

## Anvil

*My brother worked in the Blacksmith's Shop. I used to sit in the shop and soak up the warmth from the furnace. The rhythmic pounding of the hammer on the iron was a comforting song, and I liked the way it intertwined with the piece - becoming a part of that item's story.*

Finished block size is 12" x 12" or (9" x 9") or [6" x 6"]

All seam allowances are 1/4".

### Fabric cutting:

#### Block background

- 1 - 6 7/8" (5 3/8") [3 7/8"] square
- 2 - 4" (3 1/4") [2 1/2"] squares
- 2 - 3 1/2" (2 3/4") [2"] squares

#### Anvil

- 1 - 6 1/2" (5") [3 1/2"] square
- 4 - 4" (3 1/4") [2 1/2"] squares

### Directions:

Referring to the "Basic Quilting" directions, make 4 (four) half-square triangle (HST) squares using 2 (two) background and 2 (two) anvil 4" (3 1/4") [2 1/2"] squares. Press to the dark. Trim to 3 1/2" (2 3/4") [2"].

*Rows on the left and right of the center anvil square* -- Cut remaining 2 (two) 4" (3 1/4") [2 1/2"] anvil squares on 1 (one) diagonal to create triangles. Using the diagram as a guide, for the left side sew an anvil triangle to the top of an HST square. Press to the triangle. Sew to the center square. Press to the center square. For the right side sew an anvil triangle to the bottom of an HST square. Press to the triangle. Sew to the center square. Press to the center square.

*Rows on the top and bottom of the center square* -- For the top row sew an anvil triangle to the left side of an HST square and a 3 1/2" (2 3/4") [2"] background square to the right side. Press toward the background square. Sew to top of the center square. Press to the center square. For the bottom row sew an anvil triangle to the right side of an HST square and a background square to the left side. Press to the background square. Sew to bottom of the center square. Press to the center.

*To complete the square* -- Cut the 6 7/8" (5 3/8") [3 7/8] background square on 1 (one) diagonal. The diagonal that these triangles are sewn to may need to be trimmed slightly to position the outer corners and the corner of the center square 1/4" from the seam line. Sew one of the resulting triangles to the top left and one to the bottom right corners. Press to triangle.

Finished 12" block may be used alone. Finished 9" or 6" block may be used alone or inserted into a "House" or "Star" block setting.

