



## Block Name: Contrary Wife

Skill level: Easy

Cutting method: rotary cutting

Fabrics: 4 colors  
or 4 shades of  
one color - light, 2  
mediums & dark

Cutting: use the  
chart below for the  
size block you need.



*This is a traditional block design and may be used by anyone. The instructions, however, are copyrighted and may not be reproduced without permission. The block at right shows medium and dark fabrics in reversed positions.*

Quantity to cut	3" block	6" block	9" block	12" block	15" block
Light color: 2	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"	6" x 6"
Medium A: 3	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"	5.5" x 5.5"
Medium B: 2	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"	6" x 6"
Dark: 2	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"	5.5" x 5.5"

*Block size refers to finished size.*

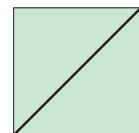
### Constructing the Block

This block uses 4 half-square triangle (HST) units. Begin by making the HST's.

#### Making the Half-Square Triangle Units

Use the largest squares to make these units (2", 3", etc.).

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light squares.

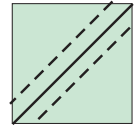




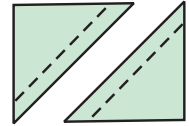
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### Making HST's continued

2. Match light squares to the other squares of the same size, right sides together (RST). Sew 1/4" from each side of drawn line.

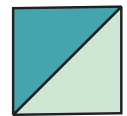


3. Cut the units in half on drawn diagonal line.



4. Press seams toward the medium or dark color.

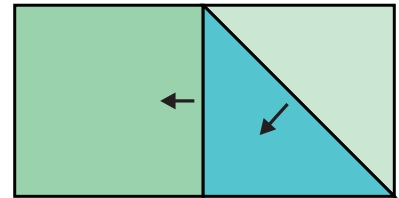
5. Trim each HST to same size as the smaller squares required for your block size.



Make 4.

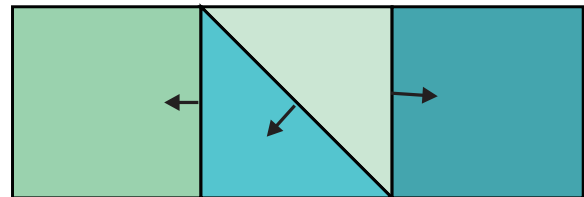
### Making the Top and Bottom Rows

1. Sew a HST unit to a medium color A square. Press seam toward the medium color square. Make 2.



Make 2.

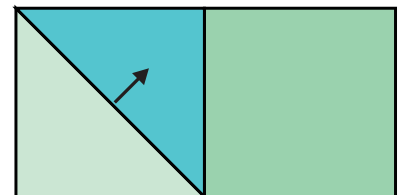
2. Sew a dark color square to the HST in the previous unit. Press seam toward the dark color square. Make 2.



Make 2.

### Making the Center Row

1. Sew a HST unit to remaining medium color A square as shown. Press seam toward medium color A square.

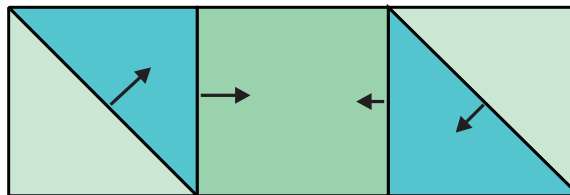


Make 1.



