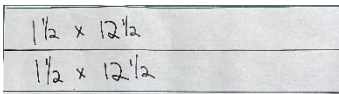


# Kentucky Block

## Materials Needed:

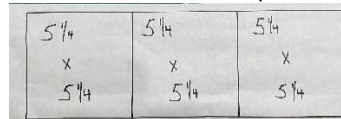
### Fabric 1. (Leaf)

- A. Two  $1\frac{1}{2}$  x  $12\frac{1}{2}$  strips



### Fabric 3. (Multi color)

- D. Three  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inch squares



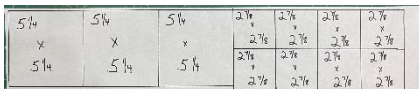
### Fabric 2. (Light Blue)

- B. Two  $1\frac{1}{2}$  x  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inch strips  
C. Four  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch squares



### Fabric 4. (Dark)

- E. Three  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inch squares  
F. Eight  $2\frac{7}{8}$  inch squares, cut in half on the diagonal



Unfinished size  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches

## Step 1: Make Nine Patches

Using the two A and two B strips, sew the two colors together lengthwise, as shown in photo 1. Press the seams toward the darker fabric. Then cut the strips into eight  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch sections each (total of 16). Select eight of the sections, and pair them up, alternating the colors as shown in photo 2. Sew the sections together, nesting the seams so that the seams are aligned. Press the seams to one side. This four patch unit should measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches square; trim if needed. Set aside for a moment. Select four of the remaining two-colored strips and the C squares. Pair one of the strips with one of the C squares, as shown in photo 3. Sew together. Press the seam toward the dark fabric. Repeat with the other three sets. Take the remaining four two-colored strips and the four four patches. Align each set as shown in photo 4 below. Stitch together. Press toward the smaller side. Repeat with the other three sets. The six patch units should measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$  x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Align the pieces from photos 3 and 4 as shown in photo 5 to form the nine patch. Stitch together, nesting the seams. (If seams are not opposite from each other, repress so that they are so they can be nested.) Press seam to one side. Repeat with the other three sets. Finished nine patch should be trimmed slightly to  $3\frac{3}{8}$  inches square so that the final square has the correct measurements.

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



## Step 2: Finish Nine Patch Squares

Use the nine patches from set 1 and the F pieces (which have been cut in half diagonally, so you have 16 pieces.) Right sides together, pin together the long sides of two triangles to opposite sides of a nine patch, as shown in photo 6. Be sure that the triangles are centered on the sides of the nine patch, with equal amounts of fabric on each end. Stitch, and press toward the dark fabric. Repeat with the other three sets. Next put two other F triangles on the remaining sides of the nine patch, lining up with equal amounts of fabric overlapping on each end of the triangle. Stitch, and press toward the dark fabric. See photo 7. Finished squares should measure  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Trim if needed, but try not to trim so much that you lose your seam allowance outside of the blue points. See photo 8. Set aside.

6.



7.



8.



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## Step 3: Make Quarter Square Triangles

The quarter square triangles are made using the three D squares and the three E squares. Mark each D square on the diagonal in each direction, as shown in photo 9.

Layer each marked D square with an E square. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from either side of one of the marked lines, as shown in photo 10. Then cut on the marked line. See photo 11.

Cut the triangle in half on the other, unstitched marked line. See photo 12.

Open the triangle, and press each seam toward the dark fabric.

Pair two sets of triangles together, as shown in photo 13. Place right sides together along the long side. Pin and stitch, making sure to nest the seams so that they line up. Press seam toward one side.

Final square should look like photo 14. Repeat with all sets of D and E squares. You will have one extra.

9.



10.



11.



12.



13.



14.



## Step 5: Finish the block

Arrange the squares as shown below in photo 15. Be sure to line up the quarter square triangles as shown, with the dark triangles to the sides. Stitch the squares together by rows, being sure to align with the blue points from the nine patches.

Press the seams in the top and bottom rows out, and press the seams in the middle row to the center square.

To finish the block, seam the top row to the middle row, nesting the seams, and aligning with the blue points in the nine patches. Press the seam toward the top row.

Stitch the bottom row to the bottom of the middle row, nesting the seams, and aligning with the blue points in the nine patches. Press the seam toward the bottom row.

Congratulations! You did it!

15.



16.

