

*Create with Claudia*  
**2021 "Stars of the Prairie" Mystery Quilt**

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Cutting instructions are for all of the blocks needed for the month

## January

Please read all instructions carefully before beginning. There are two parts to this month. We will be making quite a few blocks and we will be cutting out squares for some of the background. There is a lot going on, but this way, if you can't get to all of the cutting and sewing, you still have the rest of the year to finish it.

### Part 1: Background Squares

**Fabric Needed:**

Background Fabric: 1 7/8 yards

**Cutting Instructions:**

Cut 56 squares 6 ½ inches by 6 ½ inches

### Part 2: January Block: Mosaic

**Fabric Needed:**

Background Fabric: ½ yard, Fabric A: 1/8 yard, Fabric B: 1/3 yard

**Cutting Instructions (for all 16 blocks):**

Background Fabric:

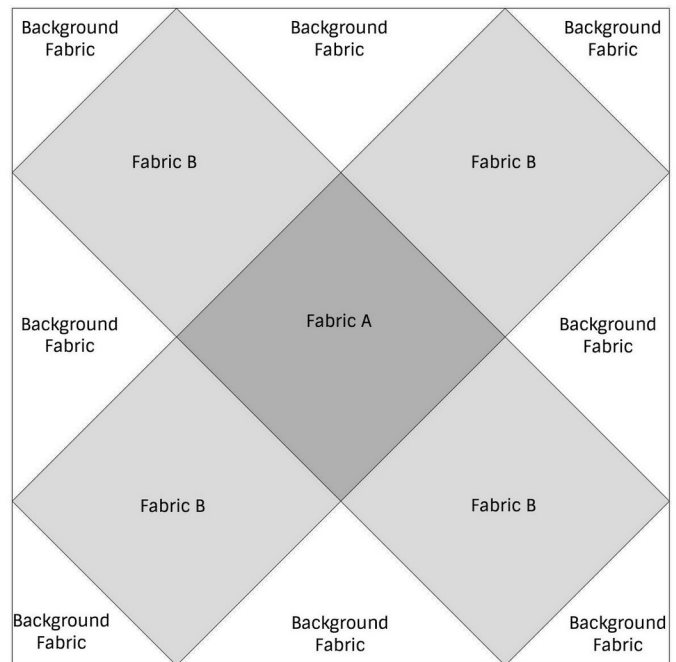
- 32 squares cut 2 ½ inches by 2 ½ inches (cut in half on the diagonal: see pattern instructions)
- 16 squares cut 4 ¼ inches by 4 ¼ inches (cut in half on the diagonal and then in half again: see pattern instructions)

Fabric A:

- 16 squares cut 2 5/8 inches by 2 5/8 inches

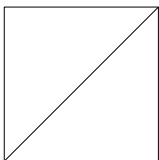
Fabric B:

- 64 squares cut 2 5/8 inches by 2 5/8 inches



**Block Assembly (For One Block):**

*To make 1 block you will need: From the background fabric, two - 2 ½" squares, one - 4 ¼" square, from fabric A one square, and from fabric B four squares.*



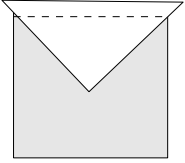
Cut two 2 ½ inch background fabric squares in half on the diagonal. You will have 4 triangles.

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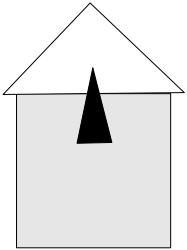
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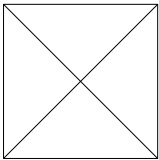
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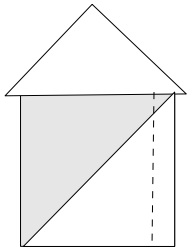
With right (front) sides of the fabric facing each other, center the long side of one of the triangles you just cut to one of the 2 5/8" squares of fabric B. Sew along the edge using the ¼ inch seam allowance. *Tip: To get an accurate center point, it helps to finger press the square and the triangle in half and match the fold lines.*



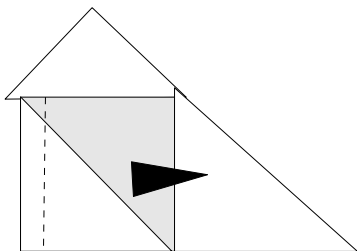
Press open and repeat with the three other squares of fabric B. You will have four units that look like this.



