

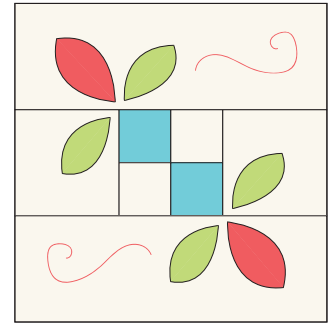
I've loved fabric as long as I can remember. Lucky for me, my grandma was a talented quilter who allowed me to start "helping" with her quilts when I was quite small. She'd draw a picture on a fabric scrap for me to embroider while she hand quilted, and later she taught me how to use the sewing machine. I'm very proud to share my grandma's love of sewing as well as her last name, so I decided to play off the idea of a quilting bee and a pair of quilting B's (as in Bradley). Bees also symbolize hard work and sweetness—both of which remind me of my grandma and the other quilters I've had the pleasure to know

Double Bees

for the Splendid Sampler™

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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"



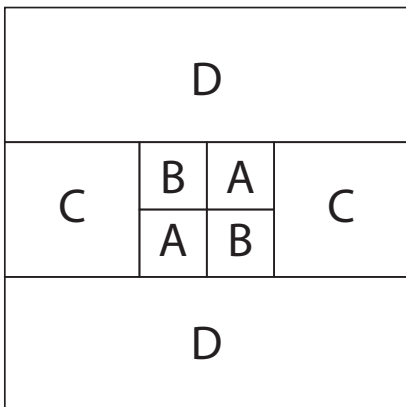
Requirements

Light-print fabric for background:

- ✚ 2 strips, 6 ½" x 2 ½" (D)
- ✚ 2 squares, 2 ½" x 2 ½" (C)
- ✚ 2 squares, 1 ½" x 1 ½" (A)

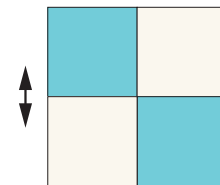
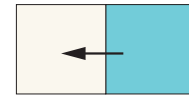
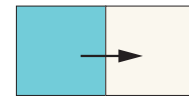
Dark print fabric for four-patch:

- ✚ 2 squares, 1 ½" x 1 ½" (B)
- ✚ Assorted scraps for bee bodies and wings
- ✚ Lightweight fusible web
- ✚ Embroidery floss and needle (optional)
- ✚ Removable marking pen (optional)

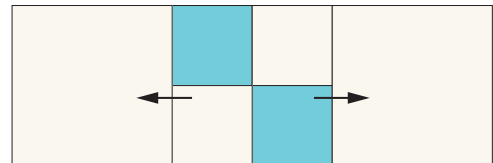


Block Assembly

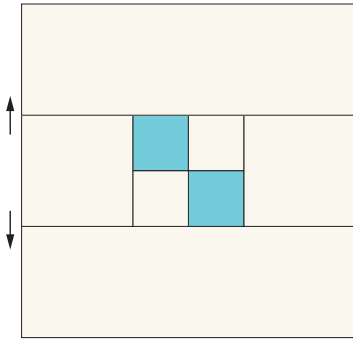
1. Sew together one light 1 ½" x 1 ½" square and one dark 1 ½" x 1 ½" square. Press the seam allowances toward the dark square. Repeat with the remaining light and dark squares. Join the two units to make a four-patch unit. Press the seam allowances open.



2. Orient the four-patch unit with the dark squares in the upper left and lower right corners. Sew the light 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares to opposite sides of the four-patch unit to make the center strip. Press the seam allowances toward the squares.



3. Sew the light strips to the top and bottom edges of the center strip. Press the seam allowances toward the top and bottom strips. Square up the block edges to measure 6 ½" x 6 ½".



Appliqué

1. Trace two bee bodies onto the paper side of the fusible web. Cut roughly around the shapes, and then fuse to the wrong side of the desired fabric following the manufacturer's instructions. Cut out the bee bodies along the drawn lines. Repeat to prepare four bee-wing appliqué pieces.

2. Remove the paper backing from the appliqué pieces. Place the pieces on the block, referring to the photo for placement. Fuse the appliqué pieces in place.
3. Stitch the perimeter of each piece using a blanket stitch or zigzag stitch.

