

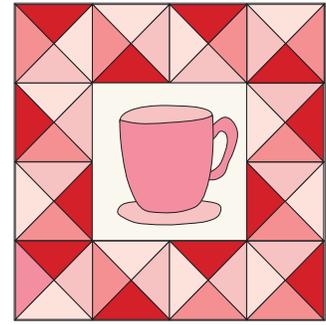
I constantly have to tell myself to slow down and relax, to take time to enjoy little things. Whether it be noticing a flower on the side of the path, or a bird singing in the garden, or simply enjoying a leisurely cup of tea while savouring a favourite magazine, it's noticing and appreciating the little things that make life worthwhile. Yes- it is the accumulation of those beautiful little moments that build a happy life.

Little Things

for the Splendid Sampler™

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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"

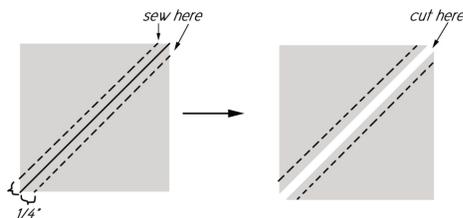


Requirements

- ✂ 12- 3 1/8" squares, cut from assorted prints (A)
- ✂ 4" x 4" square of background fabric for block center (B)
- ✂ Scraps of assorted prints for appliquéd cup and saucer
- ✂ Thread for piecing and machine appliqué (I recommend Aurifil Cotton 50 wt for both).
- ✂ Lightweight fusible web for machine appliqué. (I like Heat n'Bond Lite by Thermoweb)
- ✂ Basic sewing/quilting supplies

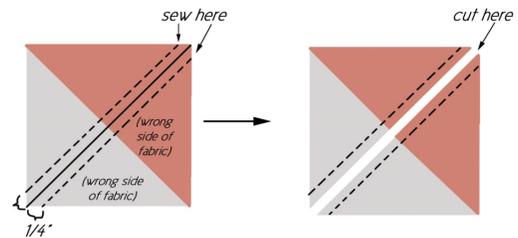
Block Assembly

1. Arrange the 3 1/8" x 3 1/8" (A) squares into pairs (two different fabrics in each pair.) Place the squares right sides together.
2. Use a ruler and a fine point permanent marker (I use a Pigma micron pen) to draw a line diagonally from corner to corner, on the wrong side of the fabric of one square of the pair.
3. Draw a line 1/4" on either side of this line. (I like to use a see-through ruler for this step). You can also just draw the line down the center, and use your 1/4" foot to sew 1/4" away from that center line but I like the accuracy I get by drawing in all of the lines.
4. Pin the pairs together, and sew on those 1/4" lines, then cut on the center line.

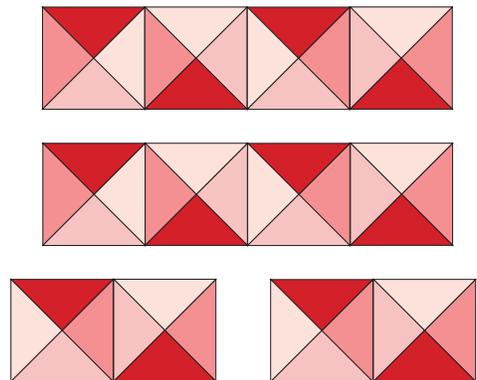


5. Press the seams toward the darker fabric. Make 12 Half Square Triangle units (HST) in total.

6. Pair up the HST's, again right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the squares. Note the direction of the drawn line
7. Sew 1/4" away from the centre line on both sides of the centre line.
8. Cut on the drawn line. Press the seams open.



9. Make 12 "hourglass" squares in total. Trim the squares to 2" x 2".
10. Sew the hourglass squares in 2 rows of 4, and 2 rows of 2.



11. Trace appliqué patterns onto paper side of fusible web. Cut out shapes, leaving about 1/8" border around each shape. Follow manufacturer's instructions to fuse shapes to wrong sides of fabrics. Cut out on lines.

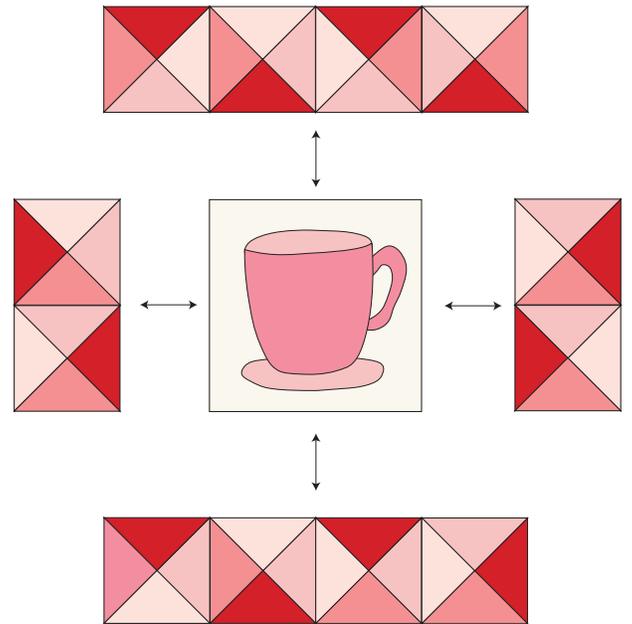
12. Arrange appliqué pieces on 4" x 4" background square (B) square. Fuse pieces to background following manufacturer's instructions. Using matching thread and your favourite appliqué stitch, appliqué teacup and saucer to background centre square (B).

