

HST Puzzles

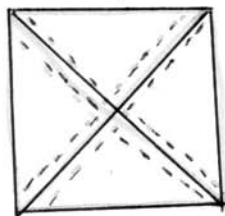
The block of the month for September consists of sixteen 3 ½-inch half square triangle blocks using two colors. There are many ways to put them together and I hope you will have fun designing your own pattern. On page 2 I have shown just a few of the designs and you may choose one of those if you wish. Use your favorite method of making half square triangles. Below is one of my favorite methods.

Fabric A - Blenders that read as a solid but have a textured print. An example would be Robert Kaufman's #4070 Fusions which is a floral and flowing vine print. It comes in eighty-eight different colors.

Fabric B - Off white (ivory or ecru) background. It can be solid or a tone on tone.

Directions for making sixteen hst's: •

1. Cut two 8-inch squares of fabric A and cut two 8-inch squares of off white background.
2. Draw two lines corner to corner on back of off white background squares. With right sides together of fabric A and B sew a scant ¼ inch seam on each side of penciled lines. Press to set.



3. Place each block on a small mat and cut in half vertically. Without moving block, rotate mat and cut in half again. This will give you four squares per block.



4. Cut on penciled lines (the diagonal lines) and you will now have 16 hst blocks (eight for each 8-inch block). Press to darker side. Trim to 3 ½ inches. Arrange and sew in your favorite design. Block should be 12 ½ inches.