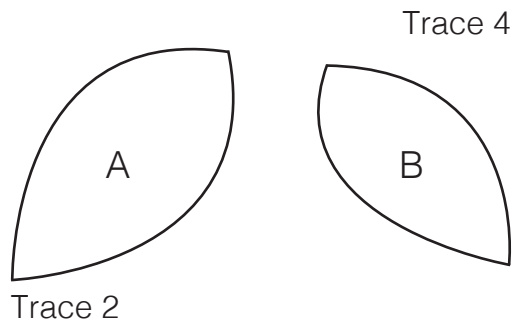
Embroidery (Optional)

1. To add a bit of movement to the block, use a removable marker to draw a swirl next to each bee on the top and bottom strips, referring to the photo for inspiration. Use a back stitch or stem stitch to hand embroider along the drawn line. (Find instructions for common hand embroidery stitches at ShopMartingale.com/HowtoQuilt.)

Templates - Bee bodies.

Templates are in reverse

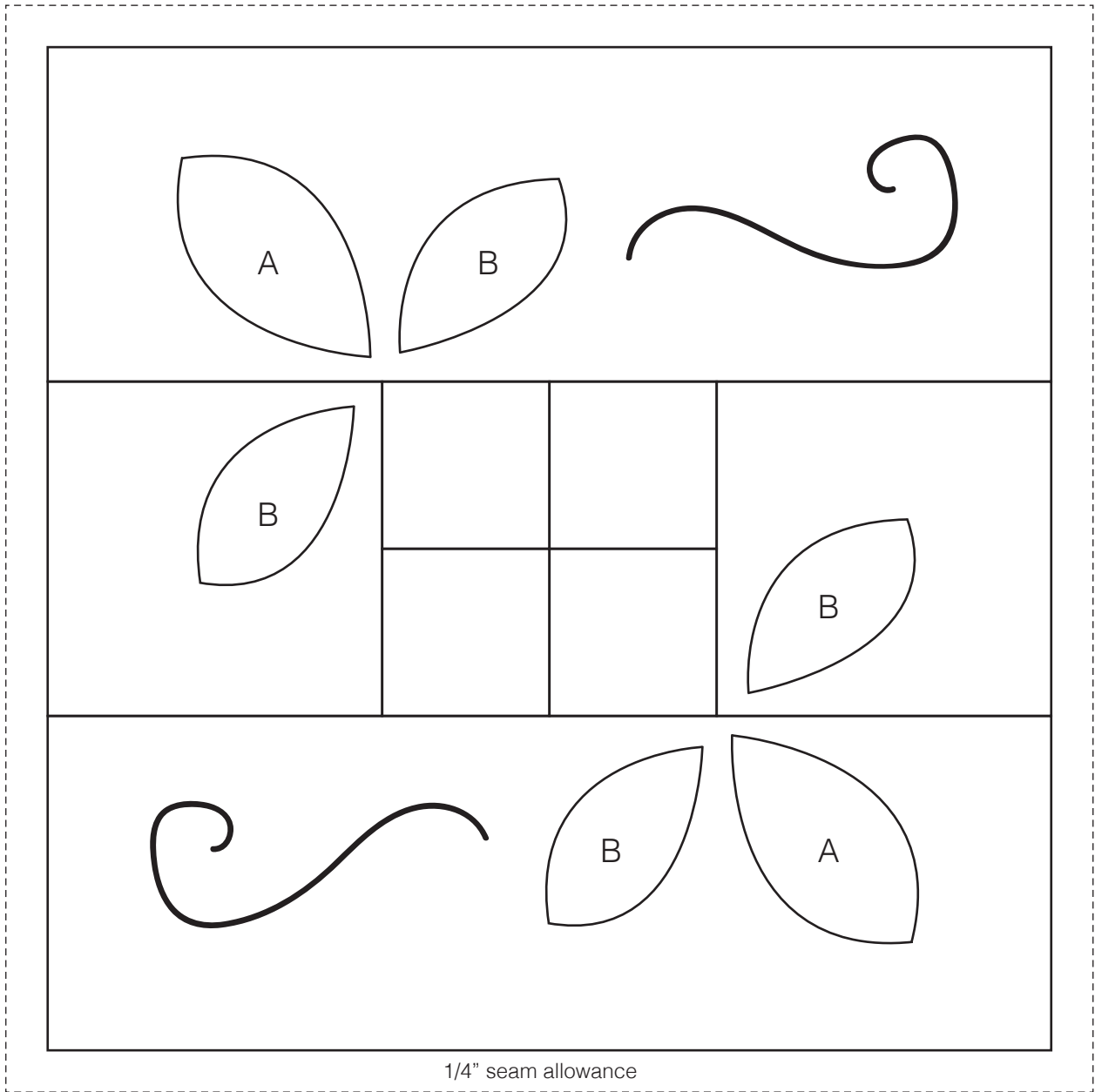
Seam allowance not included



1 inch

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