

Finished block size: 18" (unfinished is 18.5")

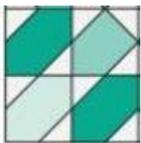
This elegant Christmas/holiday scrappy block uses an elongated hex block (we'll call that the hex block) which is a variation of the snowball block and is frequently seen in the popular Hugs and Kisses quilt. For the center, we'll use four of the elongated hex blocks with a third side cropped so the printed fabric looks like an arrow (the arrow block). See the links below to view a helpful tutorial by [Missouri Star Quilt Co.](#)

Cut:

- (16) 5" squares of 8 different small elegant (metallics are good) Christmas/holiday prints (2 squares of each) for the hexes and arrows. (We're thinking of a more sophisticated look, rather than your typical novelty print.)
- (36) 2.5" squares of tone-on-tone light cream or off-white prints for the background. One block requires $\frac{1}{4}$ yard; you can get two blocks out of $\frac{3}{8}$ yard should you want to make more than one.

Sew using scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams:

1. Take two of the 2.5" background squares, fold them diagonally with the wrong sides together and finger-press or iron to create a diagonal crease to use as a sew line.
2. Place the two background squares on the opposite corners of a 5" printed square, right sides together, with the "valley" of the crease on top. (It's easier to sew in the "valley" than on the "mountain".)
3. Sew along the finger-pressed crease on both corners, creating the corner triangles.
4. Trim, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
5. Press the triangles that have been created toward the corners.
6. Repeat 11 more times to create all of the hex blocks. They should still be 5" square.
7. To create the 4 arrow blocks, repeat steps 1-5, and then sew an additional background square onto a 3rd corner of the block, effectively cropping one end of the hex and creating what looks like an arrow (see center blocks above).
8. When all of the hex and arrow blocks have been completed, take 3 hex blocks and one arrow block and position them so they look like the following image.



9. Repeat to make 3 more and press. You now have 4 "quadrant" blocks.
10. Position the quadrant blocks so that a white square is created in the center of the completed block, and sew.
11. Press the top of the block first, and then the back so that the seams lay flat.

To view a video tutorial of the completed Baby Kisses quilt by Missouri Star Quilt Company with some great sewing tips, follow one of these two links (same video): <http://blog.missouriquiltco.com/baby-kisses/>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13EhnWRSIx8>

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