

The Fourth Block: Best Friends

Look familiar? This block is basically a Bear Paw block with 4-patch units for the paws. We have a few more seams to match, but otherwise it's constructed the same way.

Cutting Requirements

Color & amount	7" block	14" block	21" block
Color A (very light)	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"
4	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"
8			
Color B (light)	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"
9			
Color C (medium)	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"
8			
Color D (medium)	1.5" x 3.5"	2.5" x 6.5"	3.5" x 9.5"
4			
Color E (dark)	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"
8			
Color F (very dark)			
none			

Directions for Assembling the Block

Step 1

Sew the color B squares to the color E squares. Press seams toward color E.



Make 8.

Step 2

Sew the units from step 1 together to make four 4-patch units.



Make 4.

Step 3

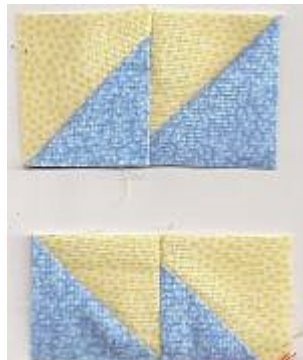
Use your favorite method for making HST units from the larger color A and color C squares. Press seams toward color C.



Make 16.

Step 4

Sew the HST units together in pairs as shown. You will need 4 units with points going right and four units with points going left. Press seams toward color A.



Make 4 of each.

Step 5

Sew the left-pointing HST units to the 4-patch units as shown. Press seams toward the 4-patch units.



Make 4.

Step 6

Sew small color A squares to the right of the right-pointing HST units. Press seams toward the color A squares.



Make 4.

Step 7

Sew the step 6 units to the left sides of the 4-patch units as shown. Press seams toward the 4-patch units.



Make 4.

Step 8

Lay your 4-patch units on a flat surface in the positions they will go in the finished block. Sew a color D strip to the right side of the two 4-patch units on the left side of the block. Press seams toward color D strips.



Make 2.

Step 9

Sew the 4-patch units for the right side of the block to the color D strip of their respective left side counterparts. Press seams toward color D.



Make 2.

Step 10

Sew the last color A square to a color D strip. Press seam toward color D.



Make 1.

Step 11

Sew remaining color D strip to color A square to make the center row. Press seam toward color D.



Make 1.

Step 12

Sew the center row to the top row. Press seam toward center row.



Step 13

Sew bottom row to center row.
Press seam toward center row.

Press finished block and trim to
square it if necessary.

