

Making the Blocks cont.

3. After cutting, shuffle each deck by peeling the top layer off one side and placing it on the bottom of that stack. The result will be a light and dark half for each layer.

4. Sew the right and left halves for each rectangle together. Refer to **Sewing Curves** on page 4. Carefully press the seam allowance in each block toward the darker fabric. Make 24 blocks, label these as the A blocks.

5. You can choose to trim, or not to trim your blocks as needed. I like to press carefully, then clip off the seam allowance points that extend out through the corners. If you need to trim your blocks, just make sure to trim them all to the same size and make sure the seam allowances stay centered in the corners. My blocks ended up 5 3/4" x 7 1/2".

6. Take the remaining 4 fabric decks and cut a **mirror image** of the previous decks by flipping each deck right side down. Then proceed with the cutting instructions in steps 1 and 2 above. Flip the decks right side up after cutting and then shuffle as directed in the steps above. By flipping the decks upside down, you will create an equal number of mirror image blocks. Make 24 blocks and label these as B blocks.

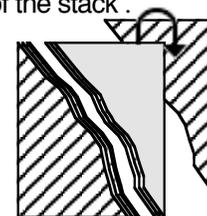
7. Arrange the A blocks into six sets of four blocks each, mixing up the various prints in each set. Lay out one set of four A blocks as shown in the Block layout illustration at the right.

8. Refer to the box in the cutting chart on page one to determine the size to cut the small center squares. I cut mine at 2 1/4" for my blocks that sewed up to a 5 3/4" x 7 1/2".

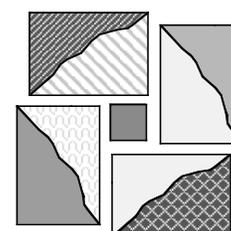
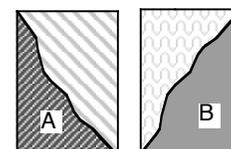
9. Refer to the diagrams below for the **partial seam** technique and sew a square, right sides together to the top of the lower left block. Begin sewing at the top edge, and stop after about 1" to make a partial seam. Open the unit and finger-press the seam allowances away from the square.

10. Rotate the block and sew the top left rectangle to the entire length of the block. Continue around the center square until all four blocks have been added, finger press seam allowances away from the center square. To finish the block, complete the partial seam from step 9. Press seams away from the center square. Make 6 A Jumbo Blocks. Make 6 B Jumbo blocks in a reverse image, referring to the diagram at right. Press seams *toward* the small squares for the B Blocks.

Move from the top to the bottom of the stack.

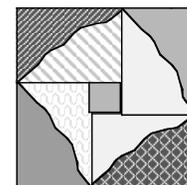


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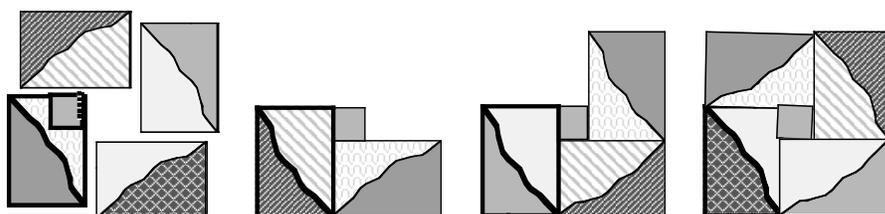
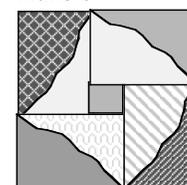


block layout

Jumbo Block "A"
make 6



Jumbo Block "B"
make 6



Partial Seam Technique