



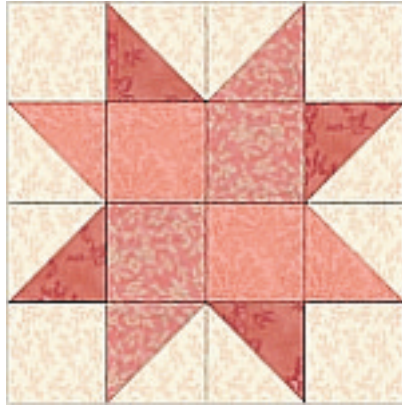
Block Name: Duck Tracks

Skill level: Beginner (except 4" block)

Cutting method: rotary cutting

Fabrics: 4 colors
or 4 shades of
one color - light,
2 medium and dark

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



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Quantity to cut	4" block	8" block	12" block	16" block
Light color:				
4	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"
4	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"
Medium color A:				
1	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"
2	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"
Medium color B:				
1	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"
2	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"
Dark color:				
2	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"

Block size refers to finished size.

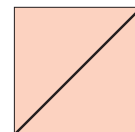
Constructing the Block

This block uses 8 half-square triangle (HST) units. Begin by making the HST's.

Making the Half-Square Triangle Units

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

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

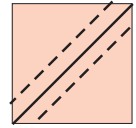




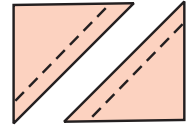
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Making HST's continued

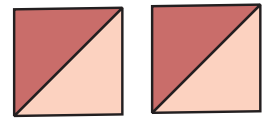
2. Match light squares to the other squares of the same size, right sides together (RST). Sew 1/4" from each side of drawn line.



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



4. Open each triangle unit and press seams toward the darker color..



5. Trim each HST to same size as the smaller squares required for your block size: 4" - 1.5", 8" - 2.5", 12" - 3.5", 16" - 4.5".

Make 8 - color combinations will be different.

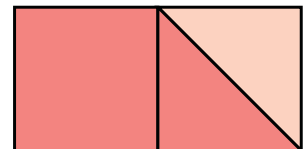
Making the Hourglass Units

1. Sew a light square to each dark/light HST and a square of matching color to each medium/light HST. Make:

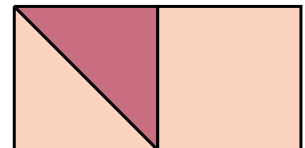
4 dark/light combos

2 mediumA combos

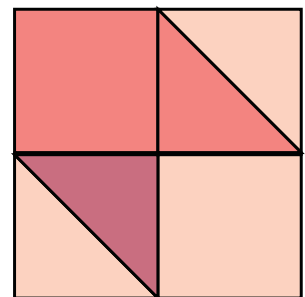
2 mediumB combos



2. Press seams toward the square (away from the HST).



3. Using the block photo above as a guide, sew two of these units together, butting center seams against each other. Press seams toward the dark HST half.



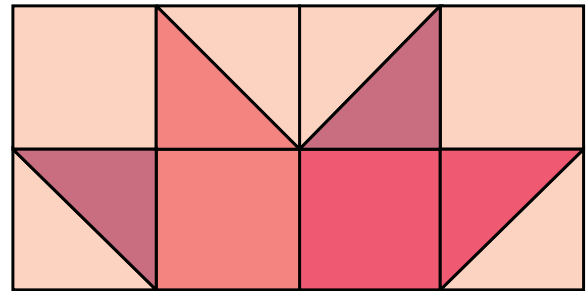
Make 4 - color combinations will be different.



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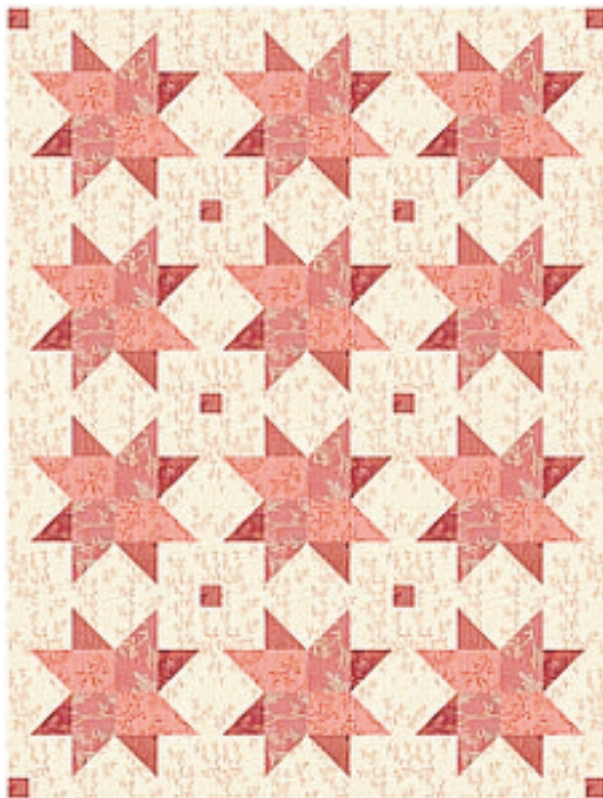
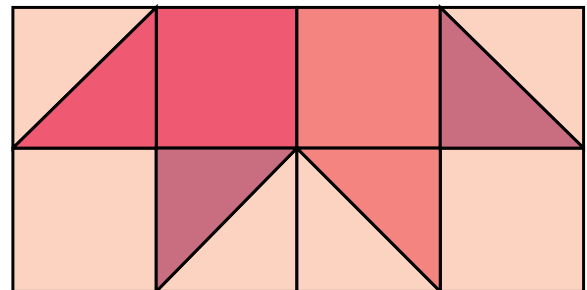
Assembling the Block

1. Using the block photo as a guide, sew two 4-patch units together.
Press seams toward the dark triangle.

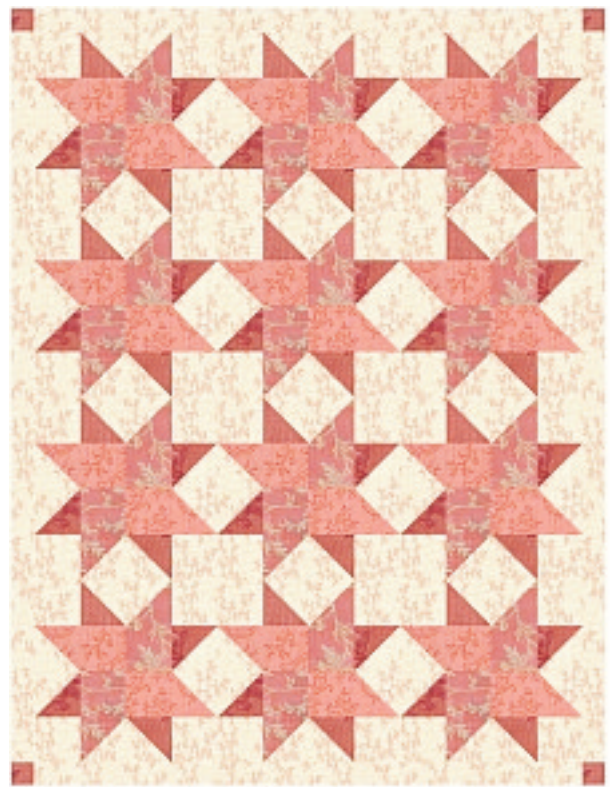


2. Sew the two half units together.

Press and square up (trim) to correct size.



Set with sashing and cornerstones.



Set without sashing.