

Moonbeam

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The Moonbeam Block combines half-square triangles, a center 9-patch, and snowball units to create a radiant design. The layered shapes and crisp intersections reflect the soft, steady glow of moonlight, bringing a sense of quiet elegance to the block.





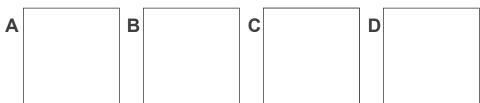
Cutting Instructions

Qty	18" finished block				
8	3½" squares (A)				
16	2½" squares (A)				
4	1½" x 3½" rectangles (A)				
4	1½" x 2½" rectangles (A)				
4	6½" squares (B)				
5	2½" squares (B)				
12	2½" squares (C)				
4	3½" squares (D)				
12	2½" squares (D)				

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Use this block to plan color and fabric placement!

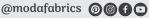
My Swatches













Piecing Instructions

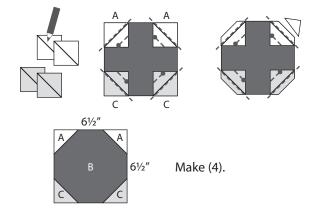
Step 1

On the wrong side of (8) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " A squares and (8) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " C squares, draw a line from one corner to the opposing corner as shown.

Layer (2) A and (2) C squares in the corners of a 6½" B square, right sides together, as shown with the A's at the top and C's at the bottom. Stitch on the drawn line, or just a thread's width outside the line on all four corners.

Cut away $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance at corners, and press seams to the A/C triangles.

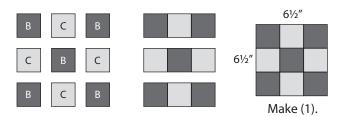
Repeat to make (4) B-A-C Snowball units. Trim to 61/2".



Step 2

Arrange (5) 2½" B squares and (4) 2½" C squares as shown. Join into rows, pressing seams to the B squares.

Join rows to form the 9-patch unit, and press seams open. Trim unit to 6½".

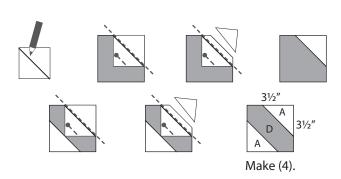


Step 3

On the wrong side of (8) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " A squares, draw a line from one corner to the opposing corner as shown.

Layer an A square right sides together with a 31/2" D square as shown. Stitch on the marked line, or just a thread's width outside the line. Trim away 1/4" seam allowance, and press to the A triangle. Repeat on the opposite corner to complete the Diagonal unit.

Repeat to make (4) A-D Diagonal units. Trim to 3½".

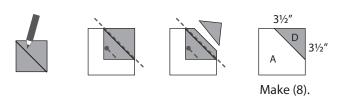


Step 4

On the wrong side of (8) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " D squares, draw a line from one corner to the opposing corner as shown.

Place a D square in one corner of a 3½" A square, right sides together, as shown. Stitch on the line, or just a thread width to the outside of the line. Trim seam to ¼", and press seam to the D triangle.

Repeat to make (8) A-D Flip Corner units. Trim to 3½".









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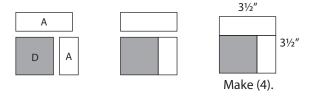
61/2"

Piecing Instructions, continued

Step 5

Lay out $2\frac{1}{2}$ " D square and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " and $3\frac{1}{2}$ " A rectangles as shown. Join $2\frac{1}{2}$ " A rectangle to the D square, and press seam to the A rectangle. Join $3\frac{1}{2}$ " A rectangle to the top of the unit, and press seam to the rectangle.

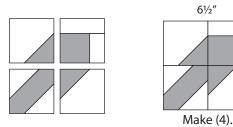
Repeat to make (4) A-D Square Corner units. Trim to 31/2".



Step 6

Lay out A-D Diagonal, Flip Corner, and Square Corner units as shown. Join to form combined corner unit.

Repeat to make (4) corner units. Trim to 61/2".

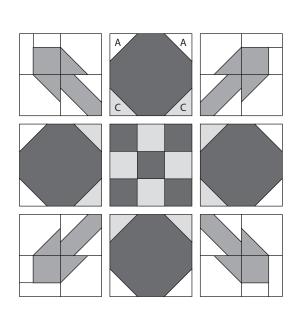


Step 7

Lay out Snowball units, 9-Patch, and pieced corner units as shown. Make sure the C triangles of the Snowball blocks are toward the center.

Join units to make the full block.

Trim block to 181/2".



Don't want to wait for more blocks?

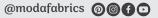
See your local quilt shop to purchase the My Favorite Color is Still Moda pattern, which we are drawing from for BH6!













Additional Coloring Blocks

