## Ice Crystals - Part 2

## Block Construction

## Pinwheel Units

Make 1 for each block


## Half Square Triangles

- Place Background B and Dark C $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ ss right sides together. On wrong side of Background B draw a diagonal line corner to corner. Stitch $1 /{ }^{\prime \prime}$ from drawn line on both sides.
- Cut on drawn line. Press toward Dark. You now have two half-square triangle blocks.

- Using your favorite square-up ruler, trim C/B units to 2"ロ. I personally love the Tucker Trimmer $1^{\text {TM }}$ for trimming units.


## Finishing Pinwheel

- Combine Half Square Triangle units together in fourpatch.
- Press top section and bottom section toward Dark triangle.
- To press center seam, twist the center seam (breaking a few threads in the center). This will form a very tiny pinwheel in the center and allow the block to lay flat. The seam allowances will fan out in a circular pattern.
- Pinwheel measures 4-1/2"ロ.

Need further clarification: Check out https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7SYtaEVHQk for a short You Tube video which demonstrates this pressing technique.


Pressing diagram from back

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## Chevron Units

## Make 4 for each block.

## Creating Chevron Units Using Perfect Corner Ruler ${ }^{\text {™ }}$ Method

- On half Medium Piece Gs, draw a 45 degree diagonal line on wrong side of one corner using either the 2" mark on the Perfect Corner Ruler ${ }^{\text {M }}$ or marking lines as indicated in the drawings. You can also use another ruler with an $45^{\circ}$ angle for this step. Use the 2-7/8" mark along with diagonal line running through the ruler.
- Rotate 180 degrees and draw 45 degree diagonal line on the opposite corner. These will be G1s.
- On the other four Medium Piece Gs start by rotating the piece 90 degrees. Draw a 45 degree diagonal line on wrong side of one corner using either the Perfect Corner Ruler ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ or marking lines as indicated in the drawings.
- Rotate 180 degrees and draw 45 degree diagonal line on the opposite corner. These will be G2s.


Using Ruler with $45^{\circ}$ angle for drawing diagonal lines.

- Cut Background D and Dark E 2-3/4"ロs on the diagonal for two corner triangles.


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- Place one of the Dark Es underneath the piece G1 as shown. The right sides will be together and the wrong side of the Medium piece will be up. Make sure that about $1 / 4 \prime$ of the Corner Triangle extends beyond the sewing line for the seam allowance.
- Sew on drawn line.
- Press toward Dark E.
- Align a ruler to the original size of Piece G1 and trim off the excess Corner Triangle fabric.
- Trim the excess Medium under the Corner Triangle.
- Repeat using a Background D Corner Triangle on other side of block. Press toward Medium.

HINT - You can use the Tucker Trimmer 1 ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ to trim your pieces. If using the tool, line up the diagonal lines in addition to the $2^{\prime \prime}$ and $3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ marks on the ruler. To mark the $3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ lines, put a piece of tape on the ruler and draw line between $3^{\prime \prime}$ and 4 ".


Sewing line



- Place one of the Background Ds underneath the piece G2 as shown.
- Sew on drawn line.
- Press toward Background D.
- Align a ruler to the original size of Piece G2 and trim off the excess Corner Triangle fabric.
- Trim the excess Medium under the Corner Triangle.
- Repeat using a Dark E Corner Triangle on other side of block. Press toward Medium.

- Combine a left and right chevron unit with the Background corners in the center. The seams should nest. After sewing, split the center seam (with the Background pressed toward the right and the Medium pressed toward the left). You will break a few threads in the center which will allow the section to lie flat.
- Chevron finishes 4-1/2"口.



Pressing diagram from back

## Ice Crystals - Part 2

## Corner Units

Make four for each block.

## Corner Units

- Place Accent and Background pieces A and H 2-1/2" $\square$ s right sides together. On wrong side of Background draw a diagonal line corner to corner. Stitch $1 / 4$ " from drawn line on both sides.
- Cut on drawn line. Press toward Accent. You now have two half-square triangles.

- Using your favorite square-up ruler, trim A/H units to 2"■. I personally love the Tucker Trimmer $1^{\text {TM }}$ for trimming these units.


## Finishing Corner Unit

- Combine half square triangle units and remaining squares in rows per diagram.
- Combine rows.
- Block should measure 3-1/2" $\square$ (with seam allowances).



Pressing Diagram from Back

## Ice Crystals - Part 2

- Combine units in rows per diagram.
- Combine rows.
- Seams for rows can either be pressed open or you can do split seams. I found that I needed to take out a couple of stitches in the seam allowance for the split seams due to the bulk.
- Block will be 9-1/2" $\square$ (with seam allowances).


