

California Block

Materials Needed:

Fabric 1: White (Precut)

- A. One 3 3/8 inch square

Fabric 2: Light Teal

- B. Six 3 x 3 inch square
- C. Two 3 1/4 inch squares (precut)

3 x 3	3 x 3	3 x 3
3 x 3	3 x 3	3 x 3

Fabric 3: Dark Blue and Black

- D. Four 2 1/2 inch X 4 1/2 inch rectangles
- E. Four 3 inch squares

2 1/2 x 4 1/2	2 1/2 x 4 1/2	Fabric 3 Dark Blue + Black	
2 1/2 x 4 1/2	2 1/2 x 4 1/2		
3 x 3	3 x 3	3 x 3	3 x 3

Fabric 4: Dark

- F. Four 2 1/2 inch X 4 1/2 inch rectangles
- G. Four 2 1/2 inch squares
- H. Two 3 inch squares

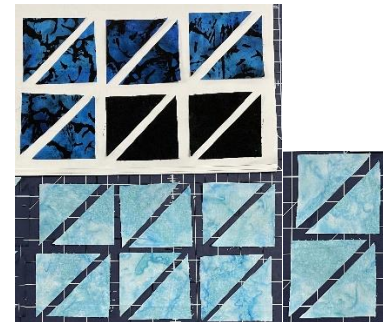
2 1/2 x 4 1/2	2 1/2 x 4 1/2	2 1/2 x 4 1/2	2 1/2 x 4 1/2	Dark	
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x	x	x	x		
4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2		



Block size: 12 1/2 inches unfinished

Prep the Fabric:

Cut all 3 and 3 1/4 inch squares – six B, two C, four E and two H – on the diagonal, as shown below.



Step 1: Make Squares

Once you have cut all the 3 and 3 1/4 inch squares into two triangles each, lay out all the pieces as shown in photo 1. (The four C triangles are placed around the white piece A.) Pair the twelve B triangles with either an E or H triangle. Stitch together on the diagonal side. Press each seam toward the darker fabric. Trim each square to 2 1/2 inches as needed.

Take two of the C triangles and place them on opposite sides of the A square, right sides together, with the pointed ends of each triangle extending equally beyond the A square. Stitch together; press toward the C triangles. See photo 2. Place the remaining two C triangles on the remaining sides of the A square, with the ends of the triangles extending equally on both sides of the square. Stitch and press the seams toward the C triangles. Trim to 4 1/2 inches if needed. See photo 3.

1.



2.



3.



4.



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Step 2: Assemble

To assemble the block, first you need to stitch the squares together in pairs. As shown in photo 4 above, pair up the three sets of squares in the row 2 and in row 4. Stitch together the two half square triangles on either side of the center square in the large middle row. Press each seam toward one side. See photo 5.

Next pair together the rectangles from rows 1 and 2. Pair together the two rectangles on the left, in the center and on the right. Stitch, right sides together. Press the seams for the right and left squares down and press the center square seam up. Repeat with the rectangles in rows 4 and 5. From row 3, pair together the two vertical rectangles on the left and the two on the right. Stitch, right sides together. Press the seams toward the C rectangles. Trim each new square to 4 ½ inches as needed. See photo 6.

Starting with the top row, seam the center square to each of the side squares, matching seams and diagonal seams. Press the seams toward the center square. Repeat with the next two rows, pressing the seams in the middle row toward the side squares and pressing the bottom row seams toward the center square. See photo 7.

To finish the block, seam the top row to the middle row, matching seams and diagonals. Press the seam in one direction. Finally, attach the bottom row to the bottom side of the middle row. Press the seam in one direction.

5.



6.



7.

