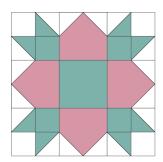
ThimbleCreek Quilts

Mystery Quilt #1 - 2016

Clue #2



You will make FOUR of these blocks!!

The BLOCK!

This is a simple and effective block – very traditional. It is really a nine-patch block. Each block uses two Civil War reproduction fabrics plus a solid grey for the background. You will have fun putting this one together.

To make ONE block,

For the HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES, CUT:

- 4 2" squares of Background Fabric
- 4 2" squares of Fabric #1

For the "FLYING GEESE" blocks, CUT:

- $4 2 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares of Fabric #2
- 8 1 ½" squares of Background Fabric

You will also need to CUT:

- 4 1 ½" squares Background Fabric (for the 4 four-patch units in the block)
- $4 1 \frac{1}{2}$ squares of Fabric #1 (for the 4 four-patch units in the block)
- 1 2 ½" square of Fabric #1 (for the center of your nine-patch block)

Half Square Triangles

Take 8 – 2" squares (4 of Background Fabric and 4 of Fabric #1)

Place a Fabric #1 square face-to-face with a BACKGROUND Fabric square.

Draw a pencil line from corner-to-corner on the back of the top fabric.

Sew a 1/4" seam on both sides of the pencil line.

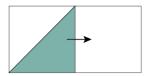
Cut on the pencil line and press open to make two half square triangles.

Repeat with the other three pairs to make a total of eight half square triangles.

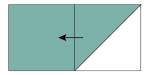


Trim your half square triangles to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ square.

Sew a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square of the Background Fabric to the RIGHT side of **four** of your half-square triangles as shown:



Sew a 1 ½" square of Fabric #1 to LEFT side of the *four* remaining half-square triangles:



Sew these two-patch units together to make 4 four-patch units:



Set your 4 four-patch units aside. They will become the four corners of your block.

The "Flying Geese" Units

These flying geese units are really not flying geese blocks. BUT, the technique to make them is the same. Each block uses four of these units.

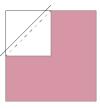
To make one unit:

Take a 1 ½" square of your Background Fabric. Draw a pencil line on the back of your square diagonally from corner to corner.

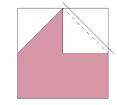
Place the square face-to-face on the LEFT side of a 2 ½" square of Fabric #2.

Sew directly on the pencil line.

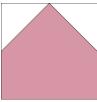
Trim ¼" from the seam and press open.



Take another $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square of your Background Fabric. Following the same procedure, place it on the RIGHT side of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square of Fabric #2. Sew directly on the pencil line, trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the seam and press open.



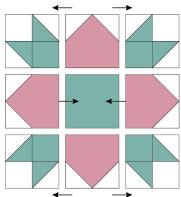
Make four of these "flying geese" units.



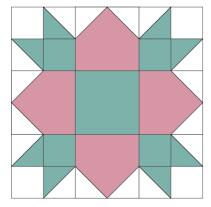
BLOCK ASSEMBLY

You have 4 four-patch units and 4 flying geese units already to go! Just add in your 2 ½" square of Fabric #1 and you are ready to go!

Lay out your nine pieces of your nine-patch unit as shown:



Sew the three strips together. Sew the three rows together.



You've done it! Congratulations! Now make a total of FOUR of these blocks.