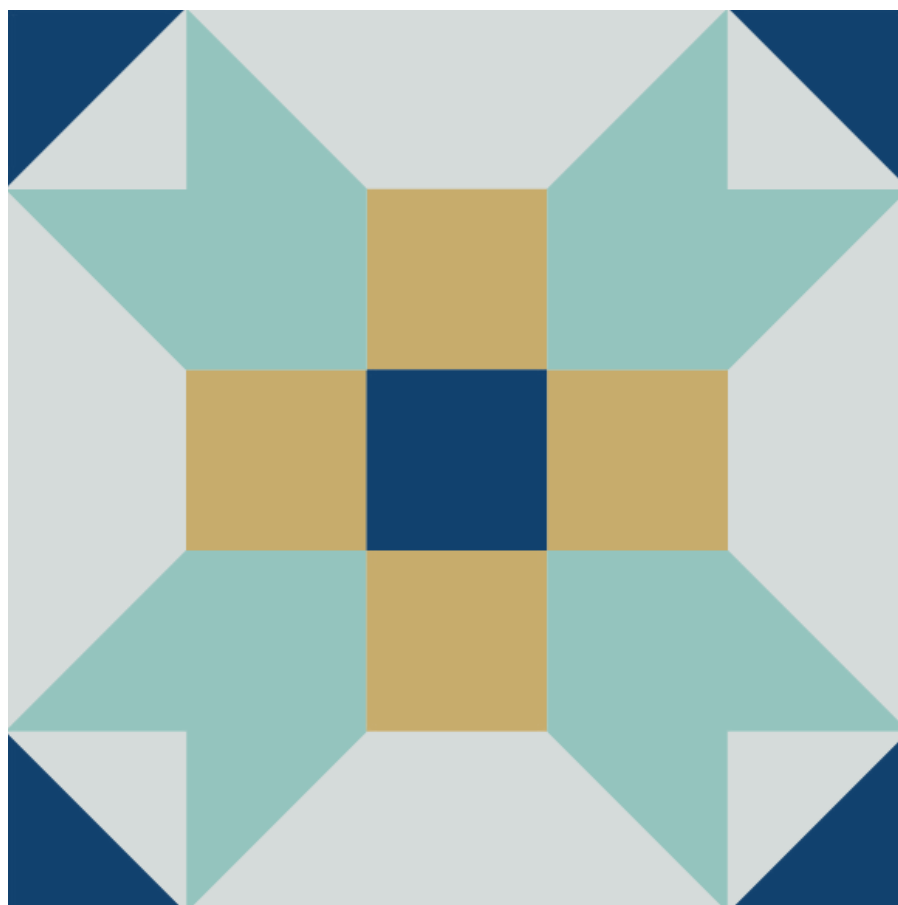# The Fool's Square
# Quilt Block Pattern
## (in 4 different sizes)



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## You need 4 fabrics ranging from light to dark.

Use the chart to determine what size to cut your patchwork pieces. (For a 10" block, use the measurements in the highlighted column.) When only one measurement is given in the chart, that indicates that the piece is cut as a square of that size. The chart may also indicate that some of your squares may need to be subcut:
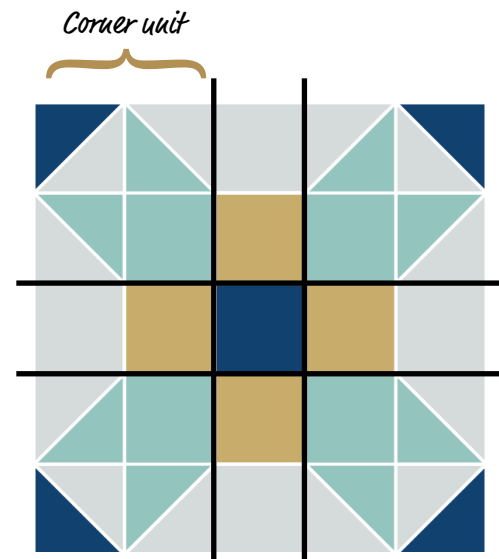
� = Subcut once on the diagonal

⊠ = Subcut twice on the diagonal

Sew all pieces together using a 1/4" seam and a 2.0mm stitch. Your unfinished block should measure 1/2" more than your finished size. (i.e. For a 10" finished block, your block should measure 10.5")

## Cutting Chart:

| Pieces | | Subcut? | FINISHED SIZE | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 5 | 10" | 12" | 15" |
| Cut 1 | | No | 1 1/2" | 2 1/2" | 2 7/8" | 3 1/2" |
| Cut 4 | | No | 1 1/2" | 2 1/2" | 2 7/8" | 3 1/2" |
| Cut 4 | | No | 1 1/2" | 2 1/2" | 2 7/8" | 3 1/2" |
| Cut 4 | | No | 1 1/2" | 2 1/2" | 2 7/8" | 3 1/2" |
| Cut 2 | | ◫ | 1 7/8" | 2 7/8" | 3 3/8" | 3 7/8" |
| Cut 4 | | ◫ | 1 7/8" | 2 7/8" | 3 3/8" | 3 7/8" |
| Cut 6 | | ◫ | 1 7/8" | 2 7/8" | 3 3/8" | 3 7/8" |

*Corner unit*

## Block Assembly:

Arrange your patches as shown in the diagram at right. Pay careful attention to the placement of the Half Square Triangles, making sure they are turned the correct way.

First sew all HST (Half Square Triangle) units together to make squares. Press each HST to the dark side. Then sew the HST's with the squares needed to make each corner unit. (Make 4)

Two squares (a light and a medium) radiate out from the center block. Sew each of those pairs together to make a "light/dark pair."

Now we can assemble the block as if it's a 9-patch. Sew together a corner unit + a light/dark pair + a corner unit to make the first row. Repeat for the bottom row, and then sew the squares together to make the middle row. Finally, sew all three rows together to finish the block.