

Cake Stand

Momma had a beautiful cake stand upon which she placed my chocolate, layered birthday cake. We always had cake and pudding for my birthday when I was young. The smell of cake baking and pudding cooking on the stove would fill our small house, reminding everyone of the festivities the day would hold.

Finished block size is 12" x 12" or (9" x 9") or [6" x 6"]
 All seam allowances are 1/4".

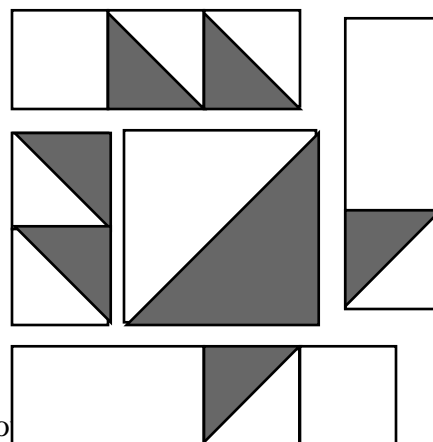
Fabric cutting:

Block background

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

Stand

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



Directions:

Cut each of the 7" (5 1/2") [4"] squares on one diagonal. Sew one background triangle to form the center square of the block. Press to the dark. Trim to 6 1/2" (5") [3 1/2"].

Referring to the "Basic Quilting" directions, make 6 (six) half-square triangle (HST) squares using the 4" (3 1/4") [2 1/2"] squares. Press to the dark. Trim the squares to 3 1/2" (2 3/4") [2"].

Block Assembly -- use the diagram as reference for placement and orientation.

Left side of center HST square -- Sew 2 (two) HST squares together. Press to top HST square. Sew to left side of center HST square. Press to center.

Top of center HST square -- Sew 1 (one) remaining background square to 2 (two) HST squares. Press both seams toward background square. Sew to top of center HST square. Press away from center.

Right side of center HST square -- Sew a HST square to a background rectangle. Press to the rectangle. Sew to right side of center HST square. Press to center.

Bottom -- Sew a HST square to a background rectangle. Press to rectangle. Add the remaining background square. Press to square. Sew to bottom. Press away from center.

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