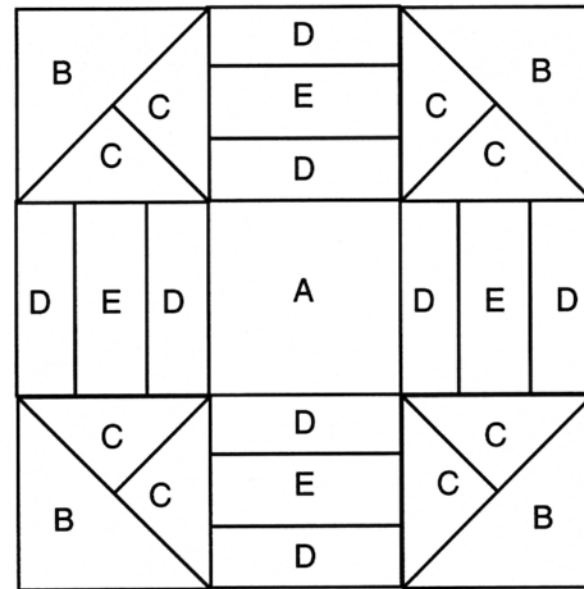


London Crossroads Block

This block is a variation of one called London Crossroads. I don't know how it got its name. Personally, I like "Going My Way?" or "Which End's Up?", since so many of my interpretations look like arrows pointing in all directions.

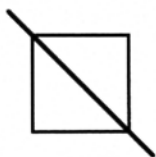
Refer to the line drawing at the right of to see where each piece belongs. Notice, for example that you need eight "C" pieces. That doesn't mean that they should all be from the same fabric. See the second page for some fabric placement ideas. Don't be afraid to cut more pieces than you need. This will allow you to play with color and position before sewing the block together.

Cut all your pieces according to the chart below. Arrange them as shown by the line drawing at the right. Rearrange and recut pieces until you are happy with their placement.

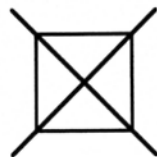


CUTTING THE BLOCK

Piece	Quantity	Cut size
A	1	Cut one 4 1/2" square.
B	4	Cut two 4 7/8" squares. Sub cut those into half-square triangles.* Cut each square once on the diagonal. Yield 4 triangles.
C	8	Cut two 5 1/4" squares. Sub cut those into quarter-square triangles.** Cut each square twice on the diagonal. Yield 8 triangles.
D	8	Cut eight 1 3/4" x 4 1/2" rectangles.
E	4	Cut four 2" x 4 1/2" rectangles.

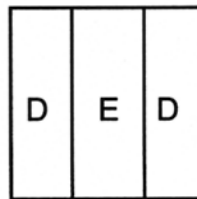


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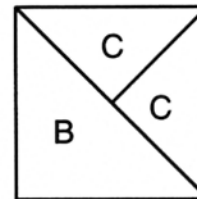


quarter-square triangles**

PIECING THE BLOCK



Make four sections like the one at the left using two D's and one E for each section. Press the seam allowances toward the darker fabric in all cases. These sections should measure 4 1/2" square.



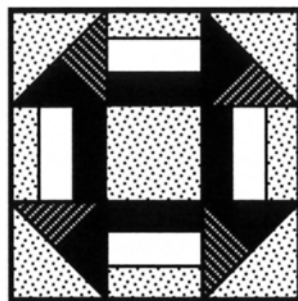
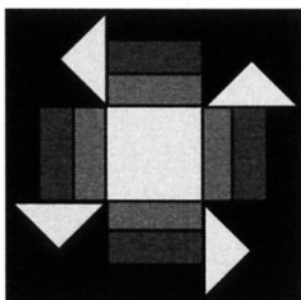
Arrange the four corner sections, which consist of one B and two C's per section. Sew the two C's to each other. Press the seam allowance toward the darker fabric. **NOTE:** The pieced pair of C's should be exactly the same size as the B triangle after they've been sewn together. If not, check your seam allowance. Sew B onto the pieced C's. Press the seam allowance toward B. These sections should measure 4 1/2" square. Trim the dog ears.

To complete the block, sew the units into three horizontal rows. Press the seam allowances of the top and bottom rows toward the center section. Press the seam allowances of the middle row away from the center patch.

Sew the three rows together. Press the seam allowances toward the center row. Your block should measure 12 1/2" square. It will finish to 12".

Examples of Pattern and Value Placement

Below I've shown six suggestions, but they are just that - suggestions. Part of learning to make beautiful quilts is learning about color and, more importantly, value. Please experiment with your fabrics.



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