



Block of the Month

2021-2022

#4 Noon and Light 9" Block

Select three contrasting fabrics.

From light:

- Cut (8) squares $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ "
- Cut (2) squares $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

From medium:

- Cut (2) squares $5\frac{3}{8}$ " x $5\frac{3}{8}$ "
 - Subdivide each square diagonally yielding (4) triangles

From dark:

- Cut (2) squares $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

Assembly:

- For the corner units: Refer to the picture
 - Take (1) light and (1) dark $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square and place them face to face.
 - Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " either side of the line.
 - Cut down the center line yielding (2) half squares. Press toward the dark.
 - Repeat with the remaining light and dark squares, yield (4) half squares.
 - Cut each half square diagonally from the light to the dark— yield (8) bicolored triangles.
- For the center:
 - Position (2) light squares in opposite corners of a medium square.
 - Sew diagonally across the center of the light and fold back toward the corner.
 - Repeat with (2) light and the other medium squares. Press
 - Cut both dark squares in half diagonally yielding (4) bicolored triangles.

- Assembly:
 - Sort the light and dark bicolored triangles – they are mirror images.
 - Arrange the dark sides next to a light $2\frac{3}{4}$ " square. Sew and press toward the triangle.
 - Repeat for the remaining three corner units.
 - Place a light/dark corner unit face down over a medium/light center triangle.
 - The sizes should match. Sew carefully as the edges are bias.
 - A small stitch length will stretch the seam. Try 2.5mm and don't pull.
 - Stitch the long seam taking care not to nip the corner of the light square in the middle.
 - Press toward the medium fabric.

 - Arrange the completed units with the light triangles meeting in the middle.
 - Sew it all together. Press the seams in a spiral direction and nest the center.