

Tulip Block - 10" finished block

The Dutch Royal family sends tulip bulbs to Ottawa each year in gratitude for Canadians having sheltered the future Queen Juliana and her family during the WWII. During their stay in Canada, Princess Margriet was born at the Ottawa Civic Hospital.. The maternity ward was temporarily declared to be extraterritorial by the Canadian government, thereby allowing Princess Margriet's citizenship to be solely influenced by her mother's Dutch citizenship. These tulips are part of the Canadian Tulip Festival celebrated each May in Ottawa.

This is a pieced block with Half Square Triangles (HSTs).

Cut Fabric

Red Fabric

- [1] 3½" X 3½" square
- [1] 3" X 3" square, label "A"
- [1] 2" X 2" square, label "E"

Green Fabric

- [2] 3½" X 3½" squares

Orange Fabric

- [1] 3½" X 3½" square
- [1] 3" X 3" square, label "A"
- [1] 2" X 2" square, label "E"

Background Fabric

- [4] 3½" X 3½" square
- [4] 3" X 3" squares, label "A"
- [2] 1½" X 1½" squares, label "D"
- [4] 1½" X 2" rectangles, label "C"

Step 1: Make HSTs

As shown in Figure 1, pair each of the red, green and orange 3½" squares with a background 3½" square, and make HSTs. Trim the HSTs to 3" X 3" square.

Step 2: Piece [2] Corner Units

Using the fabric pieces labeled "D", "C" and "E", piece the corner units. First piece the short side of "C" to "D", then piece "E" to the long side of "C". Finally, piece "CD" to "EC" as shown on the cover page and diagram above.

Step 3: Assemble Block

Lay out the pieced units and fabric pieces as shown in Figure 2. Piece the rows together pressing the seams toward the darker fabric. Finish piecing the block together, press and trim the block to 10½" X 10½" square.

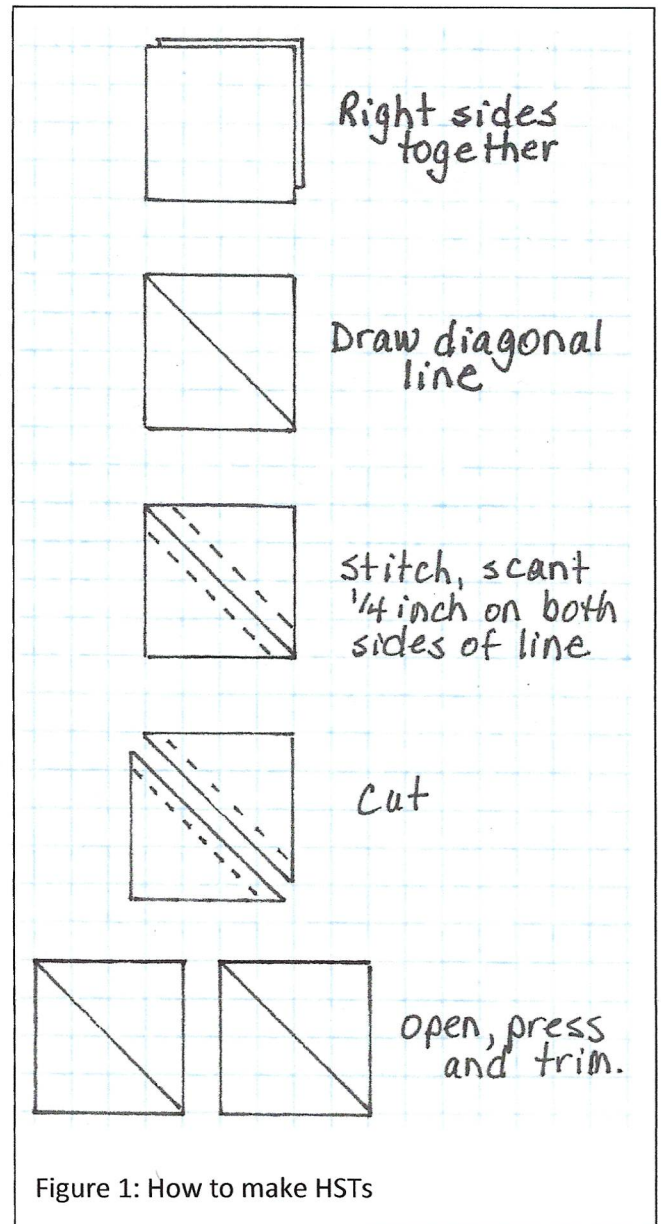
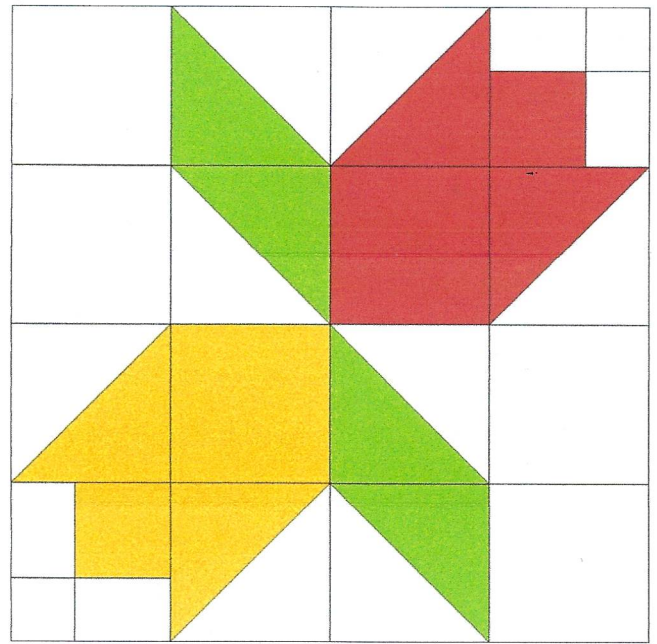


