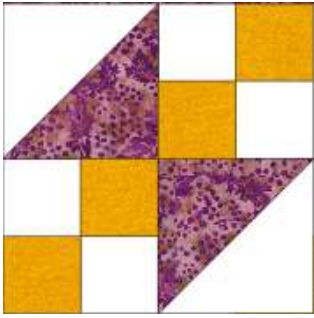


Jacob's Ladder Twist



This is a twist on a traditional Jacob's Ladder block. It's a 4-patch rather than a 9-patch, and the colored pieces of the 4-patches and half square triangles are turned to join in the center of the block.

Your block should be 12.5" UNFINISHED. Finished Size (once sewn into the quilt) is 12".

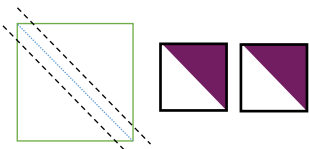
For each block, you will need:

<u>Fabric/Color</u>	<u>Cut Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
White fabric (solid or small print)		
- Half Square Triangles	7.25" x 7.25"	1
- 4 Patches	3.5" x 14"	1

Colorful Fabrics

- Half Square Triangles*	7.25" x 7.25"	1
- 4 Patches*	3.5" x 14"	1

*Choose 2 coordinating colors: one for the HST's and one for the 4-patches.



Step 1

SEW ALL SEAMS AT 1/4"

Make the Half Square Triangles (HST's):

Step 1:

Use the 7.25" White square and the 7.25" Colorful square to make two Half Square Triangles. On the **WRONG** side of the White square, draw a diagonal line from one corner to its opposite corner. Place the White square *right sides together* on top of the Colorful square. Sew 1/4" from **BOTH** sides of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line and press the seams towards the Colorful triangle. Trim each HST to 6.5" x 6.5". Set aside.

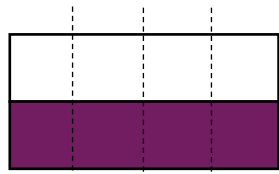


Step 2

Make the 4-patches:

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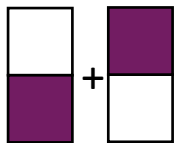
Lay the 3.5" x 14" White rectangle on top of the 3.5" x 14" Colorful rectangle with **RIGHT** sides together. Sew along one of the long edges. Press the seams towards the Colorful rectangle.



Step 3

Step 3:

Cut the 6.5" x 14" strip you just created into four 6.5" x 3.5" pieces. Lay the strip on your cutting mat so that the white rectangle is above the colored rectangle. Place the 3.5" mark of your ruler on the left edge of the strip and trim. Repeat two more times.



Step 4

Step 4:

Sew two of those 6.5" x 3.5" pieces together, turning one of them so that the Colored patches are next to the white patches of the other piece. Nest the center seam to ensure the seams line up. Press the seams open. Repeat with the other two pieces.



Step 5

Step 5:

Sew the block together as shown. Make sure the colorful side of the HST's point towards the center, and the colored squares in the 4-patches are in the center.

Press the seams towards the HST's and the final seam open. The completed block should be 12.5" square.

The finished block looks like this:



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

