



Block Name: Four Crowns

Skill level: Easy

Cutting method: rotary cutting

Fabrics: 4 colors
or 4 shades of
one color - light, 2
mediums & dark

Cutting: use the
chart below for the
size block you need.



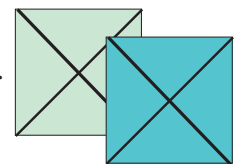
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Quantity to cut	3" block	6" block	9" block	12" block	15" block
Light:					
8	1" x 1"	1.5" x 1.5"	2" x 2"	2.5" x 2.5"	3" x 3"
2	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"	5.5" x 5.5"	6.5" x 6.5"
Medium A:					
1	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"	5.5" x 5.5"
Medium B:					
4	1" x 1"	1.5" x 1.5"	2" x 2"	2.5" x 2.5"	3" x 3"
2	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"	5.5" x 5.5"	6.5" x 6.5"
Dark:					
4	1" x 1"	1.5" x 1.5"	2" x 2"	2.5" x 2.5"	3" x 3"

Block size refers to finished size.

Constructing the Block

This block uses 4 half-square triangle (HST) units. Begin by making the HST's.



Making the Quarter-square Triangle Units

Use the largest squares to make these units (2.5", 3.5", etc.).

1. Cut each square in half diagonally twice to make four triangles.

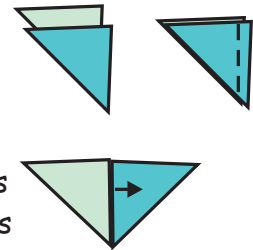




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Making the QSTs, continued

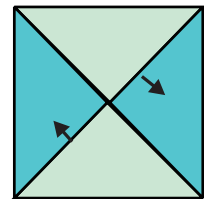
2. Match a light triangle to a dark triangle, right sides together. Place them so that the dark triangle is on the top and the two short sides are at the top and to the right. Sew triangles together on the right-hand short side. On quarter-square triangles, the two short sides are the bias or stretchy sides. - remember to be careful not to stretch these sides as you sew. Repeat with remaining triangles.



Make 8.

3. Press seams toward the dark triangle. Seams should go in the direction indicated by the arrows on the diagrams.

4. Place two units right sides together, seams snugged against each other, just as you would when making a 4-patch unit. Sew seam. Repeat with remaining units to make a total of 4 QST units. Press new seams to one side.

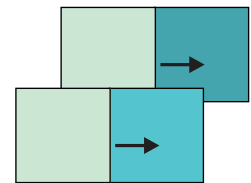


Make 4.

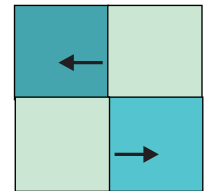
5. Use a ruler with a 90-degree angle marking to trim units to size - they should measure the same as the small medium color square you cut for your block size.

Making the 4-Patch Units

1. Use the smallest light, medium B and dark squares. Sew a light square to each darker square. Press seam toward the darker square. Make 4 of each color combination.



2. Place two of the units from the previous step right sides together with seams going in opposite directions and snugged up against each other. Sew together. Press seam one way or the other. Make 4.

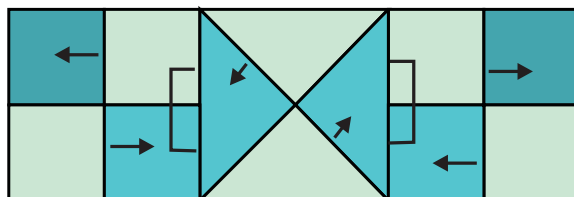


Make 4.

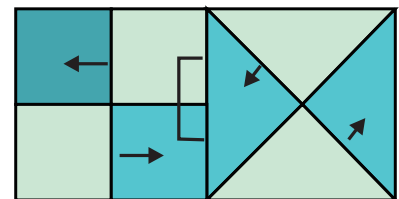
Making the Top and Bottom Rows

1. Sew a QST unit to 4-patch unit as shown. Press seam toward the 4-patch. Make 2.

2. Sew another 4-patch unit to the other side of the QST unit in the previous step. Press seam toward the 4-patch. Make 2.



