

MQSC Block of the Month

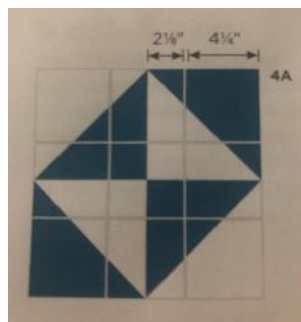
DISAPPEARING HOURGLASS



1. **Sew.** Pair a white tone-on-tone layer cake 10" square with another layer cake 10" square of a summer color, such as coral, blue, green, turquoise, deep or rose pink, or yellow. Right sides together, sew all around the perimeter using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
2. **Cut.** Use a rotary cutter and cut the sewn squares from corner to corner twice on the diagonal. Open to reveal 4 half-square triangles.



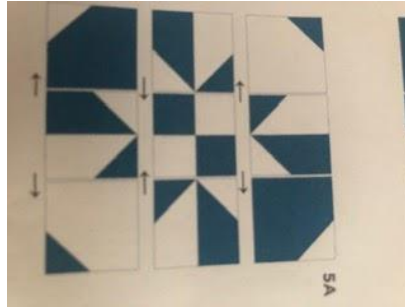
3. **Arrange.** Arrange the 4 half-square triangles in a 4-patch formation to make an hourglass block. Sew together press toward darker seams.
4. Square up the hourglass to a $12\frac{3}{4}$ " square. (That's 12 and three quarters inches!) This will make cutting in thirds much easier. Here is what the cuts will look like.



Line up the ruler on the center seam. Cut $2\frac{1}{8}$ " away from the center seam on both sides. Turn 90 degrees and repeat for the other center seam.

You will end up with **nine** $4\frac{1}{4}$ " squares.

5. Turn each of the outside squares 180 degrees, the center 90 degrees. Here is the layout of the squares:



Sew the three units of each row together first. DON'T FORGET TO TURN CENTER SQUARE ONLY **HALF** WAY.

Finished square block is 11 3/4".



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