

Herring House Quilting

American Beauty Block



Supplies:

Fabrics
Fabric scissors
Neutral thread
Straight pins (or clips)
Omnigrid 6 X 24 inch ruler
Omnigrid 6-1/2 inch square ruler
Omnigrid Fons and Porter Half-Square and Quarter-Square
Triangle Ruler
Sewing Machine
1/4 inch foot

12-inch block

Five different fabrics are used: Dark 1 (my dark purple), Dark 2 (my green) medium 1 (my light purple), medium 2 (my medium purple) and light (my cream print).

NOTE: Read through directions and note pictures before cutting.

For the four corner half-square triangle sections:

From the light fabric

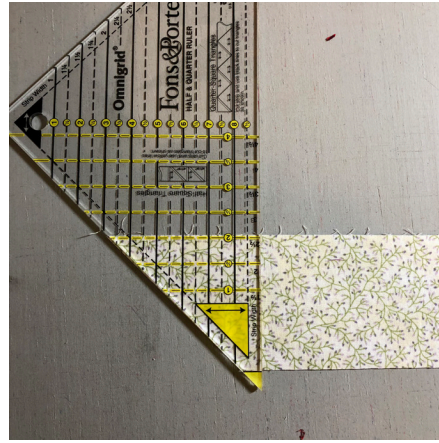
Cut 1 strip 2 1/2 inches wide by width of fabric; cut into eight 2 1/2 inch triangles using the Fons and Porter half-square triangle ruler, lining up the line along the 2 inch (finished size) guide. (See pictures on the next page.)

From the Dark 1 fabric

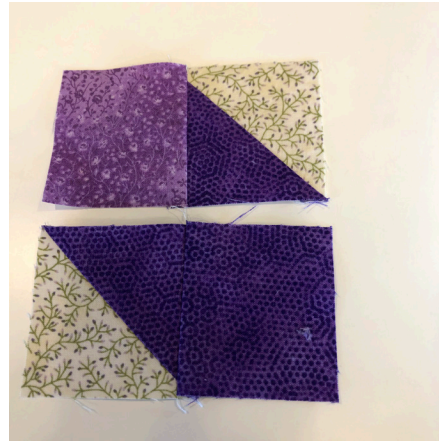
Repeat with the Dark 1 fabric: Cut 1 strip 2 1/2 inches wide by width of fabric; cut into eight 2 1/2 inch triangles using the half-square triangle ruler, lining up the line along the 2 inch (finished size) guide **and** cut four 2 1/2 inch squares.

From the Medium 2 fabric

Cut 1 strip 2 1/2 Inches wide. Cut four 2 1/2 inch squares.



Arrange this section of the block. Sew the triangles together to form the eight half-square triangle sections (2 per section). Press seams toward the darker fabric. Sew the squares to the half-square triangle units, pressing the seams toward the squares. Sew the top and bottom sections together. Repeat to make four corner units.



For the side center units (hourglass unit):

From the light fabric:

Cut 1 strip 2 1/2 inches wide. Using the Fons and Porter Quarter Square Ruler, cut four 2 1/2 inch triangles, lining up the edge of the fabric at the line that says "4" (lines that run down the middle of the ruler). (See pictures on the next page.)

From the dark 2 fabric:

Cut 1 strip 2 1/2 inches wide. Using the Fons and Porter Quarter Square Ruler, cut eight 2 1/2 inch triangles.

From the medium 1 fabric:

Cut 1 strip 2 1/2 inches wide. Using the Fons and Porter Quarter Square Ruler, cut four 2 1/2 inch triangles,

Arrange these block sections. (See next page.) Sew two triangles together, pressing the seam toward the dark 2 triangle. Sew the two sections together, pressing the seam either direction. Make four of these units.



For the center square-in-a-square unit:

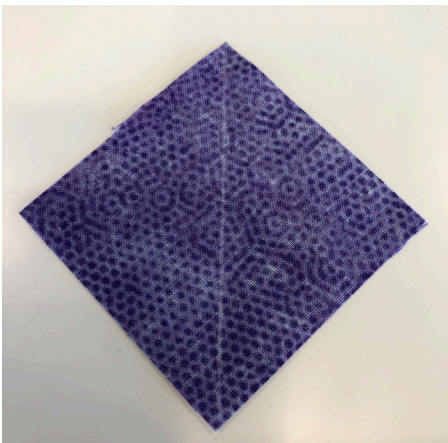
From the light fabric:

Cut one 4 1/2 inch square

From the dark 1 fabric:

Cut four 2 1/2 inch squares. On the wrong side of the fabric, draw a line from point to point.

Place a small square in one corner of the large square, right sides together, with the drawn line going from center to center of the large square. Pin in place. Stitch along the drawn line. Trim seam to 1/4 inch. Press the triangle out (away from center) to form the square. Repeat with the remaining three corners, one corner at a time.



To complete the block:

Lay out the block sections to form the block. Sew the sections together in rows. Press the seams in the top and bottom row toward the center sections. Press the seams in the center row away from the center section. Sew the rows together, matching the seams going in the opposite directions. Press the seams away from the center row.

