

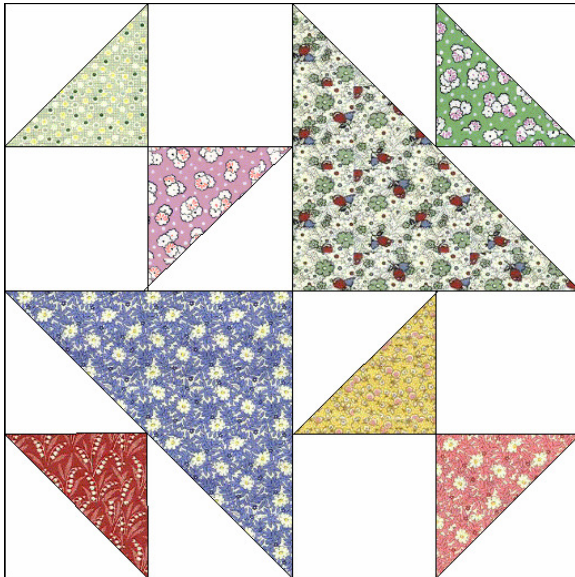
Midget Blocks—Block 24

Midget Blocks are a series of wonderful little blocks adapted from an antique sampler quilt made during the 1930s. I hope you'll enjoy making these blocks and a sampler quilt of your own.

Most of these blocks were made using just two colors. A print or solid color and the background fabric. This block however was made using scrap prints and a creamy background.

My favorite method of construction for this block is to rotary cut the pieces and sew them together on the machine using a 1/4" seam allowance.

In the antique quilt this block is the first block from the left in the eleventh row.



Hour Glass 4 1/2"

Cutting: (1/4" seam allowance is included in all measurements given.)

Background

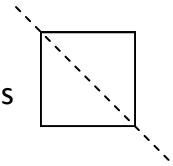
Cut 4 squares – 1 5/8" x 1 5/8"

Cut 5 squares—2" x 2" and sub-cut diagonally one way to yield 10 triangles

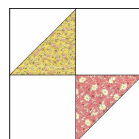
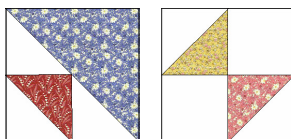
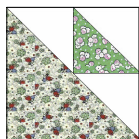
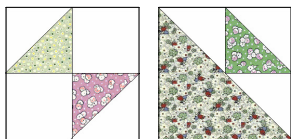
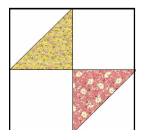
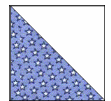
Misc. Prints

Cut squares—2" x 2" and sub-cut diagonally one way to yield 6 triangles.

Cut square —3 1/8" x 3 1/8" and sub-cut diagonally one way to yield 2 triangles.



1. The first thing we need to do is make some half square triangle units. Using 6 background triangles and 6 print triangles, sew together in sets along the long edge of the triangle using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam allowance toward the print fabric.
2. Our next step will be to make the two four patch units used in this block. You'll need four of the print half square triangle units you made and four background squares. Sew them together to look like this –
3. Sew the short side of a background triangle to each side of your remaining two half square triangles.
4. Sew one of the larger print triangles to both of the half square triangle units used in step 3.
5. Assemble the block sections as pictured. Your block should measure 5"



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