# Grandma Mae's Economy Block

Grandmothers the world over know a lot about making do. They've been doing it for years! This economy block quilt is a favorite because it wastes so little fabric and looks so cute. Put together four sets of them for a quilt block that's granny approved.

Your block should be 7  $\frac{1}{4}$ " UNFINISHED. Finished Size (once sewn into the quilt) is 6  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". We will also add 2 sides of sashing making the final unfinished block = 8"

# For each block, you will need:

Fabric/Color	<u>Cut Size</u>	<b>Quantity</b>
White fabric (solid or small print)		
<ul> <li>Setting Triangles</li> </ul>	2.5" x 2.5"	16
- Square	1.25"	1
<ul> <li>2 Side Sashing Rectangles</li> </ul>	1.25" x 7.25"	2
Colorful Fabrics		
- Larger Squares	2.5" x 2.5"	4
<ul> <li>Rectangle Strips</li> </ul>	1.25" x 3.5"	4
<ul> <li>Smaller Sashing Square</li> </ul>	1.25" x 1.25"	1

## **SEW ALL SEAMS AT 1/4"**

# Sew the 4 Setting Triangle Units (Shown with Chain Piecing) <a href="Step 1">Step 1</a>:

Center the long edge of a setting triangle along 1 side of each 2 ½" print squares from your set. Sew along the matched edges. Place another setting triangle on the opposite side of each square. Sew along the matched edges. Open and press towards the triangles. Repeat to add setting triangles to the remaining sides of each of the print squares in your set. Make sure there is ¼" left outside of each point and square each unit to 3 ½".

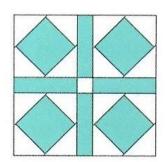
#### **Combine Units**

#### Step 2:

Sew a  $1 \frac{1}{4}$ " x  $3 \frac{1}{4}$ " print rectangle between 2 units. Press towards the rectangle. Make 2 rows.

#### Step 3:

Sew a 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " white square between the (2) 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " print rectangles. Arrange the 3 rows you have created as shown. Nest the seams and sew the rows together. Press. At this point block should measure 7  $\frac{1}{4}$ " unfinished.

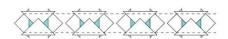


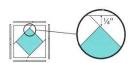
#### Step 1











# Step 2



#### Step 3





# **Add Horizontal and Vertical Sashing**

### Step 4:

Vertical Sashing - Sew one 7 1/4" sashing rectangle to right side. Press to sashing.

# Step 5:

Horizontal Sashing - Sew other 7  $\frac{1}{4}$ " sashing rectangle to 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " print square. Press to sashing rectangle. Sew Sashing to bottom and nest square seam to vertical sashing. Press seam to sashing. Block should now measure 8".

#### The finished block looks like this:



Here's a mockup of how it would look when all the blocks are sewn together.