13. Centring the appliqué design, trim the background centre square (B) to 3 1/2 x 3 1/2".

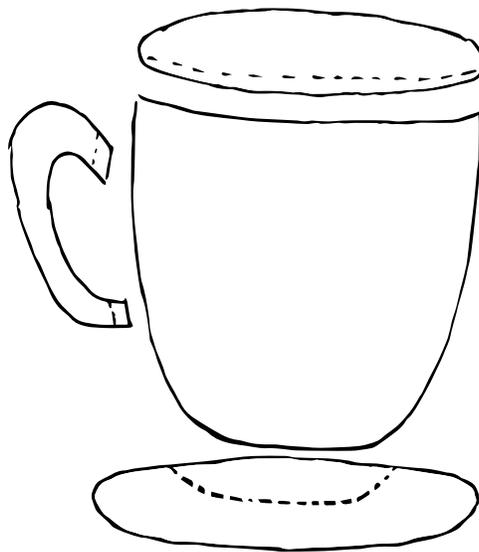
14. Sew a row of 2 hourglass squares to each side of the block center. Press seams open.

15. Sew the rows of 4 hourglass squares to remaining sides of block. Press seams open.

16. Unfinished block size 6 1/2" x 6 1/2"

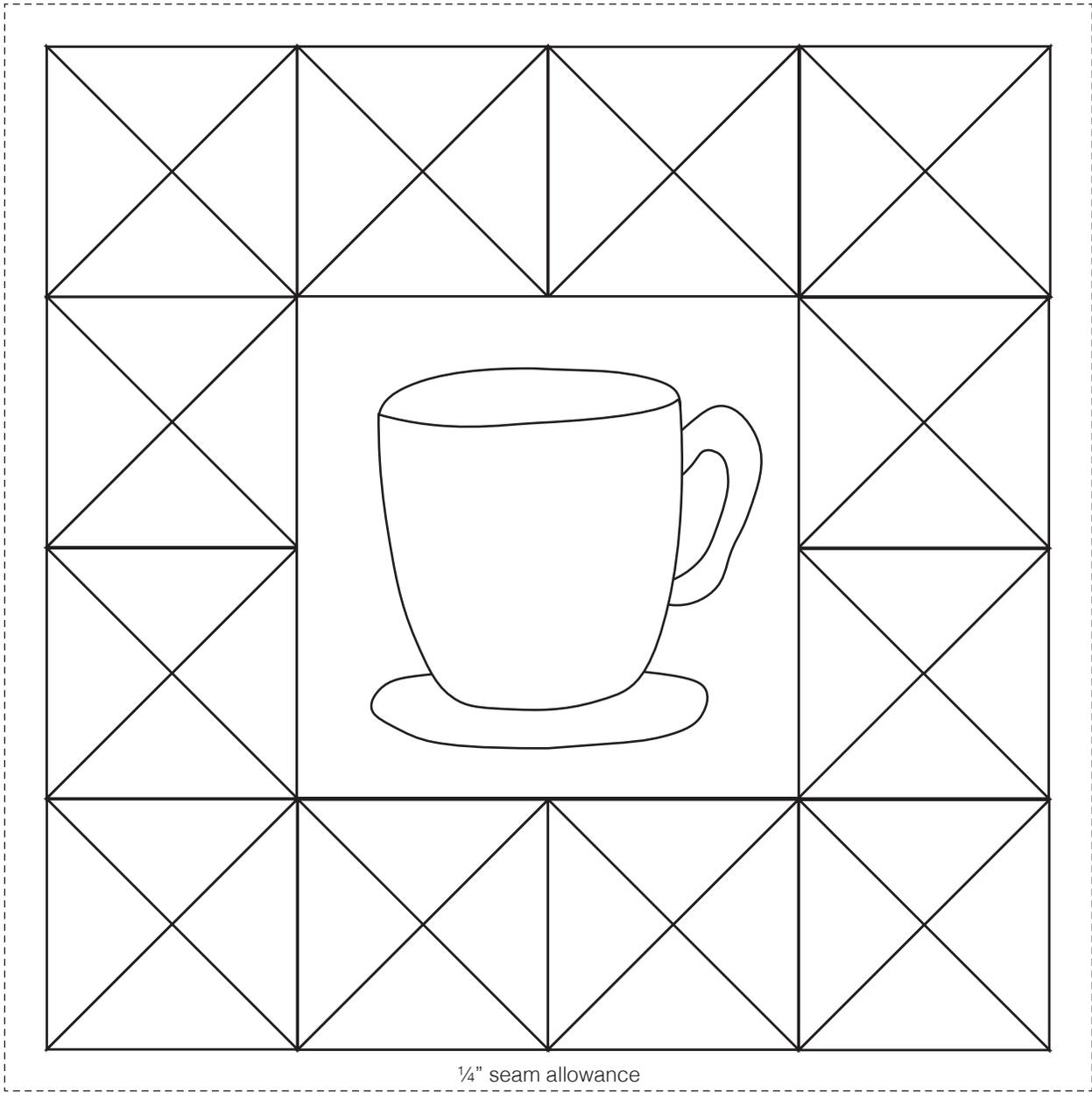


Template is in reverse



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