### Making the Center Row, continued

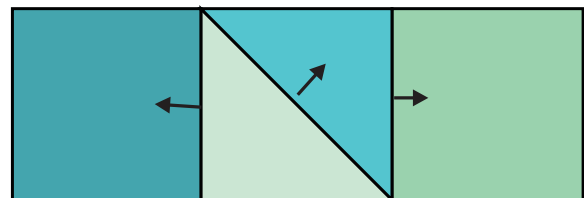
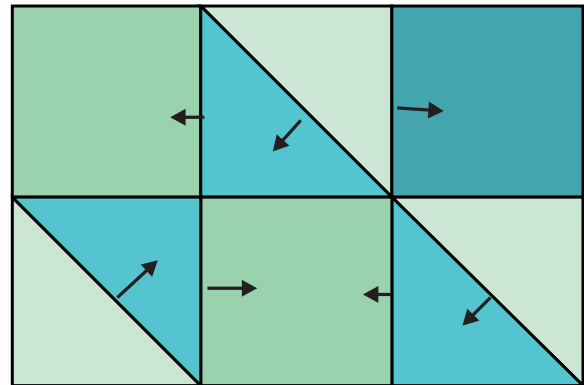
2. Sew remaining HST unit to previous unit as shown. Press seam toward medium color A square.



Make 1.

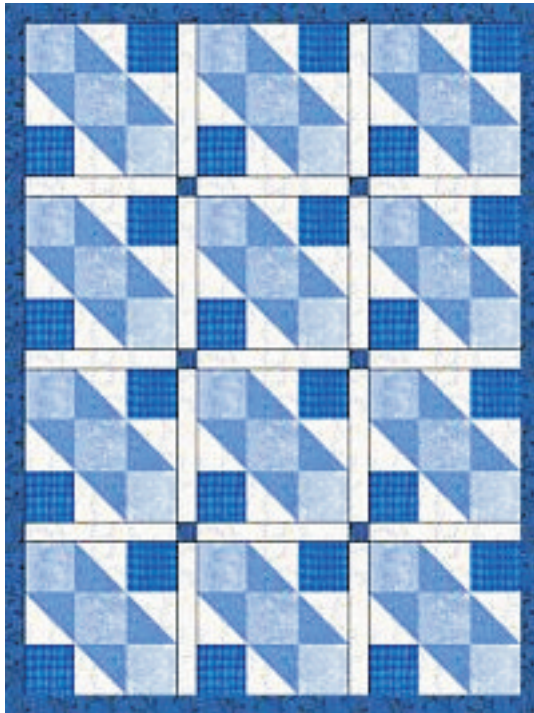
### Assembling the Block

1. On a flat surface, lay out the units as they should go in the finished block.
2. Sew the top row to the center row. Press seam toward the center row..
3. Sew bottom row to center row. Press seam toward the center row.
4. Press entire block. Measure and square it up if needed.





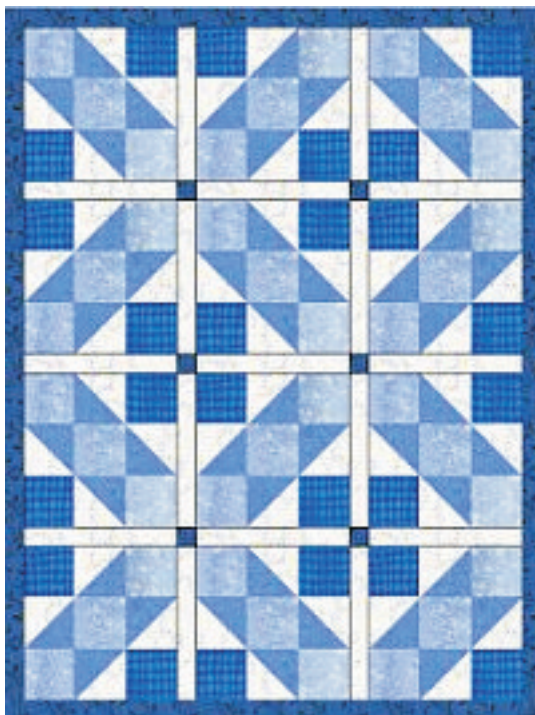
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Set with sashing and cornerstones.



Set without sashing.



Reversing alternate blocks results in a diagonal grid that can be set with or without sashing. The example at left is shown with sashing and cornerstones. This block can be "reversed" simply by rotating it 90 degrees.

Use the block diagrams below to try out colors.

