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Massachusetts Block #quiltblockmania

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Fabric Requirements:

5 - Fat Eighths or Fat Quarters
(1 Light Pink, 1 Blue, 1 Red 1 Purple & 1 Aqua)

*Fat Sixteenth is approx. 9" x 11"

*Fat Eighth is approx. 9" x 18"

*Fat Quarter is approx. 18" x 22"

Instructions 12" (12.5" unfinished):

Fabric 1 (Light Pink)

Cut 2 - 6 1/2" (6.5") squares

Draw a line diagonally across, on the wrong side

Fabrics: Red, blue, purple & aqua/teal

Cut 2 ea. - Purple & Aqua - 5 1/2" (5.5") squares (HST's)

Cut 2 ea. Red, Blue & Light Pink - 6 1/2" (6.5") squares (QST's)

Cut 1 ea. Purple & Aqua - 6 1/2" (6.5") squares (QST's)

Cut 1 Purple & 1 Aqua - 4 1/2" (4.5") square (outer solid sq.)

Making the HST's (HST = Half Square Triangle/ QST Quarter Square Triangle)

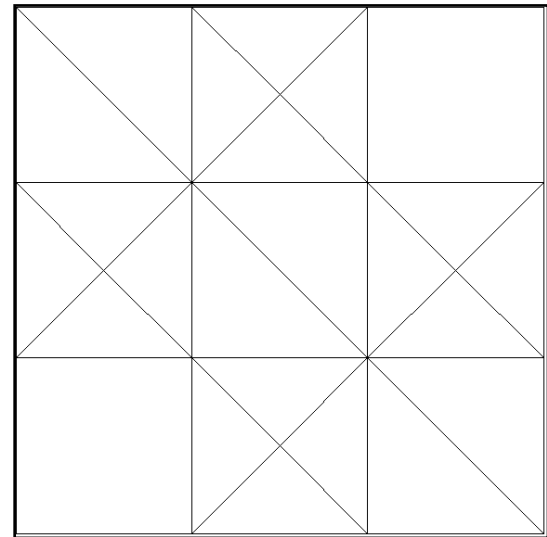
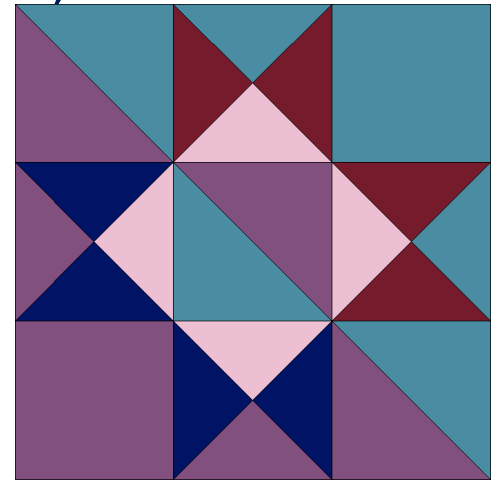
Pair up the purple & aqua 5 1/2" squares - Make the HST's (Steps 1 & 2)
★ Trim down to 4 1/2" squares - Yields 4, you will use 3 of the 4

Pair up (6 1/2" squares):
 one pink with one blue one pink and one red
 one purple with one blue one aqua and one red

Make HST's, (Steps 1 & 2) **DO NOT trim**

Pair up opposites (Step 3) Pink/Blue with Purple/Blue **AND** Pink/Red with Aqua/Red (each pairing yields 2)

★ Trim to 4 1/2"

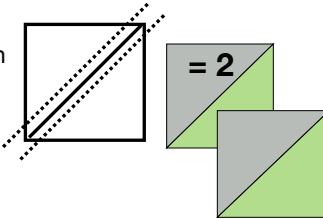


How to Make Half Square & Quarter Square Triangles

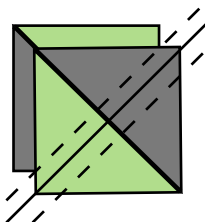
STEP 1 - Place two sq.'s RST



STEP 2 - Draw a line across diagonally. Stitch a 1/4" seam allowance on both sides of the drawn line. **Cut** on the drawn line. Yields 2 HST's



STEP 3 - Pair up one of the HST's with another - **RST** **They should nest. **Draw** a line across horizontally (in the opposite direction as the HST) **Stitch** 1/4" away from the drawn line, on both sides. **Cut** on the drawn line. **Square up** like all of the above, taking care at all four corners



Review our [TIPS sheet](#) for making HST's & QST's

Before you begin sewing the block together: TEST YOUR 1/4" SEAM - Using scraps, cut 3 rectangles 2 1/2" wide x 6 1/2" long. Sew together on the long sides. Press & measure. The piece should measure 6 1/2" square. If it measures wider than 6 1/2" (sewn width) adjust your seam.

***Use a 1/4" seam throughout all steps.**

Finishing Instructions:

Create the HST's Square up: ALL sub-blocks for the 12" block square up to to 4 1/2" (4.5")

Layout as shown on the diagram & **Sew** in rows (alternate seams to nest) to complete.

