

## Additional

# Tips and Suggestions

## for Collectible Block Pattern Cards

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### CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

You will use two parts of a card to know how and what to cut.

- › The front of the card, under CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS explains WHICH components are used in that block and HOW MANY and which fabric to cut.
- › The back of the card explains the SIZE to cut each component.
- › NOTE: Each block will only use certain components (A, B, C, D, etc), so you should only cut the ones listed on the front of the card.

### CONSTRUCTION OF BLOCKS:

- › To help know how or what order to sew sections of the block together, refer to the “exploded” graphic on the front of the card. It is separated by step to help visualize the order and how the parts are put together.
- › **TRADITIONAL CONSTRUCTION:** We provide Accucut (AQ Qube) references for each component of a block. However, you can also use traditional cutting methods. Here are a few tips for using traditional methods:
  - › In components G, I, J, and flying geese units you can also use the stitch and flip method.
  - › Draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of the square. Place on rectangle component, stitch along the line. Flip the corner of the square up to “audition” it to make sure it is sewn accurately. THEN trim the backside of both thicknesses of fabric to a 1/4” seam allowance.
- › You may have another favorite method for constructing the units, and that works as well.
- › Be sure to check the sizes of individual units as you make them. The cutting instructions are not written for the components or blocks to be constructed and then trimmed down. Each unit should match the following sizes once constructed.
  - › HST made with E triangles should be 2” square.
  - › HST made with C triangles should be 3.5” square. QST blocks made with D triangles should also be 3.5” square.
  - › FG made with D and E triangles should be 2” x 3.5”.
- › If a block looks like a 9 patch, with 9 equal sized units, each unit should be 3.5” before being sewn into the block. Then construct it like a 9 patch.
- › If the center of the block is larger and has narrow borders, it’s likely the center needs to be 6.5” before being sewn into the block and the borders are 2” before being sewn in.
  - › Construct the center as you would the center of a quilt and attach the borders as you would the borders of a quilt.
- › Completed blocks will be 9.5” before sewing into your project and will finish at 9”.
- › For parallelogram (G) and chisel (I) fabric may be directional. Consult the pattern graphic for correct orientation.

If you have any questions about making any blocks, we encourage you to reach out to one of our stores. They can be a wealth of information and they’re all happy to help everyone learn!

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