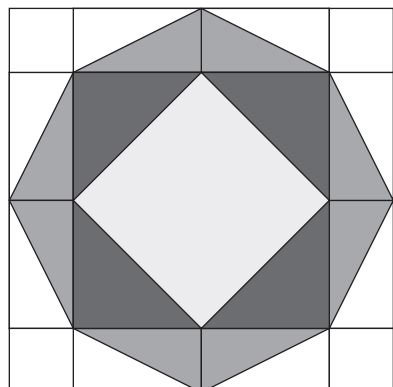




Cat's Cradle

by Kiley Ferons of Kiley's Quilt Room

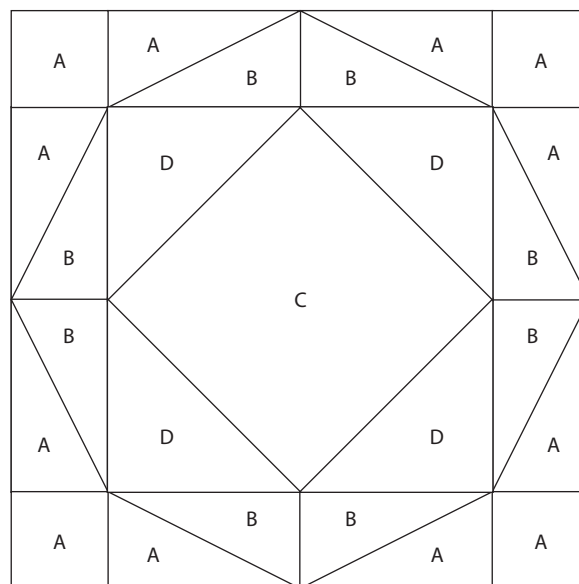
The Cat's Cradle Block combines two types of half-triangle units to create a balanced yet dynamic design. The crisp angles and layered shapes evoke the playful twists and turns of a cat's cradle, with the half-square triangles and half-rectangle triangles combining to add a sense of movement and depth.

 @kileysquiltroom

 <https://www.kileysquiltroom.com/blog/>

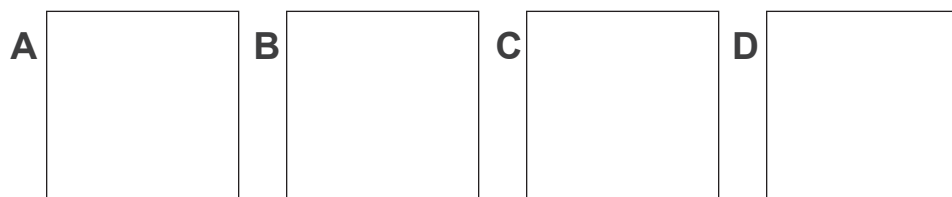
Cutting Instructions

Qty	9" finished block
4	3" x 5" rectangles (A)
4	2" squares (A)
4	3" x 5" rectangles (B)
1	6½" square (C)
4	3½" squares (D)



Use this block to plan color and fabric placement!

My Swatches





Piecing Instructions

Step 1

Note: Half-Rectangle Triangles (HRTs) don't need to be scary, just take it slow and double check the look of your block before making any cuts. Stitches can always be unpicked!

On the wrong side of half the A rectangles, draw a line from one corner to the opposing corner. On the other half, draw a line on the opposite diagonal so the lines are mirror images.

Unlike HSTs, do not layer A rectangles exactly on top of the B rectangles. Rotate the A rectangle as shown, so that the marked line intersects with the other pair of corners, right sides together. Pin to secure.

Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of marked line. BEFORE YOU CUT, open up the fabric to make sure you will have a rectangle (if you line up rectangle edges and sew, the result is a 'kite' shape). Cut on the marked line, and press seams open.

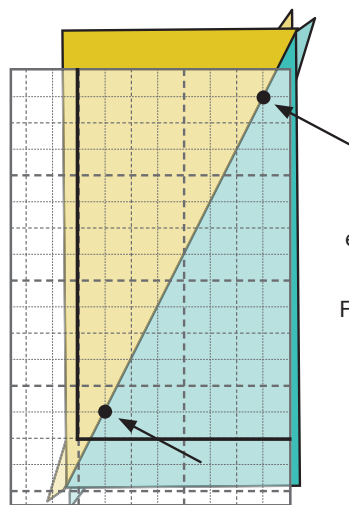
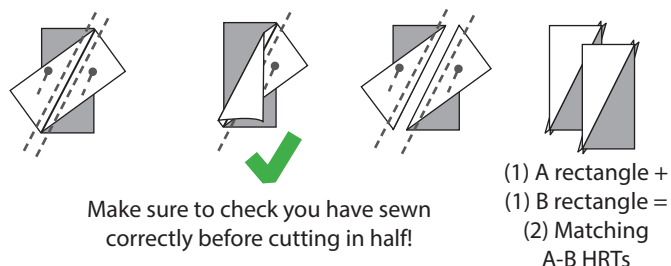
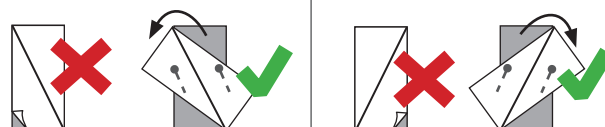
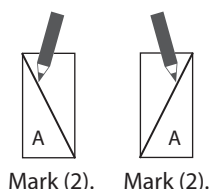
Make (4) A-B Left HRTs, and (4) A-B Right HRTs.

