# BLOCK HEADS 3 wax 



## BEAR CUBS ROUND THE CAMPFIRE BY ROBIN PICKENS

When making my "Bearly" quilt, I fell in love with making Bear Paw blocks. When experimenting and making them smaller in comparison to the center, it felt like they were little paws, like baby bears! I imagine them gathering around the campfire and enjoying each other's company. I have actually been camping in Yosemite when a big bear visited our campsite, smelling our dinner. We banged on pots and pans and he went on his way. But I didn't sleep too well that night!

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(For fabric choices refer to the diagram)


|  | 4" Block | 6" Block | 8" Block | 12" Block |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A: | (4) 1 " squares. | (4) $1 \frac{11 / 4}{}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ squares. | (4) $11 / 2$ " squares. | (4) 2 " squares. |
| B: | (8) $13 / \mathrm{s}^{\prime \prime}$ squares; cut the squares once diagonally to make (16) B triangles. | (8) $15 / \mathrm{s}^{\prime \prime}$ squares; cut the squares once diagonally to make (16) B triangles. | (8) $17 / 8$ " squares; cut the squares once diagonally to make (16) B triangles. | (8) $2^{3 / 8 "}$ squares; cut the squares once diagonally to make (16) B triangles. |
| C: | (8) $1^{3 / s^{\prime \prime}}$ squares; cut the squares once diagonally to make (16) C triangles. | (8) $15 / \mathrm{s}^{\prime \prime}$ squares; cut the squares once diagonally to make (16) C triangles. | (8) $17 / \mathrm{s}^{\prime \prime}$ squares; cut the squares once diagonally to make (16) C triangles. | (8) $23 / \mathrm{s}^{\prime \prime}$ squares; cut the squares once diagonally to make (16) C triangles. |
| D: | (4) 1" squares. | (4) $11 / 4$ " squares. | (4) $11 / 2$ " squares. | (4) 2 " squares. |
| E: | (8) 1" squares. | (8) $1^{1 / 4} 4^{\prime \prime}$ squares. | (8) $111 / 2$ " squares. | (8) 2" squares. |
| F: | (4) 1" squares. | (4) $11 / 4$ " squares. | (4) $11 / 2{ }^{\prime \prime}$ squares. | (4) 2" squares. |
| G : | (4) $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares. | (4) 2" squares. | (4) $2^{1 / 2}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ squares. | (4) $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares. |
| H | (4) $1^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{1 / 2 "}$ rectangles. | (4) $1^{1 / 4^{\prime \prime}} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles. | (4) $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times 2^{1 / 2 "}$ rectangles. | (4) $2^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{1 / 2 "}$ rectangles. |
| 1 | (1) $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square. | (1) 2" square. | (1) $21 / 2$ " square. | (1) $31 / 2$ " square. |

## ASSEMBLY JNSTBUCTIONS:

1. Begin block assembly by making HST units. Place (1) B triangle with (1) C triangle, right sides together and edges aligned.
2. Sew along the longest edge of the triangles using a $1 / 4$ " seam. Repeat to make (16) identical HST units. Press to the dark fabric.
3. Use the following guide to trim HST units for each block size:
a. 4 " Block: $1^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime \prime}$ unfinished ( $1 / 2 " \times 1 / 2 "$ finished)
b. 6 " Block: $11 / 4 " \times 1 \frac{1}{4} 4^{\prime \prime}$ unfinished ( $3 / 4 " \times 3 / 4$ " finished)
c. 8 " Block: $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished ( $1^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime \prime}$ finished)
d. 12 " Block: $2^{\prime \prime} \times 2$ " unfinished ( $1 / \frac{1}{2 "} \times 1 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime}$ finished)

4. Begin block corner unit assembly by gathering (4) B/C HST units, (1) A square, (1) D square, (2) E squares and (1) F square. Lay out as shown.
5. Sew together in rows, alternating the direction in which you press the seams in each row. Arrows indicate pressing instructions.
6. Sew rows together to complete a block corner unit. Press seams upward as shown in the diagram with arrows. Repeat to make (4) identical block corner units.
7. Use the following guide for block corner unit sizing for each block size:
a. 4" Block: 2 " $\times 2$ " unfinished ( $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime} \times 1 \frac{1}{2 n}$ " finished)
b. $6^{\prime \prime}$ Block: $2^{3 / 4} 4^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{3 / 4} 4^{\prime \prime}$ unfinished ( $21 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{1 / 4} 4^{\prime \prime}$ finished)
c. $8^{\prime \prime}$ Block: $3^{1 / 2 "} \times 3^{1 / 2 "}$ unfinished ( $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ finished)
d. 12 " Block: 5 " $\times 5^{\prime \prime}$ unfinished ( $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 41 / 2 "$ finished)

8. Continue block assembly by laying out (4) block corner units, (4) G squares, (4) H rectangles and (1) I square as shown. Please note the orientation of each block corner unit.
9. Sew the block together as shown. Arrows indicate pressing instructions.

## ASSEMBLY JNSTBUSTJONS:


10. Trim block using the guide listed below:
a. $4 \frac{112 "}{}{ }^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{1 / 2 "}$ unfinished ( 4 " $\times 4^{\text {" finished) }}$
b. $61 / 2 " \times 61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ unfinished ( $6^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ finished)

d. $121 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 121 / 2$ " unfinished ( $12^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}$ finished)

## DESIGNER JNFO

Tips: For efficiency, you may want to try a 8-at-a-time method for making HST. Check out my YouTube channel for a peek at quilts, the progress of this sampler, and more tips!

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