



Cake Mix - The Essentials

What is a Cake Mix? It's a triangle paper designed to make specific blocks – including some of those shown on the front cover of each Recipe pad. Depending on the Recipe, one stitched recipe card will make ½ a block, 1 complete block or 2 blocks. The Cake Mixes are not quilt patterns but instructions for the quilts we've made can be found on the Moda Fabrics website.

How many Recipes are there?

- There are 12 Cake Mix Recipes designed to be used with 10" x 10" Layer Cake squares.
- There are 4 Cupcake Mix Recipes designed to be used with 5" x 5" Charm squares.

What's in the pad?

- Front Cover – the size of the finished pieces, how many there are and block options.
- Inside Cover – the essential tips for stitching the recipe cards and a block setting reference.
- Each pad has 44 sheets or Recipe Cards – all 44 sheets are the same.

Fabric preparation.

- Use the fabric squares right out of the package.
- Do not starch fabrics as some recipe cards have only ⅛" clearance on the four sides.

Preparing to stitch.

- Layer two squares right sides together aligning the edges closely.
- Place the layered squares with the lighter square on the top.
- Line up the edge of the paper with the outside point of the pinked edges.
- Use pins to secure the three layers for stitching. Do not use glue or glue basting.
- Do not pin across stitching lines.
- Shorten the stitch length to 12 to 14 stitches or a machine setting of 1.75 to 2.
- 50 wt. thread is recommended with the appropriate needle.

Stitching the recipe card.

- Stitch on the dotted line. If the stitching veers off the line, re-stitch that portion on the line. If the stitches are in the seam allowance, they do not need to be removed. If they are in the triangle or square, the stitches will need to be removed.
- Starting at the star and stitching in the direction of the arrows and numbers will maximize continuous stitching.
- Make sure all the dotted lines have been stitched before cutting.
- Use a rotary cutter and ruler to cut the recipe card apart.
- As always, use a sharp blade and change the blade if it feels like it is getting dull.
- Align the lines of the ruler to lines on the recipe card to keep the ruler straight.
- Make the long cuts first – beware of lines that do not go all the way across the recipe card.

Finishing up – pressing and papers.

- Do not press with steam – unless you have prepped your squares before stitching.
- Place your thumbnail right on the seam in the middle of the piece. Tear the paper up – and away. It will often come off in one piece. Sweep your nail back to remove the strip in the seam allowance.
- Trim the corners – it has to be done.
- The recipe cards have been printed with a heat-process that makes the ink permanent – and smear-proof.

Piecing the Blocks.

- All seams for block assembly are a scant ¼".
- For recipe cards that make two blocks, the blocks do not have to be the same.