

**Under the Stars
Block of the Week Quilt
by Debra Davis**





Tuning My Heart Quilts



Block 8 – Cats and Mice

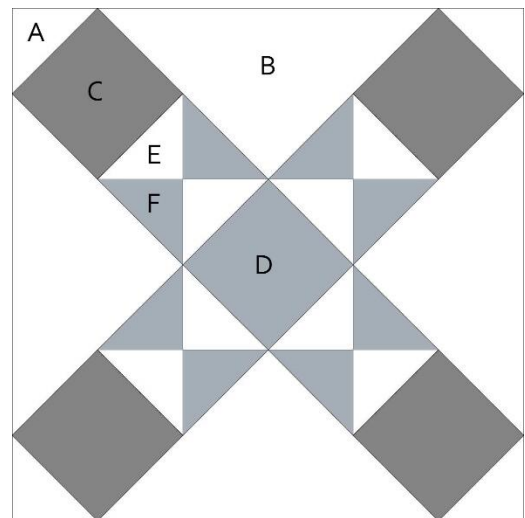
Fabric Needed for Red and White Version:

1 light red, 1 medium red, and white

Cutting Directions:

- A-(cut 2) 3 ½" x 3 ½" white 
- B-(cut 1) 11 7/8" x 11 7/8" white 
- C-(cut 4) 4 ¼" x 4 ¼" medium red
- D-(cut 1) 4 ¼" x 4 ¼" light red
- E-(cut 2) 5 ½" x 5 ½" white
- F-(cut 2) 5 ½" x 5 ½" light red



Note about cutting: Cut in half on diagonal 
Cut in quarters 

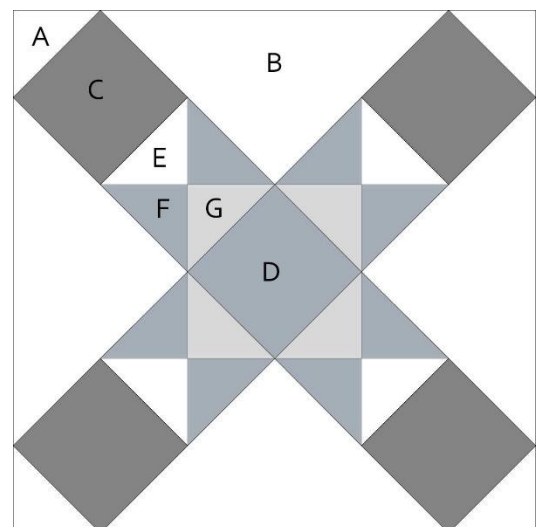


Fabric Needed for Color Version: 3 assorted colors plus white background fabric

(I used 1 yellow, 1 teal, and 1 dark pink in my block)

Cutting Directions:

- A-(cut 2) 3 ½" x 3 ½" white 
- B-(cut 1) 11 7/8" x 11 7/8" white 
- C-(cut 4) 4 ¼" x 4 ¼" dark pink
- D-(cut 1) 4 ¼" x 4 ¼" teal
- E-(cut 2) 5 ½" x 5 ½" white
- F-(cut 2) 5 ½" x 5 ½" teal
- G-(cut 1) 5 ½" x 5 ½" yellow



Step 1: Making the Hourglass Units.

Use the E and F squares to make 4 Hourglass units.
(Color version uses E, F, and G squares)

Draw a diagonal line on the back of the E squares. With right sides together place the E squares on the F squares. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each side of the diagonal line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press towards F. (Color Version draw diagonal line on the F squares. Place F squares on E and G squares and stitch as directed.)

On the back of half of the E/F units draw a diagonal line down the center. Place right sides together with the remaining E/F units, with F triangles facing in opposite directions as shown in *Figure 1* and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each side of the line.

Cut apart on the drawn line. And press to one side. (Color Version draw line on back of E/F units and place right sides together with F/G units making sure the F triangles face opposite directions.