Unlike HSTs, do not trim with the seam going corner to corner. Before trimming, use a Sharpie to mark your ruler with: trim size ($2" \times 3\frac{1}{2}"$), and dots $\frac{1}{4}"$ in from the corners of the trim size (at $\frac{1}{4}" \times \frac{1}{4}"$, and $1\frac{3}{4}" \times 3\frac{1}{4}"$). Remove marker with nail polish remover or rubbing alcohol afterwards.

Line up ruler on A-B HRT so that the dots intersect the seam, and the unit covers the entire trim area. Trim the first corner, and rotate to trim the remaining sides like you normally would.

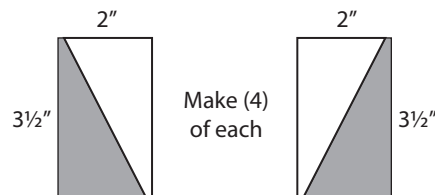
To trim opposite direction units, simply turn them right side down so you can utilize the same markings.

Trim all A-B HRTs to $2" \times 3\frac{1}{2}"$.



Line up the seam with the two marked $\frac{1}{4}"$ dots, and ensure the trim area is fully within the unit.

For opposite direction HRTs, simply flip them upside down to trim using these same markings.





Piecing Instructions, continued

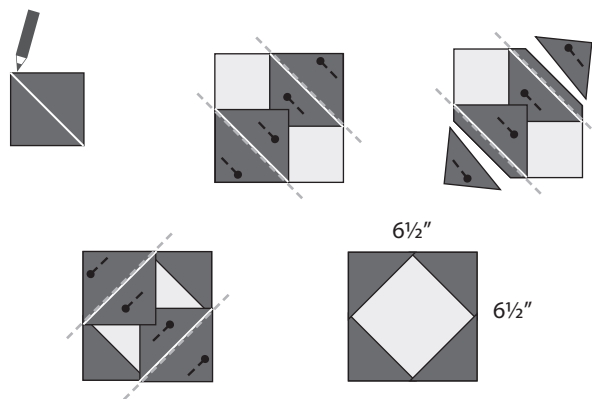
Step 2

On the wrong side of each D square, draw a line from one corner to the opposing corner as shown.

Layer (2) D squares with opposite corners of the C square, right sides together as shown. Stitch on the marked line, or just a thread's width to the outside of the line. Cut away 1/4" seam allowance, and press to D triangles.

Repeat on remaining corners.

Trim C-D Square in a Square unit to 6½".

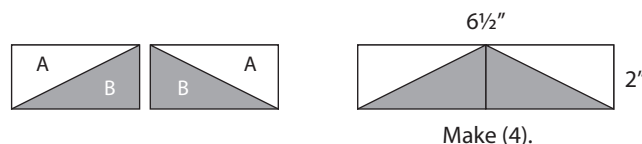


Step 3

Lay out opposite Left and Right A-B HRTs as shown. Join to form combined HRT unit.

Repeat to make (4) units.

Trim to 6½" x 2".

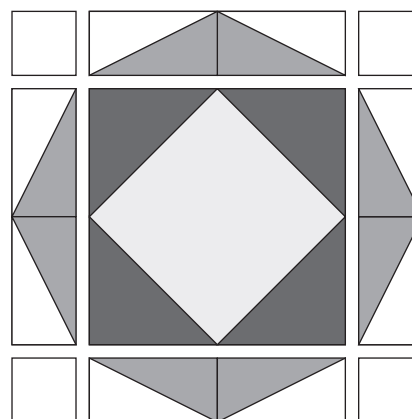


Step 4

Lay out (4) A-B HRT units, C-D Square in a Square, and (4) A squares as shown.

Join units to make the full block.

Trim block to 9½".



Don't want to wait for more blocks?

See your local quilt shop to purchase the
My Favorite Color is Still Moda pattern,
which we are drawing from for BH6!

MY FAVORITE COLOR
IS STILL *moda*



SCAN ME

Additional Coloring Blocks

