

Contrary Wife Block

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Materials

Fat eighth EACH of pink, blue, white, and aqua fabrics

Water-soluble marking pen or fabric-safe pencil

Quarter Inch Seam Marker tool (Fons & Porter/Omnigrid)

Cutting

From the pink, cut (2) 4½" x 4½" squares

From the white, cut (3) 4½" x 4½" squares

From each of the aqua and blue, cut (2) 5" x 5" squares

Assembly

Note: all seams are stitched using a ¼" seam allowance unless otherwise indicated.

1. On the wrong side of each of the aqua squares, position the Seam Marker diagonally across the square, making sure the yellow center line is exactly along the diagonal. Mark the stitching lines on both sides of the tool using the marking pen.
2. Lay the blue and aqua squares right sides together. Stitch along the marked lines.
3. Cut between the stitched lines to make (2) half-square triangle units. Press seams toward the blue fabric.
4. Square up each unit to 4½" x 4½" square.
5. Lay out the pink, white, and blue/aqua squares into a 3x3 layout. With right sides together, sew the left and center units together in each row. Press seams toward the squares.
6. With right sides together, sew the right unit to the center unit; Press seams toward the squares.
7. With the rows completed, lay the top row right sides together on the center row, nesting seams; press seams toward the top row.
8. Lay the bottom row right sides together on the center row, nesting seams; press seams toward the bottom row. Block is 12½" x 12½" unfinished; 12" x 12" finished.