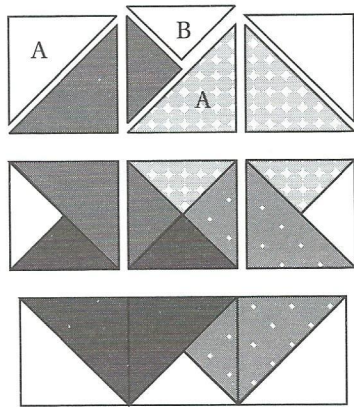


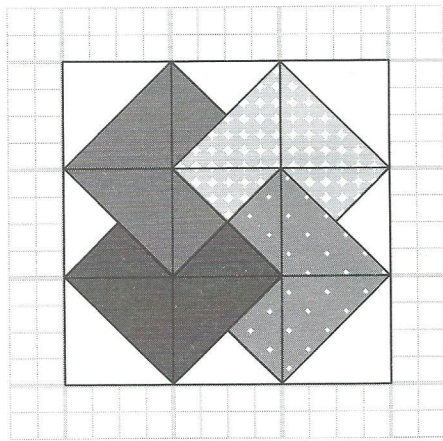


CARD TRICK

Make the Card Trick Block to learn how to sew half-square units and quarter-square units. Refer to *Shortcuts*, pages 12 and 13. In order for this design to work, you *must* make this block using four different fabrics, plus a background fabric.



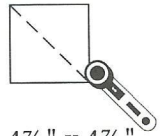
Piecing Diagram



Card Trick Block

Corner Units: Piece A

1. Cut 2 squares, each $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $4\frac{7}{8}$ ", from the background fabric.
2. Stack the squares and cut once diagonally to yield 4 half-square triangles for the corners of the block.

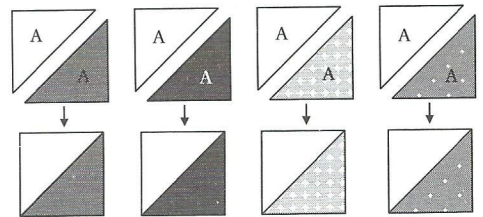


Cards: Piece A

1. From each of the 4 fabrics for the "cards," cut 1 square, $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $4\frac{7}{8}$ ".
2. Stack the squares and cut once diagonally as shown above to yield 2 half-square triangles of each color.

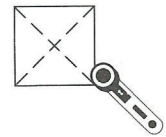
3. Sew 1 triangle (A) of each color to a background triangle (A) to

form 4 corner units. Press the seam toward the darker fabric. (Use only 1 of each color for the corner units. Set aside the remaining triangles for the side units.)



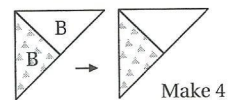
Side Units: Pieces A and B

1. Cut 1 square, $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ ", from the background fabric.
2. From each of the 4 fabrics for the "cards," cut 1 square, $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ ".
3. Stack the squares and cut twice diagonally to yield 4 quarter-square triangles (B) of each color. (Use only 1 of each color to make the side units and 1 of each color for the center unit. Set the extras aside for another project.)

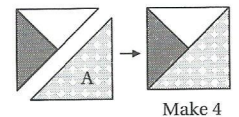


4. Sew 1 colored fabric triangle (B) to a background triangle (B) on the short side to make the half-square triangle unit. Repeat with 3 remaining triangles of different colors, sewing each to a background triangle.

Half-Square Triangle Unit

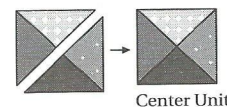


5. Sew the half-square triangle unit to triangle (A) left over from the corner units. Color placement is very important in this step. Lay out the block before sewing the units together. Make 4.



Center Unit: Piece B

1. Using the (B) triangles left over from making the side units, sew 2 quarter-square triangles together to make a half-square unit. Again, color placement is very important in this step. Arrange the corner and side units to determine the placement of the quarter-square triangles for the center unit.
2. Sew the half-square units together for the center unit.



Center Unit

Block Assembly

1. Arrange the units as shown in the piecing diagram.
2. Sew the units together in horizontal rows.
3. Sew the rows together to complete the block.