

# **Friendship Blocks**

## **Farmington Valley** **Quilt Guild**

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The tradition is for guild members to participate in making friendship blocks as a way to try a new block, learn a new technique, and finally to have a chance to win the blocks. You need to complete your block on the due date.

Write your name on a piece of paper and attach it to your block(s) so the winner knows who finished the block(s).

Fill out 1 ticket for each block you've completed with your name on it and drop it in the basket provided.

1. The winner will win the blocks and 1 yard of coordinating fabric.
2. If you bring in at least three (3) blocks, you'll get 1 extra chance to win.

Have Fun!!!

Block 1-Fall Twist

Due October 2017

Block 2-Low Volume Shoemaker's Puzzle

Due January 2018

Block 3-Totally Tulip

Due March 2018

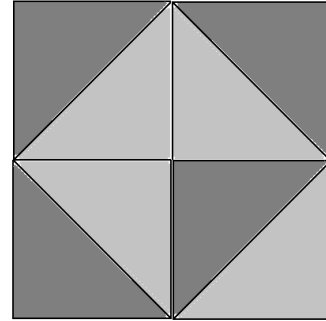
Block 4-Polka Dots

Due May 2018

## **Fall Twist**--Due October 2017

**Size block 8 ½" x 8 ½" (includes seam allowances)**

### Colors



Light half can be: cream, ivory, tans (no white)

Contrast/Dark half can be any fall color

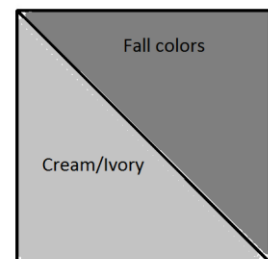
### For 1 block

Choose your favorite method for half square triangles (hst)  
(see next page for method ideas)

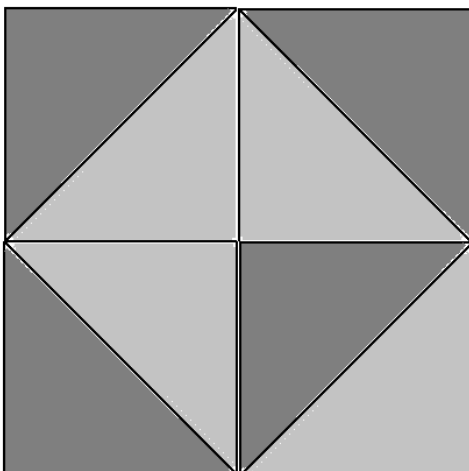
**Make 4 half square triangles**  
**each measure 4 ½" unfinished (includes seams allowances)**

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Sew all four into the following layout remembering to rotate the bottom right corner 180 degrees



Here are 2 suggestions

Option 1.

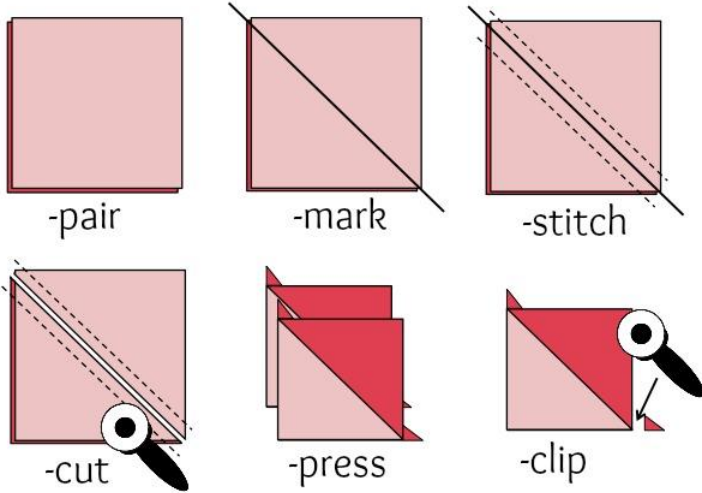
Cut light and contrast squares at 5"

Sew

Cut

Press

Trim to 4 1/2"



Option 2: Magic 8 (this method makes 8 hst)

