



## Block Name: Prairie Queen

Skill level: Easy

Cutting method: rotary cutting

Fabrics: 3 colors  
or 3 shades of  
one color - light,  
medium & dark OR 2  
colors (traditional)

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:					
2	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"
8	1" x 1"	1.5" x 1.5"	2" x 2"	2.5" x 2.5"	3" x 3"
Medium:					
8	1" x 1"	1.5" x 1.5"	2" x 2"	2.5" x 2.5"	3" x 3"
Dark:					
2	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"	6" x 6"

*Block size refers to finished size.*

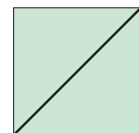
### Constructing the Block

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

#### Making the 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.

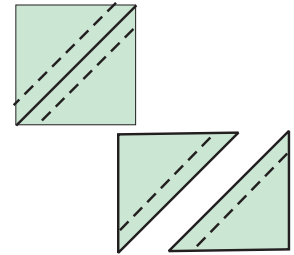




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### Making HST's continued

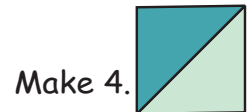
2. Match light squares to the other squares of the same size, right sides together (RST). Sew 1/4" from each side of drawn line.



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.



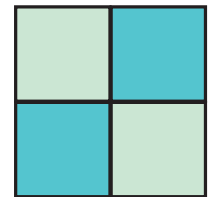
### Making the 4-Patch Units

1. Sew a small light square to a small medium color square. Press seam toward the medium color. Make 8 of these units.



Make 8.

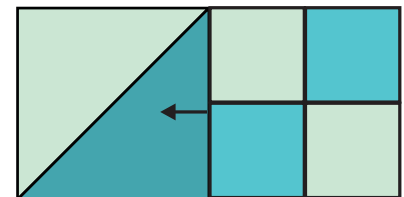
2. Place two of the previous units right sides together, light against medium, seams snugged against each other, edges even. Sew together. Press seam either way. Make 4 of these units.



Make 4.

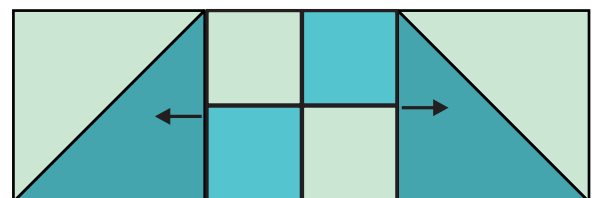
### Making the Top and Bottom Rows

1. Sew a 4-patch unit to a HS as shown at right. Make 2. Press seams toward the HST.



Make 2.

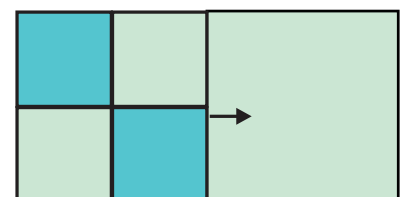
2. Sew another HST to the opposite side of the 4-Patch unit as shown. Press new seam toward the HST.



Make 2.

### Making the Center Row

1. Sew the light square to a 4-patch unit as shown at right. Press seam toward the square.

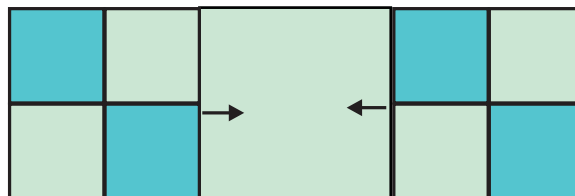


Make 1.



### Making the Center Row, continued

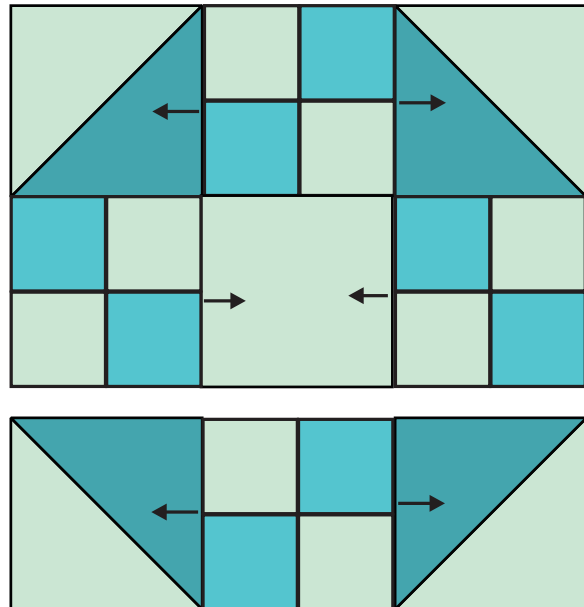
2. Sew the remaining 4-patch unit to the opposite side of the square as shown below. Press new seam toward the square.



