

The Big Dipper Quilt Block Pattern

(in 8 different sizes)



Skill level: Confident Beginner

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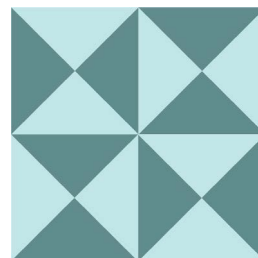
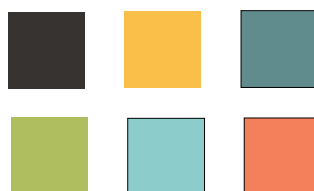
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To make the multi-colored block, you need 6 fabrics ranging from light to dark.



Use the chart below to determine what size to cut your patchwork pieces. For example, if you want a 8" block, you would use the measurements given in the highlighted column below.

If making the multi-colored version, you will have some leftover pieces.

If you prefer to make a two color block, simply cut two squares of each color in the size needed, and cross-cut twice.

Cutting Chart:

Patches		Subcut?	FINISHED SIZE							
			5"	6"	8"	9"	10"	12"	15"	20"
Cut 2			2 3/4"	4 1/4"	5 1/4"	5 3/4"	6 1/4"	7 1/4"	8 3/4"	11 1/4"
Cut 1			2 3/4"	4 1/4"	5 1/4"	5 3/4"	6 1/4"	7 1/4"	8 3/4"	11 1/4"
Cut 1			2 3/4"	4 1/4"	5 1/4"	5 3/4"	6 1/4"	7 1/4"	8 3/4"	11 1/4"
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Block Assembly:

NOTE: For all seams, use a scant 1/4" seam and a 2.0 mm stitch length.

Arrange your patches as shown in the diagram at right. Pay careful attention to the color placement of the Quarter Square Triangles, especially if you are making the multi-colored version.

The block is basically assembled like a 4-patch. First, sew the four QST pieces together to make each square in the four patch. Then assemble the four units together to make the block.

Your unfinished block should measure 1/2" more than your finished size. (i.e. For a 8" finished block, your block should measure 8.5")