Cut 10" square of light and contrast

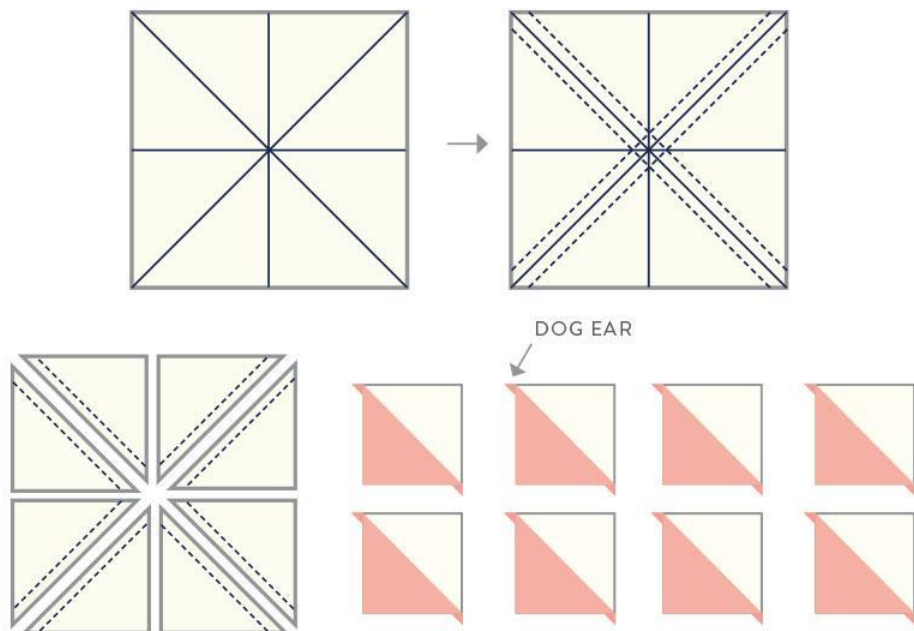
Mark

Sew

Cut

Press

Trim to 4 1/2"



# **Low Volume Shoeman's Puzzle-**

due January 2018

From quilter's cache

Paper pieced

Blocks should measure 4 ½" (including seam allowances)

**Center block (#1) white solid**

**Pieces 2,3,4-All low volume**

What is low volume?

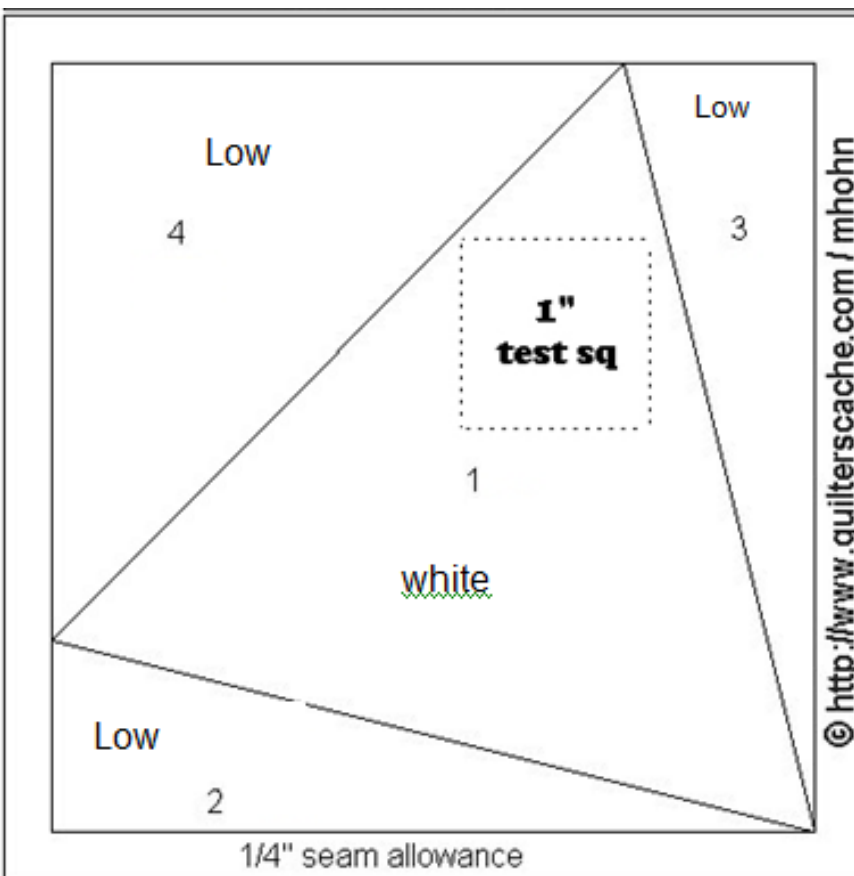
Craftsy says:

Low-volume fabrics are defined as fabrics that "read" as light fabrics but at the same time have a secondary pattern or design. Just one of these fabrics can be used as the background for an entire quilt, but it's even more fun to combine many different low-volume fabrics for stunning quilts.