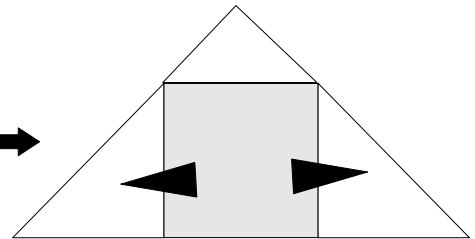
Take the 4 ¼ inch square of background fabric and cut it diagonally twice.



Taking one of the triangles just cut, attach it to the right side of one of the fabric units we made above. Press open. Repeat with one of the other fabric B and triangle units.



Add another triangle to the left side.  
You will have two units that look like this.



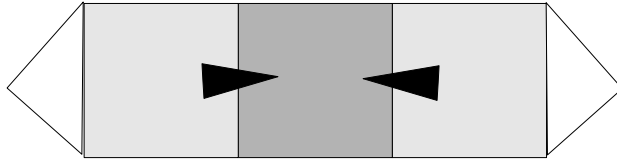
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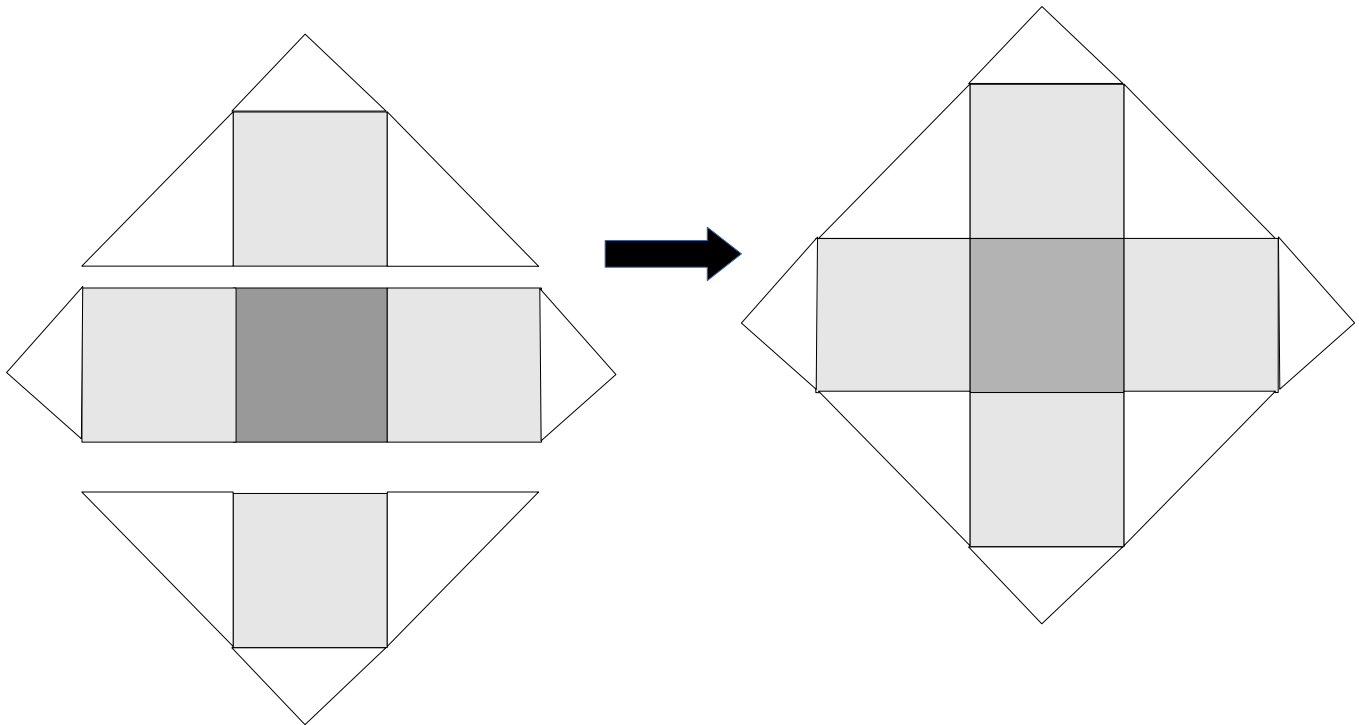
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With the remaining two squares of fabric B that have the one triangle on them, sew one to one side of the fabric A square and one to the other (diagonal side) of the square.



To this unit, attach the triangular units you made earlier.



If needed, trim the block down to 6 ½ inches square. Repeat until you have 16 of these blocks.