Make 1.

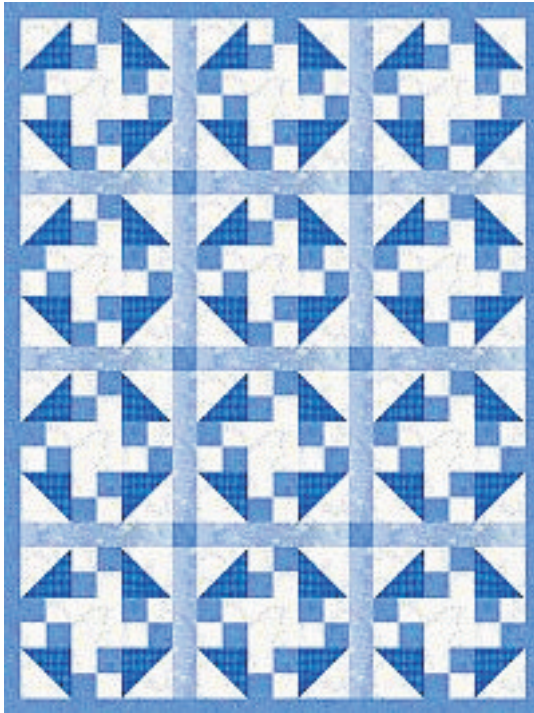
### Assembling the Block

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.

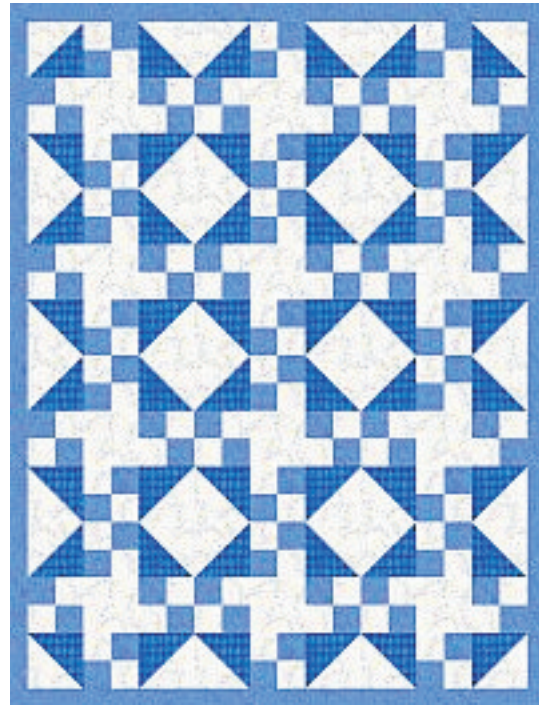




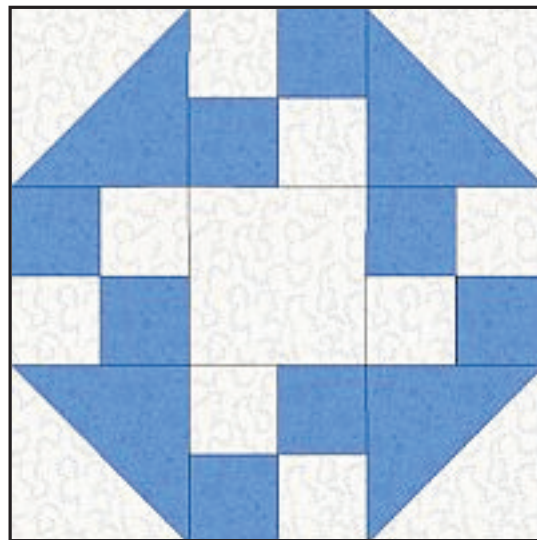
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Set with sashing and cornerstones.



Set without sashing.



Traditional 2-color block.