A Low Volume fabric can best be defined as a fabric which shows up as a light solid (or nearly solid) in a black and white photograph. These fabrics can vary from the lightest tone on tone fabrics, to text fabrics printed on a light background, to light floral fabrics. Fabrics classified as Low Volume come in a variety of

colors from white to cream to beige to grey. Quilting with Low Volume fabrics isn't something new—quilts using these types of fabrics for backgrounds can be seen in nearly every era of American quilt making; however, the use of these fabrics is definitely something that is currently trending with today's modern quilter.

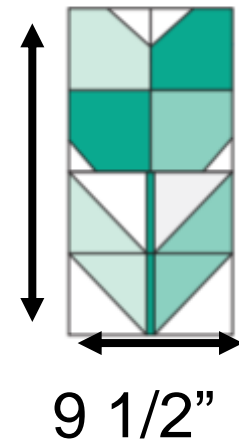
**\*\*Check square size before starting your work**



# Totally Tulips-due March 2018

From Missouri Quilt Co. 17 1/2"

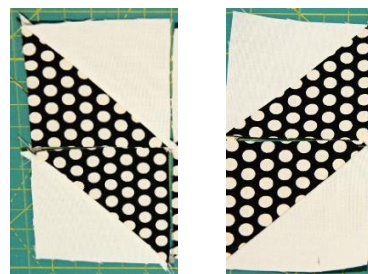
QUILT BLOCK



- Background-white/tone on tone/white prints
- Flower (4 squares with a snowball corner)-Kaffe Fassett fabrics
- Green Leaves (4 HST blocks measuring 4 1/2")-your choice of greens
- Stem 1 1/2" X 8 1/2" green fabric

## Make leaves

1. Make 4 HST (4 1/2") with green
2. Sew matching sets together like this



## Add stem in between leaves

\*\*Press to in towards stem





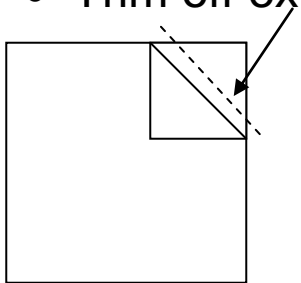
## Flower

You'll need

4 --5" squares

4 --2 ½" background squares

- Mark diagonals on the background squares
- Sew on the marked line 1 background square to one corner for each 5" flower square
- Trim off extra



- Press
- Join all 4 squares to look like this for the flower



Join the flower to the stem/leaves



# **Polka dot square** due May 2018

Size 8 ½" ( includes seam allowances)

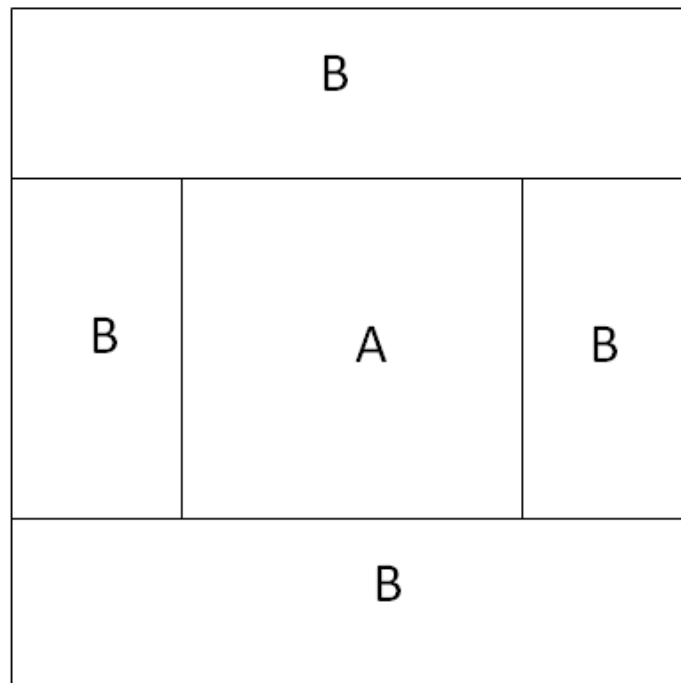
Colors

Solids

Polka dots

If Fabric A is a solid, Fabric B is a polka dot.

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## Directions

Cut from Fabric A

1 Square 4 ½" X 4 ½"

Cut from Fabric B

2 rectangles ( 2 ½" X 4 ½")

2 rectangles ( 2 ½" X 8 ½")

Sew the two shorter rectangles (B) to square (A)

Press.

Sew long rectangles to the remaining sides.