

The Broken Band Block

Will make a quilt block of aprox. 48" x 48"



Instructions for assembling
The "Broken Band" Block[©]
One Block Only Beginner Quilting[©]
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Mini-Blocks Used:
"Square-in-a-Square"
"Triangle-Square &
Opposite Triangle"

Refer to pages 11, 12 & 15 in the
Mini-Block Booklet
for the basic instructions

MATERIALS NEEDED

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Center fabric | (use a large striking print) | 1/2 Yard | (18 inches) |
| Background | (light colored fabric or solid) | 2/3 Yard | (24 inches) |
| Fabric #1 | (for Triangle #1) | 1/3 Yard | (12 inches) |
| Fabric #2 | (for Triangle #2) | 1/2 Yard | (18 inches) |
| Fabric #3 | (for Triangle #3) | 2/3 Yard | (24 inches) |
| Border | (a solid or coordinating print) | 1 1/2 Yards | (54 inches) |
| Backing | | 2 yards | (72 inches) |
| Thread to match | | 1 | 300 yard spool |
| Batting | enough to cover finished quilt | | up to 60" x 60" |

(For demonstration purposes only—diagrams shown on opened fabric!)

Cutting & Sewing Instructions

Center Square:

Cut 1 Center Fabric 15" square

First & Second Triangles:

Cut 2 Fabric #1 11 1/4" squares then cut diagonally for triangles

Cut 2 Fabric #2 15 1/2" squares then cut diagonally for triangles



Broken Band 1

First "Square-in-a-Square":

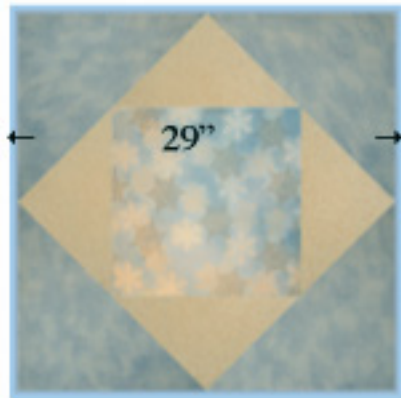


This block starts with a square and using triangles to build a new square then another square. (You will refer to page 11 in the Mini-Block Booklet for the assembly instructions). You will start with the center square and add several layers of triangles to it.

Attach one triangle to each end of center square (as shown here) ☞ Press toward center square, then add remaining triangles and press. It is important to review the instructions and illustrations for "trimming the square" found on page 11.



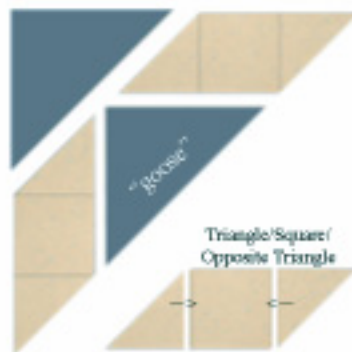
Each "square" ☞ is suppose to be a specific size (listed in the illustrations) to make it work, therefore carefully trim following the directions. Trim this square to $20\frac{3}{4}$ " square making sure to have 1/4-inch seam allowances at each point. The second "Square" should be 29" square with 1/4-inch seam allowances.



(Illustrations at left show what is meant by "seam allowances" by using a different color. This color is only for illustrative purposes, the actual seam allowances are the same fabric as the triangle used. Don't be confused about how to do this, look at the photos on page 11 again and follow the instructions to "Trim the Square". It is not hard and is well worth the effort to get the block ready for the next step.)

☞ Second "Square-in-a-Square":

After you make the first "square" and trimmed it, add the next set of triangles and repeat the steps from above with these triangles.



Corner Pieces:

- Cut 8 Background $5\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
- Cut 8 Background 6" squares for small triangles

SEWING: First assemble the "Triangle/square/opposite triangle" pieces. Lay the two triangles and one square out like the illustration to the left. Make sure the triangles are positioned correctly. Sew each triangle onto the square and press seams.

