## Arkansas Block

## Materials Needed:

Fabric 1: Dark
A. Two 4 inch squares


Fabric 2 (Dark Blue \& Black) \& Fabric 4 (White):

You have a pre-cut strip of fabric that is $31 / 2 \times 15$ inches - don't cut

Fabric 3: Light Teal
B. Two 4 inch squares
C. Four $31 / 2$ inch squares



Block size: $121 / 2$ inches unfinished

## Prep the fabric:

Cut the two $A$ and the two $B$ squares on the diagonal to form two triangles per square:


## Step 1: Make the upper right and lower left quadrants (the half square triangles)

Pair one dark triangle with one of the teal triangles and stitch together on the diagonal. Press the seam toward the dark fabric. Repeat with the other three pairs. See photo 1. Next arrange the teal squares (C) with the half square triangles as shown in photo 2. Stitch one half square triangle with a teal square, lined up as shown in photo $\mathbf{2}$. Press the seams toward the teal squares. See photo 3 . With right sides together, stitch two rectangles together, with one dark traingle in the upper left and one in the lower right, as shown in photo 3. Press the seams to one side. You should have two units as shown in photo 4 . Set aside.

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Step 2: Make the four patches
Lay out the strips from fabrics 2 and 4 as shown in photo 5 . With right sides together, stitch along the long side. Press the seam toward the darker fabric. See photo 6. Cut four $31 / 2$ inch rectangles as shown in photo 7. Pair two rectangles together, alternating the colors, and stitch right sides together, nesting the seams. Press the seam to one side. Repeat with the other set of rectangles. See photo 8.
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## Step 3: Finish the block

Lay out the four squares as shown in photo 9. Stitch the top two squares together; press the seam to one side. Repeat with the bottom two squares, pressing the seam in the opposite direction. See photo 10. Finally, with right sides together, stitch the top half to the bottom half, matching seams (if the seams are pressed in the same direction, repress the four patch square seam in the other direction before stitching so they can be nested.) Press to one side.

Photo 9.


Photo 10.


