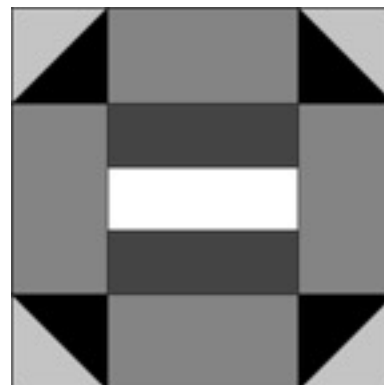


Block 12: An Album Block (provided November 2016; share December 2016)

An Album Block is designed to have a spot where a signature could be added to a quilt. You may or may not wish to have a signature on the front of your quilt. You certainly can leave the album blank. As shown, this block uses 5 fabrics: Lightest, Light, Medium, Dark, Darkest.



Fabric needed: Cut the listed pieces for each fabric. Be sure each piece is cut accurately.

	3" blocks	6" blocks	9" blocks	12" blocks	15" blocks
Lightest	1 at 1" x 2"	1 at 1-1/2" x 3-1/2"	1 at 2" x 5"	1 at 2-1/2" x 6-1/2"	1 at 3" x 8"
Light	1 at 1-3/4" x 3-1/2"	1 at 2-1/2" x 5"	1 at 3-1/4" x 6-1/2"	1 at 4" x 8"	1 at 4-3/4" x 9-1/2"
Medium	4 at 1-1/4" x 2"	4 at 2" x 3-1/2"	4 at 2-3/4" x 5"	4 at 3-1/2" x 6-1/2"	4 at 4-1/4" x 8"
Dark	2 at 1" x 2"	2 at 1-1/2" x 3-1/2"	2 at 2" x 5"	2 at 2-1/2" x 6-1/2"	2 at 3" x 8"
Darkest	1 at 1-3/4" x 3-1/2"	1 at 2-1/2" x 5"	1 at 3-1/4" x 6-1/2"	1 at 4" x 8"	1 at 4-3/4" x 9-1/2"

Piecing Instructions for 9" blocks (3", 6", 12", 15")

Note: Watch carefully as you stitch.

1. Stitch a Dark rectangle on either side of a Lightest rectangle. Press the seams toward the Dark rectangles. The resulting unit should measure 5" x 5" (2" x 2", 3-1/2" x 3-1/2", 6-1/2" x 6-1/2", 8" x 8").
2. On the back of the Light rectangle, draw a vertical line to split the rectangles into two 3-1/4" x 3-1/4" (1-3/4" x 1-3/4", 2-1/2" x 2-1/2", 4" x 4", 4-3/4" x 4-3/4") squares. Draw a diagonal in each section to form a 'V'.
3. Layer the Light rectangle with the Darkest rectangle, right sides together and edges meeting. Stitch a scant 1/4" seam on either side of the diagonal lines.
4. Cut along all of the drawn lines (vertical and V). You will get four Light/Darkest HSTs.
5. Press the seams toward the Darkest fabric.

6. Trim each HST to 2-3/4" x 2-3/4" (1-1/4" x 1-1/4", 2" x 2", 3-1/2" x 3-1/2", 4-1/4" x 4-1/4").
7. Arrange your Step 1 unit, HSTs and four medium rectangles as shown in the block. The top & bottom rows have 2 HSTs and a Medium rectangle. The middle row has 2 Medium rectangles and a Step 1 unit.
8. Sew the top and bottom rows by stitching a HST on either side of a Medium rectangle. Watch the orientation of the HSTs. Press the seams toward the Medium rectangle. The rows should measure 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" (1-1/4" x 3-1/2", 2" x 6-1/2", 3-1/2" x 12-1/2", 4-1/4" x 15-1/2").
9. Sew the middle row by stitching a Medium rectangle on either side of the Step 1 unit. Press the seams toward the Medium rectangles. The row should measure 5" x 9-1/2" (2" x 3-1/2", 3-1/2" x 6-1/2", 6-1/2" x 12-1/2", 8" x 15-1/2").
10. Sew the rows together, nesting the seams. Press and furl the seams.
11. Your Album block should be complete and measure 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" (3-1/2" x 3-1/2", 6-1/2" x 6-1/2", 12-1/2" x 12-1/2", 15-1/2" x 15-1/2") if you have sewn accurate 1/4" seams.