch on the drawn line. Cut apart down the center of the sewn unit.
- Walla! You have four flying geese units.





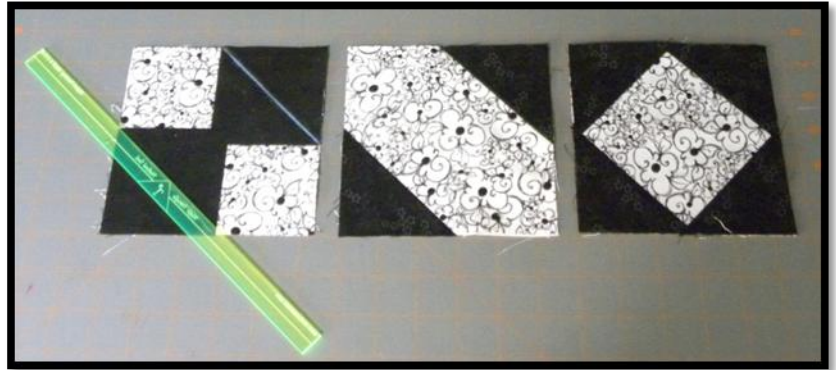
Square within a Square Unit- Make One

1. Make 1 unit.
2. Place two of the 3 1/2" squares right sides together on opposite corners with the large 6 1/2" square.
3. Use the edge of the tool to mark a diagonal stitching line from corner to corner.
4. Stitch on the diagonal lines.
5. Flip the dark triangle right side up.
6. Press the black triangle towards the corner of the large black n white

square.

7. Trim out the excess black fabric behind the corner square.
8. Repeat on the opposite corners to complete the diamond square.
9. Sew on the line.

This unit should measure to a 6 1/2" square.
 Note: The photo shows the process not the actual fabrics used in the block.



Assemble the Block



Make 4 units



Make 4 units



Make 1 unit



Group units together to make a whole block. Stitch together in rows.
 Add 1" borders around block to complete as a little quilt.