



Mulberry Chapter Block Builders

March 2022 (Due April 19, 2022)

6" Hour Glass Block (QST") (6.5" unfinished)

ONE BLOCK:

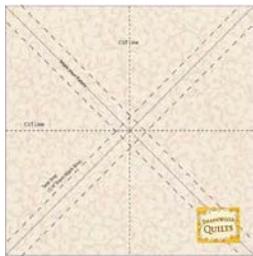
(1) 7.5" Square **DARK** value (1) 7.5" Square **BITE** fabric for **BG**

Directions:

For each block you will need **TWO** 7.5" squares - one light, one dark. Draw a line corner to corner and stitch a **scant 1/4"** on either side of the line.* **

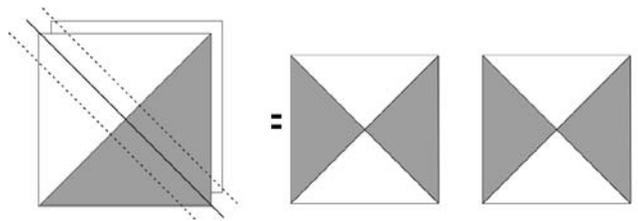
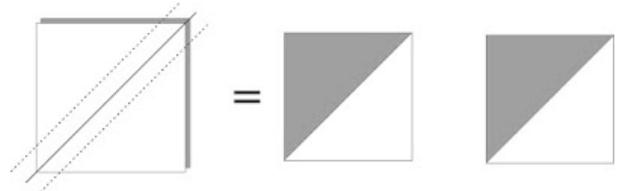
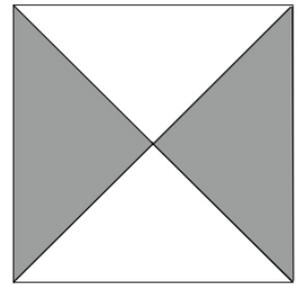
The background (**BG**) fabric will be from the **BITE*** family of fabrics.

Unfinished size of block we are trading is 6.5". If your unfinished blocks do NOT measure 6.5", please contact me, and I will try to help trouble shoot what is going on with your blocks. (Please do this **BEFORE** the due date; I can't help you on turn-in day).



Do not trim the half square triangles (HSTs) at this point.

There are faster and more efficient ways of creating Hourglass/QST blocks than two at a time. This involves a bit of ruler work, and a good 45 degree angle! I will provide a little demo to help you out. OR, you can Google [FAST QST TUTORIAL](#) for lots of videos and tips. Mostly, this involves drawing a grid, then sewing a quarter inch from the drawn lines.



Turn In: April 19

We will turn in and swap the blocks during the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, please give your blocks to Betty Baker (or another member) ahead of time. No Problem. You will receive your blocks at the next meeting you are there.

- * **BITE** - Beige, Ivory, Tan, Ecru (for **background** - or light fabrics)
- * **WOF** – Width of fabric. Usually 40" to 44"
- * **SET** – the maximum number of identical blocks you can submit (10 sets)
- * **QST** – **Q**uarter **S**quare **T**riangle or **H**ourglass

*Please note that there is a **FAST(er)** way to make multiple **Hourglass (QST)** blocks, than one set at a time. You will need to start with larger larger cuts of fabric.

****Hint:** if you are having trouble with the size of blocks, up the size of the beginning blocks from 7.5" to 7 3/4" or 8" then size the final block). In other words, you are making the blocks larger, and then squaring them up to the correct size.

More about [Block Swaps](https://www.shadywoodquilts.com/blogarticles/Quilt-Block-Swaps.htm) <https://www.shadywoodquilts.com/blogarticles/Quilt-Block-Swaps.htm>