Figure 1: How to make HSTs

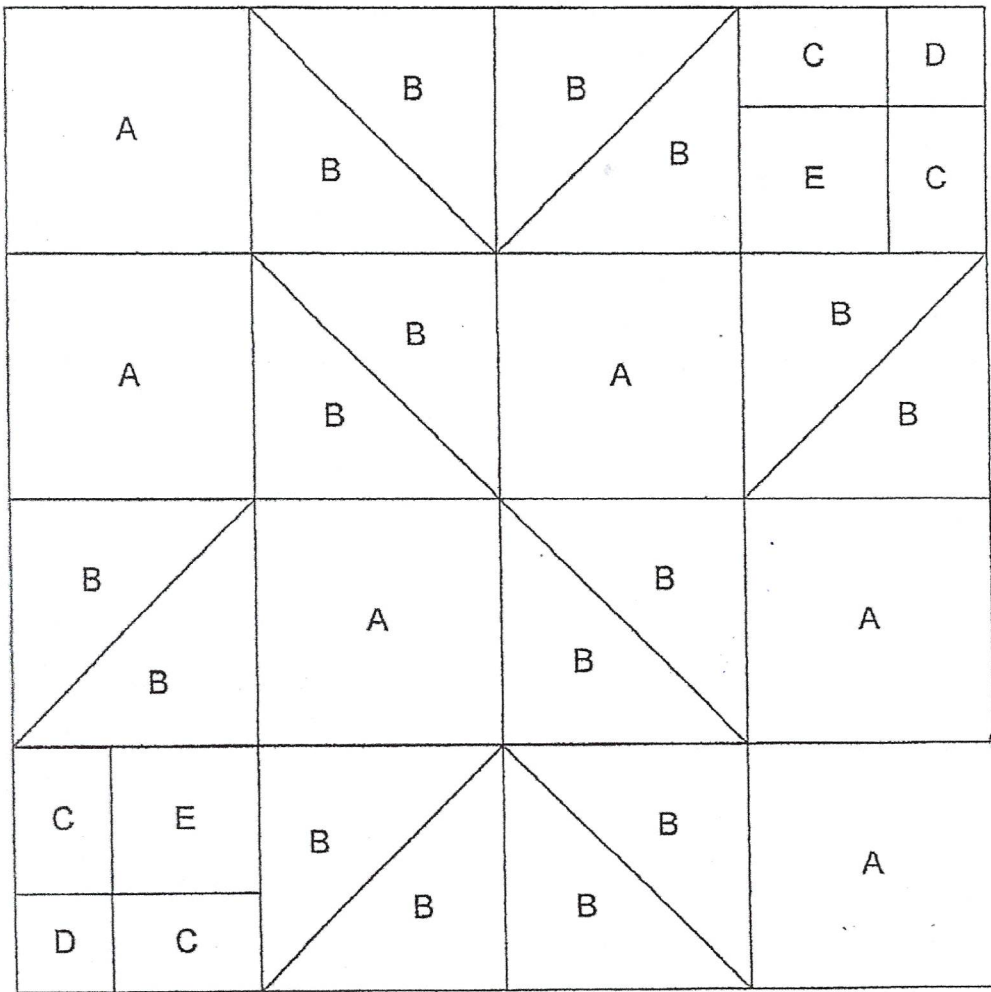


Figure 2: Block layout for piecing.