

AZTEC TRIANGLES

This is another great block which makes two for the price of one – we do like these! You can make them in any colour combination you like, but we think this counter-change with a single, strong, plain fabric which appears consistently in every block is the most effective.

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, seams are made by placing fabric Right Sides Together (RST) and stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the edge

For one pair of blocks you will need to cut the following pieces from two different fabrics: two pieces 3 x 8 inches
three pieces 3 x 3 inches and arrange these into two blocks as shown below

Working on one block at a time, sew the three smaller squares together and press the seams towards the darker fabric.

Place the pieced sections Right Sides Together (RST) with the longer strips, pin and sew in place. Again press towards the darker fabric.

Repeat with the other pieces to make the second block

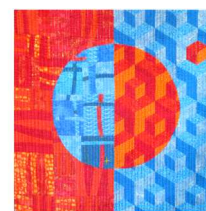
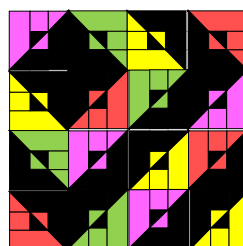
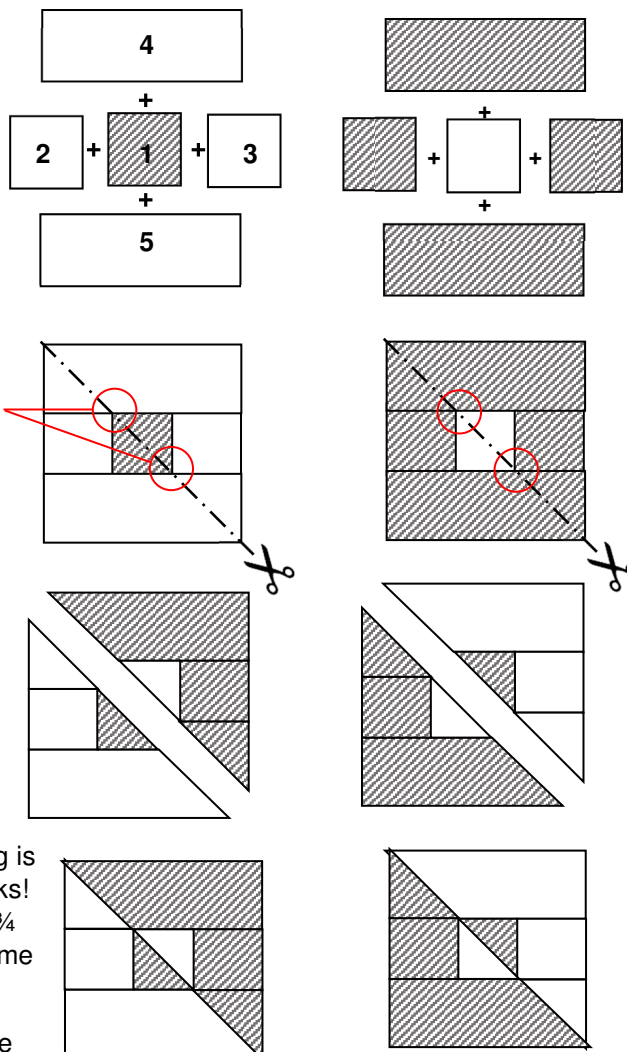
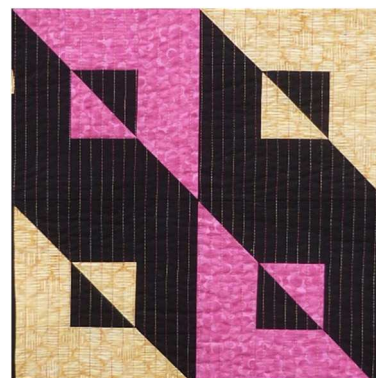
Press the finished blocks carefully and cut both of them in half diagonally making sure that your straight cut goes through the opposite corners of the central square – this is more important than hitting the corners of the block

Rearrange the four halves as shown and sew them back together along the diagonal cut. Line up the centre square carefully and pin along the seam before sewing.

Press the seams towards the darker side of the block. These blocks are trimmable which is great. If your sewing is incredibly accurate you might get two 8 inch square blocks! It is more likely that you will need to trim them down to $7\frac{3}{4}$ or $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches square. As long as you trim them all the same size they will fit together

There are as many ways to arrange these blocks as there are with Half-Square Triangles – see our HST tutorial for help with trimming and additional layouts:

<https://www.modernartquilters.co.uk/patterns.html>



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