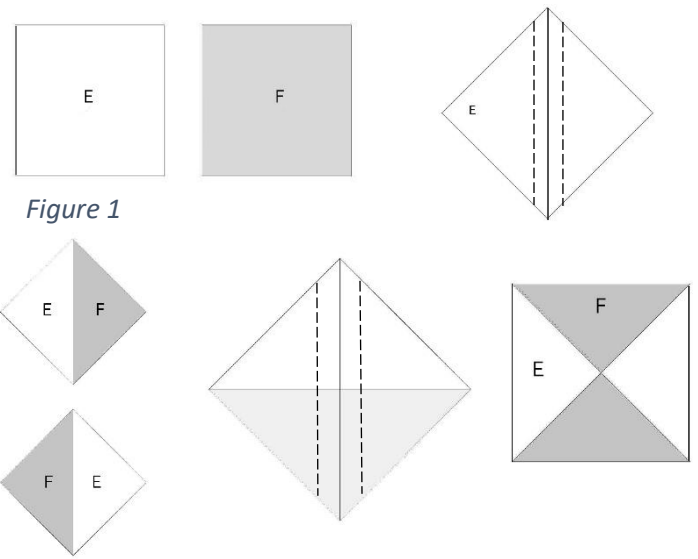


Figure 1

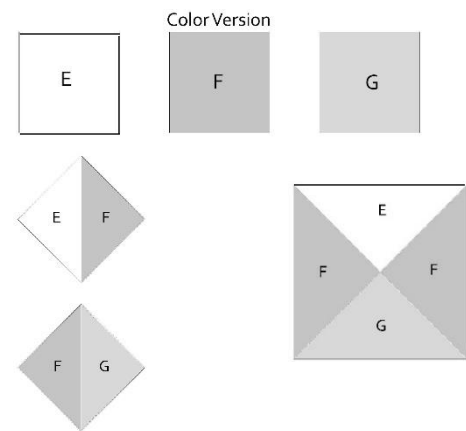
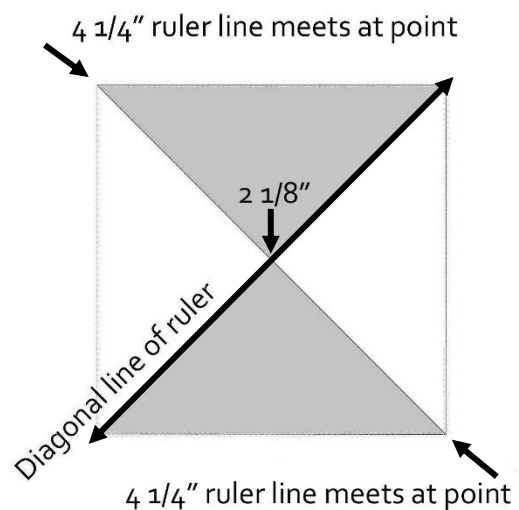


Figure 2

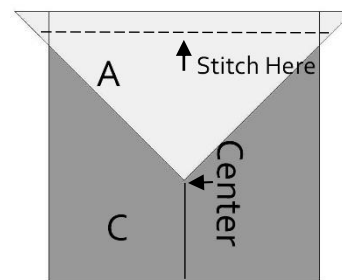
Trim the Hourglass units to $4\frac{1}{4}$ " squares-see *Figure 2*. Line up the diagonal line of your ruler with the diagonal seam lines of the unit. The center intersection falls at $2\frac{1}{8}$ " on your ruler. The $4\frac{1}{4}$ " lines on the ruler need to come to the point of the intersections in the outer corners



Step 2: Making Unit 1

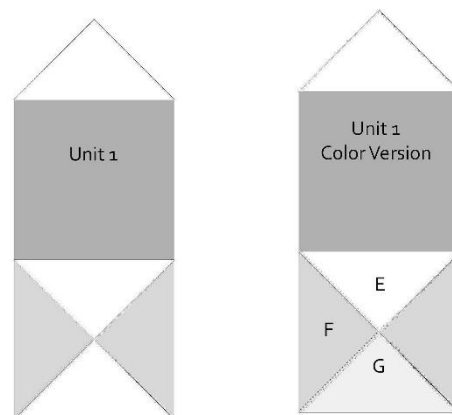
Add the A triangles to the C squares. Press towards the C squares. Trim off little triangle bits.