Make 2.



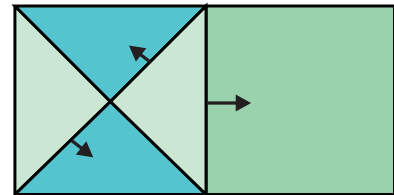
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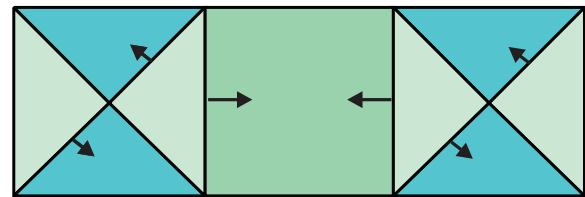
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Making the Center Row

1. Sew a QST unit to the medium color A square as shown. Press seam toward medium color A square.
2. Sew remaining QST unit to previous unit as shown. Press seam toward medium color A square.



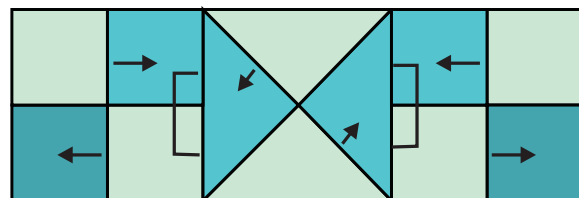
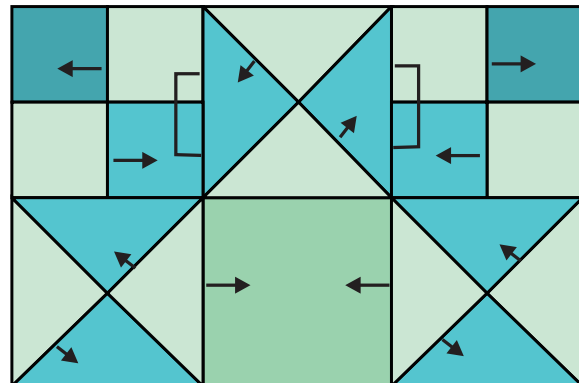
Make 1.



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Assembling the Block

1. On a flat surface, lay out the units as they should go in the finished block.
2. Sew the top row to the center row. Press seam either direction.
3. Sew bottom row to center row. Press seam either direction.
4. Press entire block. Measure and square it up if needed.

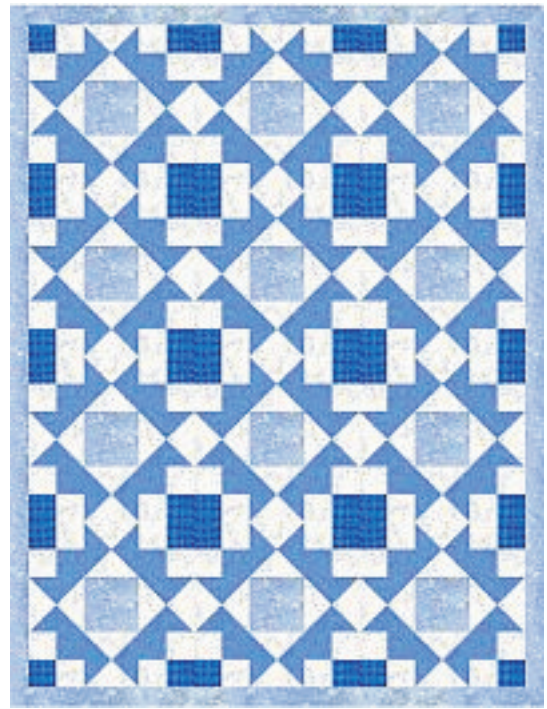




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Set with sashing and cornerstones.



Set without sashing.

Use the block diagrams below
to try out colors.

