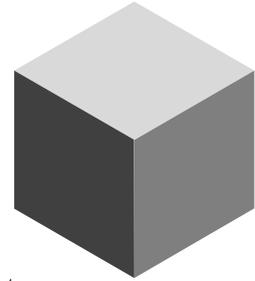


## Tumbling Blocks with Y-seams

For Moonlight Quilters 2019 Round Robin

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### You will need:

- A ruler with a 60-degree line on it, or you can use the line on your mat
- Three different fabrics for each block: for the 3-D effect, choose three fabrics with different value (light, medium and dark fabric)
- If you are using scraps, you need one at least 4.5" by 8" to get each diamond.
- You may want to starch your fabric before cutting. You will be working with bias edges.

### Step A: Cut your strips and diamonds (for right-handed people)

1. Cut strips 4 ½ inches wide.
2. Lay the strips horizontally in front of you on your cutting mat.
3. From the right-hand corner of your strip, position the 60-degree line on your ruler at the bottom of the strip and slice along the right side of the ruler. 
4. Turn the strip around so the cut 60-degree angle is on the left and the strip is still horizontal.
5. Position the 4 ½-inch line on your ruler along the cut 60-degree angle and slice along the right side of the ruler. 
6. Periodically check with the 60-degree line that your next cut is at the correct angle.
7. All four sides of each diamond should be 4 ½ inches long. The points should be 60 degrees.

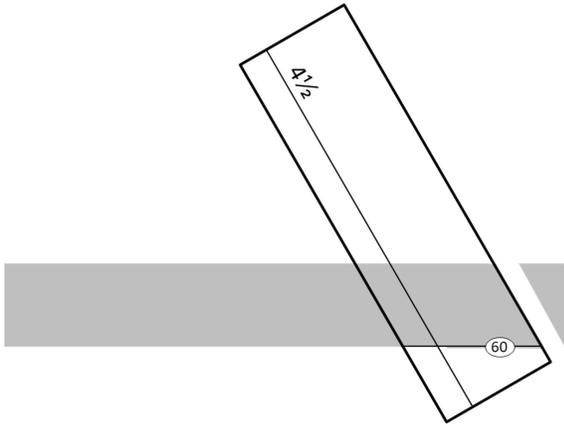
### Step B: Arrange your three diamonds and sew the first seam

1. Lay your three diamonds out so you can see the block's shape.
2. Your first seam will be between the two darker fabrics. Place the medium fabric on top of the dark fabric, right sides together. Sew a ¼-inch seam to join them. Press open. 

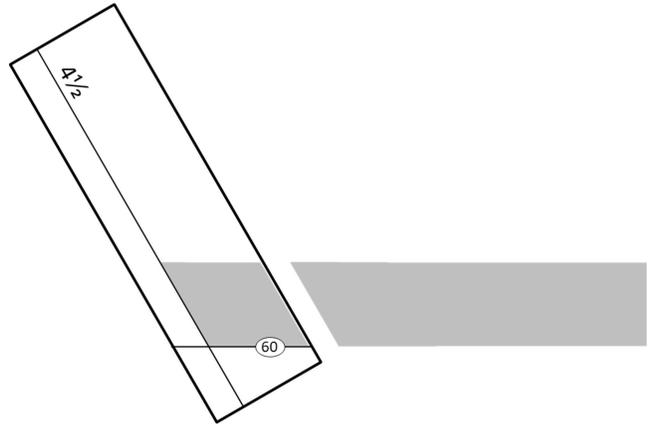
### Step C: Sew the Y seam

1. Align the lightest fabric under the medium fabric, right sides together.
2. Start sewing from the point towards the middle seam you just pressed open. Stop with your needle down right on the seam between the dark and medium fabric. 
3. Making sure your needle is down, lift your presser foot. Pinch the medium fabric to fold it in half. While you do this, reach under and rotate the light fabric. Line up the raw edges of the dark fabric and the light fabric and position them so they're ready to sew. The medium fabric should be out of the way behind the needle, and not under the needle.
4. Finish sewing the light fabric to the dark fabric, all the way to the end of the seam. 
5. Press the Y seam open or to the dark side, according to your preference.
6. Measure your block. It should be a hexagon with opposite sides about 8 ½ inches apart from each other.

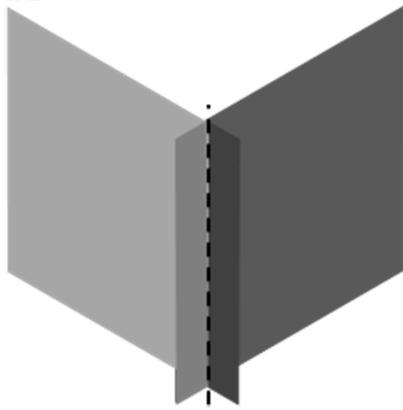
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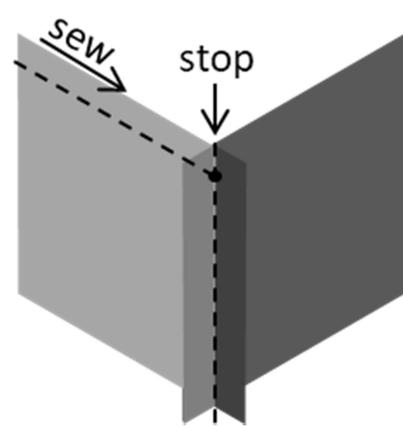
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