Next assemble the "goose": by adding the "Tri/Sq/Op Tri" blocks to the #3 triangle as shown in illustration (above left). Press seams to dark fabric and finally sew the last #3 triangle on to the "goose" strip. ☞



Sew the "corner" triangles to the "square" you've already assembled.

Add these triangles the same way as all the previous "Square-in-a-Square" pieces have been sewn together. (Refer to the information above or page 11 of the Mini-Block Booklet.) Be sure to press seams toward the corner blocks.

At this point you will add the borders, refer to the instructions on page 17 of the Mini-Block Booklet for assembling borders. You can either miter the corners or use one of the methods shown on page 17. Press seams toward the borders.

See cutting and other instructions on next page.

Cutting & Sewing Instructions (cont.)

Borders:

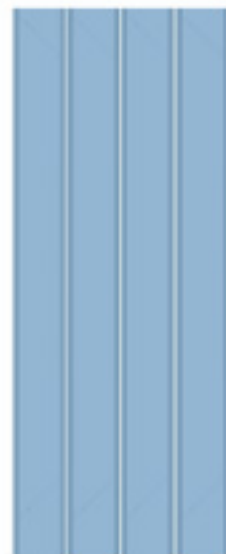
Cut 4 Border Fabric 5" strips, cut the length of fabric
(fabric will be at least 53" after washing)

Mitered Border Sewing Instructions



Mitered Border:

Put two of the border strips together, right sides facing each other, with your acrylic ruler mark a 45 degree line from the corner. This will be your seam line. Sew the seam and then place the ruler with the 1/4-inch line on the seam line so you can cut a 1/4-inch seam allowance, as shown.



Please note: (Illustrations from another quilt, but apply here, as well.) I've tried to show you how to make this by showing the facing fabrics as the darker fabric in the illustration and the backside of that fabric as lighter. This is only an illustration, please do not cut your fabric off the long sides. The only cut you will make from the above illustration is the 45 degree angle seam allowance cut!

To Continue:

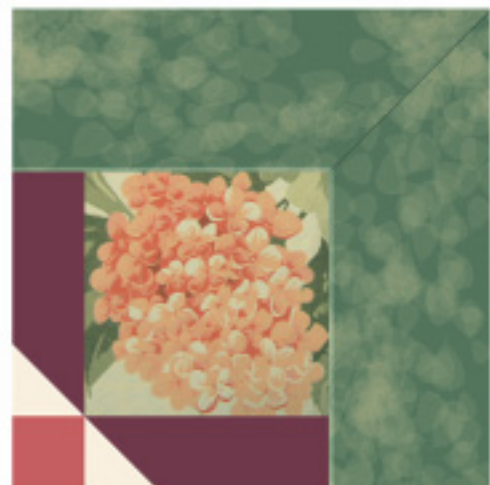
When you have cut the seam allowance, then press the fabric open (this is one time the pressing will be flat seam, that is the seam allowances are pressed to each side of seam).

Measure and using a pen or pencil mark a point (see • in illustration) on the corner of the quilt 1/4-inch from both edges. *Make it big enough for you to see but not big enough to show on finished quilt.* This is your seam guide for placing the mitered corner.

Taking the sewn and pressed corner, lay the mitered border and the quilt down so you can see how they will go together, lining up the bottom edge of the miter seam with the corner of the quilt. Using the dot for a guide (for where the mitered piece needs to line up for that point of the seam), flip the border fabric over to begin aligning the seams for sewing.

Pin that edge's fabrics and sew that side, stopping about an inch or so from the end. Take pins out and return to the corner to sew the other seam.

Fold the corner so that you can line up the other border piece for pinning. If necessary, you may ease the first few stitches from the border's seam (at the seam line but go no further than the seam!). Pin that edge's fabrics and sew that side, stopping about an inch or so from the end.



Repeat above instructions for the opposite corner.

When you have two mitered corners sewn on,

Line up the two border pieces and follow the instructions for mitering. (It's a bit different as the borders are sewn to the quilt so you have to be accurate in marking and sewing.) After you have the 45 degree angle sewn, finish the side border seams as instructed above.

Now you are ready to put the batting and back on. Then it can be tied, hand quilted or machine quilted.