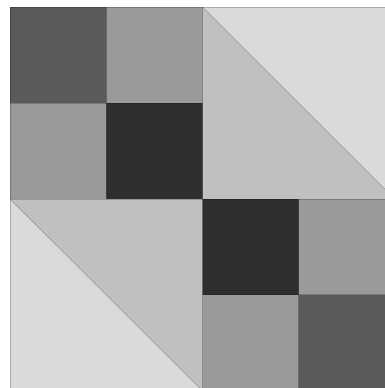


Month 2: Hourglass (provided January 2017; share February 2017)

The units in this simple block are 4-patch and half-square triangles (HSTs). As shown, this block uses 5 fabrics: Fabric 2, Fabric 3, Fabric 4, Fabric 5 and Fabric 6.



Fabric needed: Be sure each piece is cut correctly. Accurate piecing starts with accurately cut pieces.

	3" blocks on-point	9" block	9" blocks on-point
Fabric 2	2 - 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares	1 - 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" squares	2 - 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" squares
Fabric 3	2 - 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares	1 - 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" squares	2 - 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" squares
Fabric 4	2 - 1-1/4" x 5-1/2" strips	2 - 2-3/4" x 6" strips	2 - 2-3/4" x 12" strips
Fabric 5	1 - 1-1/4" x 5-1/2" strip	1 - 2-3/4" x 6" strip	1 - 2-3/4" x 12" strip
Fabric 6	1 - 1-1/4" x 5-1/2" strip	1 - 2-3/4" x 6" strip	1 - 2-3/4" x 12" strip

Piecing Instructions for 9" blocks (3")

Note: Watch carefully as you stitch to maintain your accurate 1/4" seam. Take it slow so that the seam is stitched straight without any wobbles.

1. Use the Fabric 2 and 3 squares to make HSTs measuring 5" x 5" (2" x 2").
 - a) Draw a diagonal line on the back of each Fabric 3 square.
 - b) Layer a Fabric 2 and Fabric 3 square together.
 - c) Stitch a 1/4" seams on either side of the drawn line.
 - d) Cut along the drawn line.
 - e) Press the seam toward Fabric 3.
 - f) Trim each HST to 5" x 5" (2" x 2").
2. Stitch a Fabric 4 strip to each Fabric 5 and Fabric 6 strip. Press the seam away from Fabric 4.
3. Cut each strip set into 2-3/4" (1-1/4") pieces. (Need 2 from each set for each block.)
4. Pair a Fabric 4/5 and a Fabric 4/6 strip piece, nesting seams to make a 5" x 5" (2" x 2") 4-patch. Press and furl the seams.
5. Sew four units together as shown to make a 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" (3-1/2" x 3-1/2") block. Press and furl the seams.