Tip: Press a fold in C squares to mark the center.



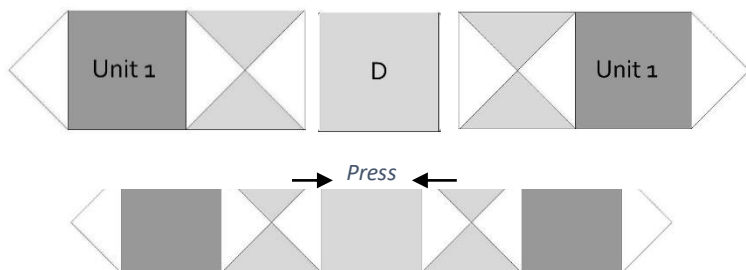
Join the A/C units to the Hourglass units. Make sure to orient the Hourglass unit as shown.

Press towards the C squares.

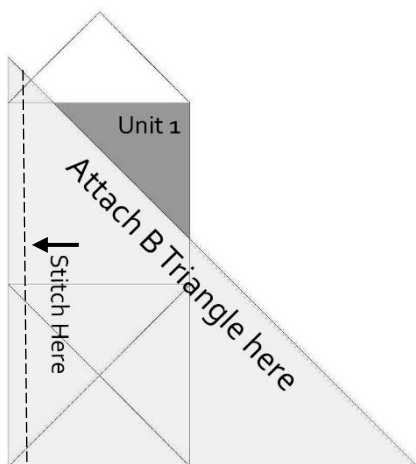


Step 3: Putting the Rows Together

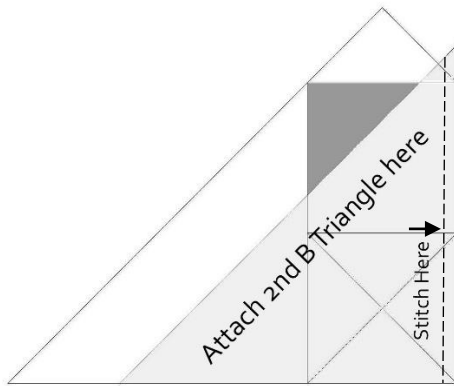
Join two unit 1's to the D square. Press towards the D square.



Join a B triangle to one side of the remaining Unit 1's. Press towards B.



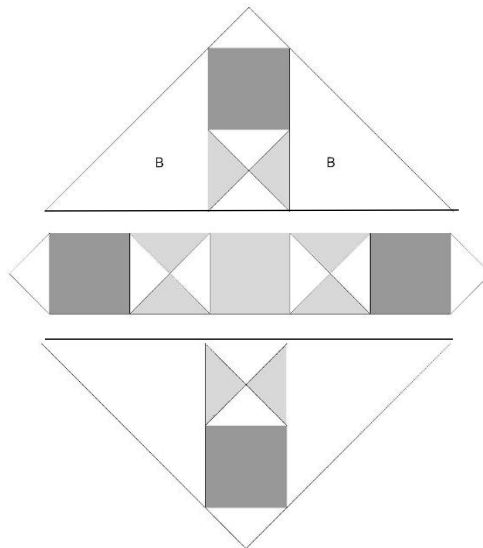
Add remaining B Triangles to the other side and press towards B.



Step 4: Completing the Block

Join the rows together to complete the block, matching seams in the middle. Press towards triangle units.

Block measures: 16 ½" x 16 ½"



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