

BCQG Block Party

Disappearing Hourglass

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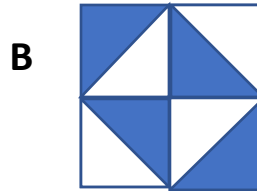
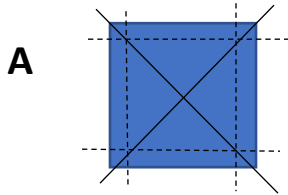
For each block, you will need a 10" square of a printed color and a 10" square of a background squares.

A Layer Cake is a good option for this.

First make an hourglass by taking a 10" printed color square and a 10" background square. With right sides together, sew a ¼" seam all the way round. Cut diagonally twice. (A)

Press each (4) half square triangles open. Be careful as edges will now be on the bias.

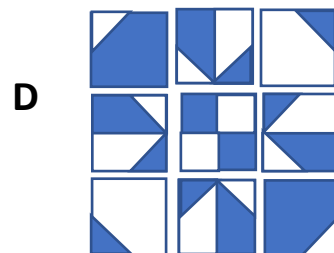
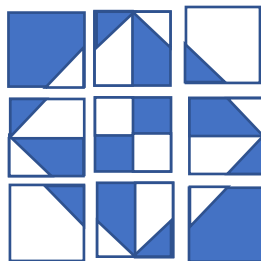
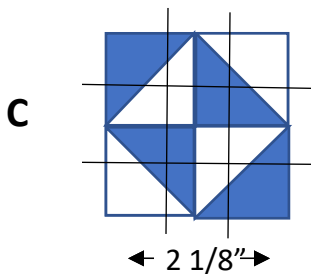
Arrange the four half square triangles in an hourglass shape and sew together, being careful that your hourglasses are all going in the same direction. (B) I pressed my seams open to reduce bulk.



Now for the disappearing act.

Take your hourglass, measure 2 1/8" out from the right of the center seam and cut. Turning your block, do the same on all four sides. (C) A rotating mat is very helpful here.

You will now have nine blocks. Using the diagram below, rotate all outside block 180° (or 2 turns) and rotate the center block one turn. See diagram D for final layout.



Please note: all instructions are for starting out with a 10"x10" square. This block can be made with any size square by simply dividing your hourglass block by 3, then divide that number by 2. The result is the distance from the center seam. Example: If your hourglass block ended up being 10 ½" you would take - $10.5 \div 3 = 3.5 \div 2 = 1.75$ --- You would cut 1 ¾" from the center seam on all four sides.