



## Block Name: Hourglass 1

Skill level: Easy

Cutting method: rotary cutting

Fabrics: 3 colors  
or 3 shades of  
one color - light,  
medium & 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 color:					
1	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"	6" x 6"
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:					
2	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"	6" x 6"
4	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"
Dark:					
2	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"

*Block size refers to finished size.*

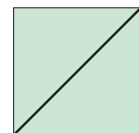
### Constructing the Block

This block uses 2 half-square triangle (HST) units. Begin by making the HST's.

#### Making the Half-Square Triangle Units

Use the largest squares to make these units (2", 3", etc.).

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light squares.

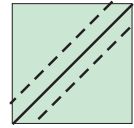




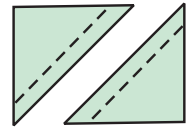
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### Making HST's continued

2. Match light squares to the other squares of the same size, right sides together (RST). Sew 1/4" from each side of drawn line.

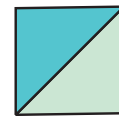


3. Cut the units in half on drawn diagonal line.



4. Press seams toward the medium or dark color.

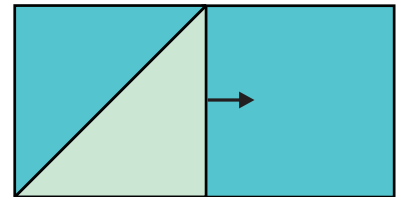
5. Trim each HST to same size as the smaller squares required for your block size.



Make 2.

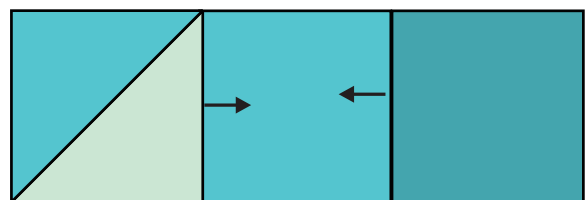
### Making the Top and Bottom Rows

1. Sew a light/medium HST to a medium square as shown at right. Make 2. Press seams toward the medium square.



Make 2.

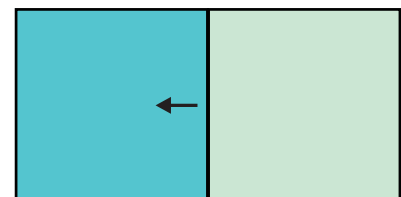
2. Sew a dark square to the end of each unit as shown below. Press new seams toward the medium square. Seams should go in the direction indicated by the arrows on the diagrams.



Make 2.

### Making the Center Row

1. Sew a light square to a medium square as shown at right. Press seam toward the square.



Make 1.



### Making the Center Row, continued

2. Sew the remaining medium square to the opposite side of the light square as shown below. Press new seam toward the medium square.



Make 1.

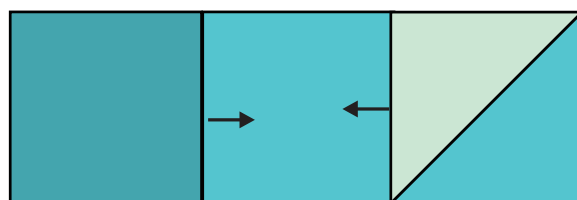
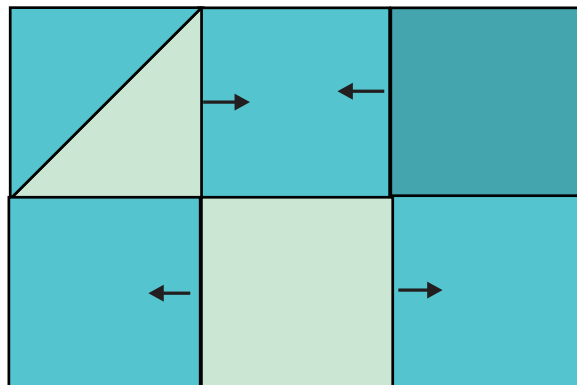
### Assembling the Block

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 way.

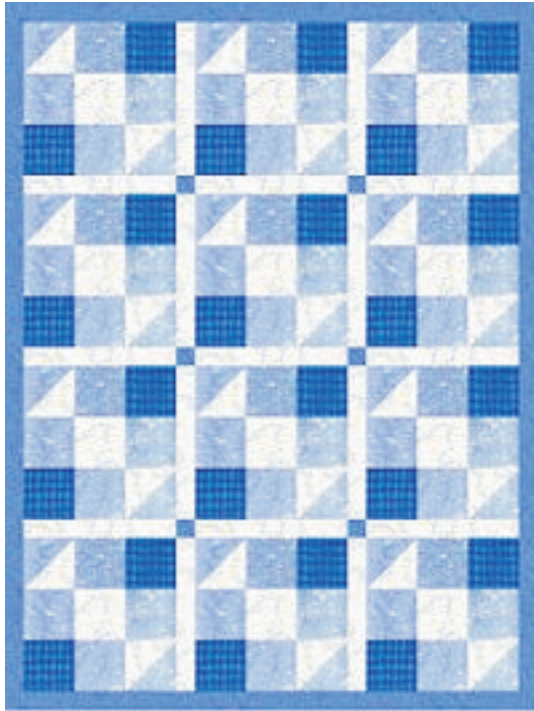
3. Sew bottom row to center row. Press seam either way.

4. Press entire block. Measure and square it up if needed.

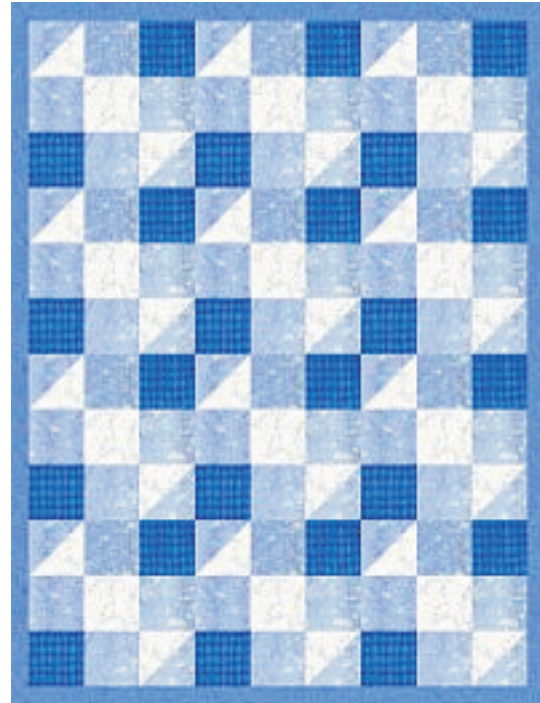




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Set with sashing and cornerstones.



Set without sashing.