

Dear Gunta Block of the Month — May

Complete Row 4 by June Meeting

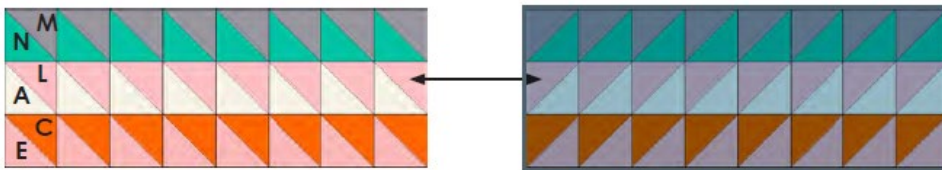


Making Row 4

- Make sixteen HSTs each using 4" squares of the following combinations:
 - Fabrics M and N
 - Fabrics A and L
 - Fabrics C and E

Trim the 48 HST units to 3.5 inches

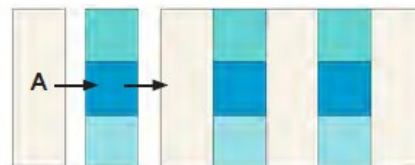
- Sew the HSTs into two units, as pictured and then sew the units together.



- Sew 3-1/2" Fabric F, J and H squares together to make a strip set. Repeat to make six sets.



- Sew three strip sets, long sides together, alternating with four Fabric A 3-1/2" x 9-1/2" rectangles.



- Repeat to make two end units.

- Sew the end units to either side of the HST unit.



Row 4

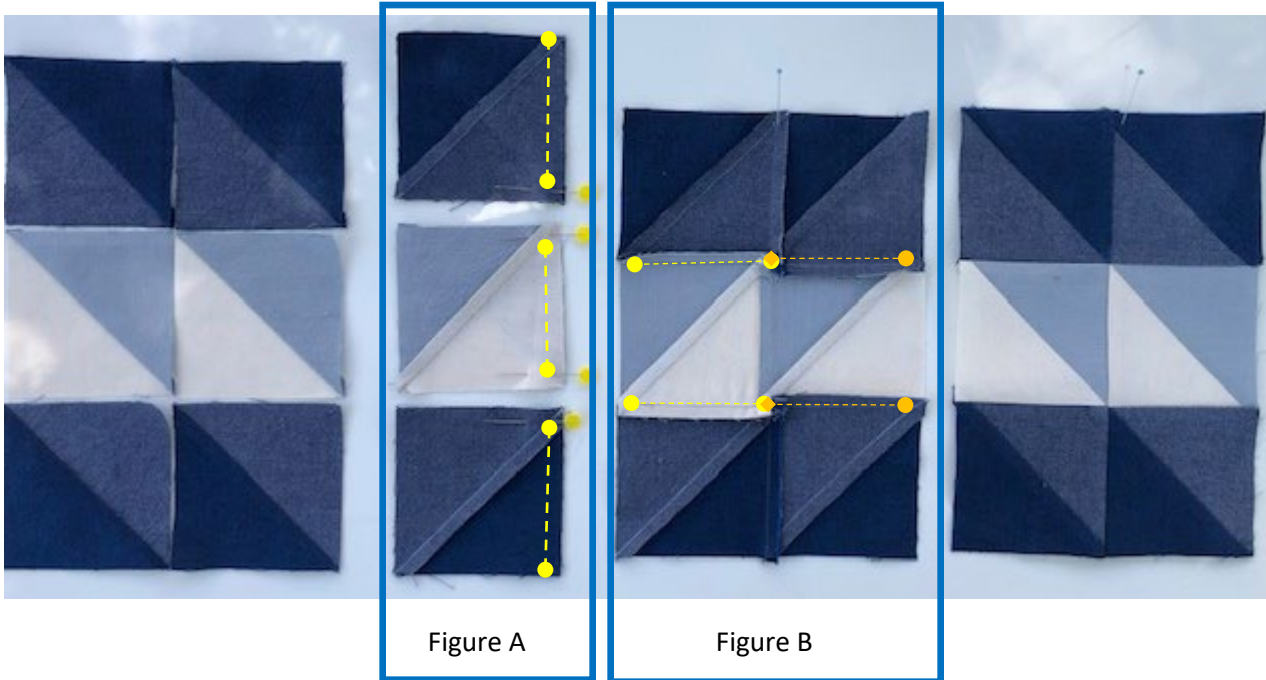
Sewing half square triangles:

- ✂ Alternative to drawing diagonal lines is Cluck Cluck Sew's diagonal seam tape. Details and tutorial found [here](#).
- ✂ Shortened stitch length when sewing the diagonal seams helps with the bias.
- ✂ This row is glue basting friendly! Glue basting tutorial [here](#).
- ✂ HST Blossom Heart Quilts' HST 8-at-a-time [method](#) and HST Strip [method](#).
- ✂ Optional is using specialty rulers to trim up your half square triangles units (such as the Block Loc Half Square Triangle ruler, Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmers Ruler, or Quilt in a Day 6.5" Triangle Square Up Ruler)
- ✂ Press to the side or press seams open, your preference!
- ✂ If you press to the side, you can get a flatter seam by "spinning" your seams. Tutorial [here](#) and [see page 2](#).

Spinning Seams for Row 4

An option is to sew your units in 2 x 3 sets and then sew the sets together.

Here's an example, working four blocks at a time and spinning seams



1. Join left and right sides together by glue basting the center vertical seam of each pair, then stitch the center yellow stitch line. Since I am “spinning the center intersection, I backstitched at each end point shown, 1/4” from the edges. Figure A.
2. Press vertical seam to alternating sides as shown in Figure B.
3. To put the pairs together, nest the stitched pairs right sides together along the center seam, glue baste to set, and stitch along the yellow horizontal line, stopping and backstitching at the end points, 1/4” from each side as shown. Press each horizontal side to the top or bottom and “Spin” the center intersection open. Figure B.
4. Continue making your 2x3 sets. You will have 8 sets. Join each HST set, using the same technique, stitching from top to bottom vertical edge. When pressed, the center seams “spin” and lie flat.