



Lesson #6: Half-Square Hourglass Block



Finished block size:
10" x 10"

Materials Needed	Cutting
Purple Ice Orchid	From each, cut: ---two 6 1/2" squares
Purple Ice Orchid Royal Blue Raspberry Copper	From each, cut: ---four 1 3/4" x 18" strips From each, cut: ---two 1 3/4" x 18" strips
Supplies Needed	
Quilter's silver marking pencil 6 1/2"-square ruler with a 45 degree diagonal line	

Sewing

Note: The half-square triangles required for this Hourglass block are made with the same method used in Lesson #4, steps one through three. Refer to those instructions to make four half-square triangles from the Purple Ice and Orchid 6 1/2" squares. **Do not trim yet.**

1. Gather two Purple Ice/Orchid half-square triangles. Make sure the seams are pressed toward the Purple Ice fabric. Lay out two half-square triangles as shown in *Diagram 1*. Make sure the blocks are oriented as shown. Now, fold over the right half-square triangle so that it is on top of the left half-square triangle. You should be able to feel the seams nest together.

2. Draw a line perpendicular to the seam from corner to corner as shown in *Photo 1*.

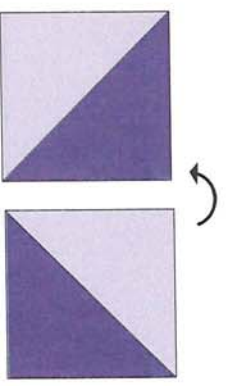


Diagram 1

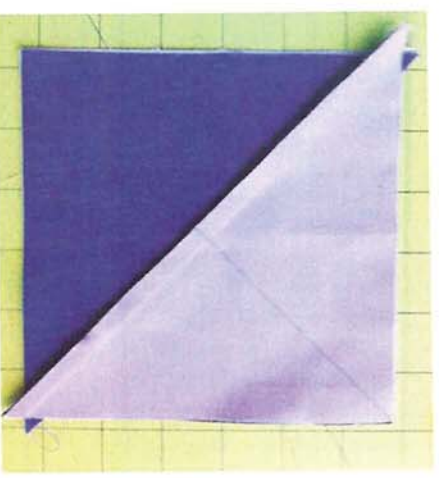


Photo 1

- Pin pieces together to prevent them from shifting during sewing. Place pins so they do not interfere with the sewing lines.
- Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from both sides of drawn line. Cut on drawn line. (*Diagram II*)
- Open up block and press seams in opposite directions as shown in *Photo II*.
- To trim the blocks to size, refer to *Photo III* as a guide. Using the $6\frac{1}{2}$ "-square ruler, align the 45-degree diagonal line with the diagonal seam of the block. Also, align the center intersection of the block with the $2\frac{3}{4}$ " intersection hash-mark on the ruler. Trim the overhang on the right side and top of the block. Rotate the block, realign the ruler, and trim the remaining two sides. The block should measure $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
- Lay out Hourglass units as shown in the *Block Assembly Diagram*. Sew together in pairs, and then join sections.

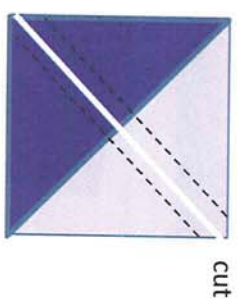


Diagram II

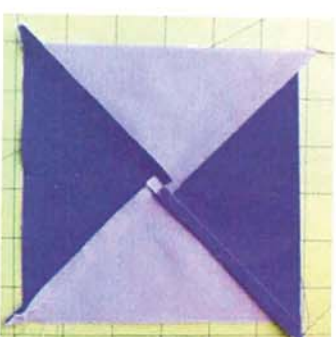
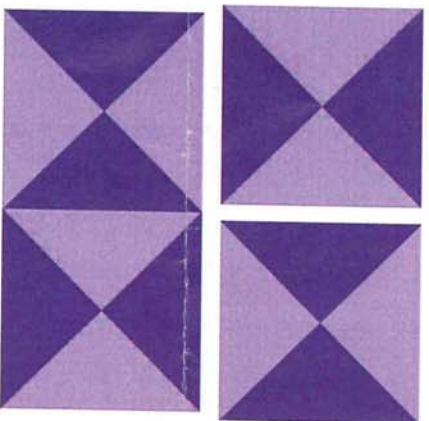


Photo II



Block Assembly Diagram



Photo III

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It's again time to make more of the Rail Fence blocks for the border of the quilt. Following the steps described in Lesson #1, sew together two strip-sets in each of the following combinations:

Purple Ice	Raspberry
Orchid	Royal Blue
Royal Blue	Orchid
Copper	Purple Ice

Make six blocks of each.



$5\frac{1}{2}$ "



$5\frac{1}{2}$ "