

## Capital Quilter's Guild Block Party February 2014

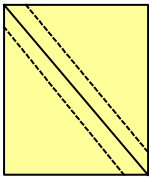
This month we will make hour glass squares for our block.

Cut two (2) 5 1/4 inch blocks and one (1) 4 1/2 inch block from the coral fabric provided by Block Party.

Pick a medium or dark green from your stash.

Cut two (2) 5 1/4 inch blocks and four (4) 4 1/2 inch blocks from your fabric.

Place the 5 1/4 coral squares right sides together with your 5 1/4 inch green squares. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the lighter fabric (solid line in diagram). Sew 1/4 inch from each side of the drawn line (dotted lines in diagram).



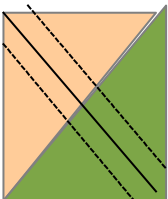
Cut the squares apart on the drawn line to get 4 half-square triangles.

Press the seam to the darker color.

Place 2 of the half-square triangles right sides together with opposite fabrics facing each other.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of one of the half-square triangle units. Sew 1/4 inch from each side of the drawn line. Cut the squares apart on the drawn line and you will have 2 hour glass units.

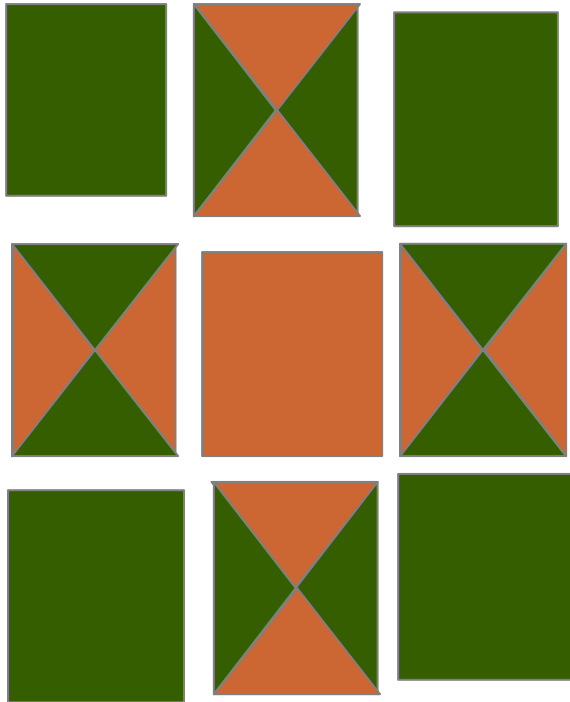
Repeat for the remaining 2 half-square triangles and you will have a total of 4 hour glass units.



Place the blocks like the diagram below.

Sew the blocks together with a 1/4 inch seam for a block measuring 12 1/2 inches. Please do not square up your block.

Please do not square up your block. Turn in your block and your name on a small piece of paper in at the March meeting for the drawing.. Good Luck!!



**NOTE:**

If you want to make hour glass blocks of any size there is a simple formula. Cut out your initial squares 1 1/4 inches bigger than the finished size of your block.

For example – For two 6 inch finished hour glass blocks, cut 2 squares of 7 1/4 inches.

For two 12 inch finished blocks, cut 2 squares of 13 1/4 inches.