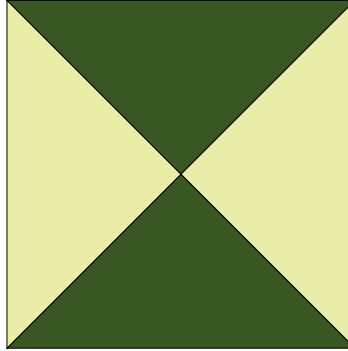






# Greenmarket Square - PART 4

## Hourglass Block





### Summary Cutting Chart for (16) Blocks

 Dark: (8) 9½" x 9½" squares

 Light: (8) 9½" x 9½" squares

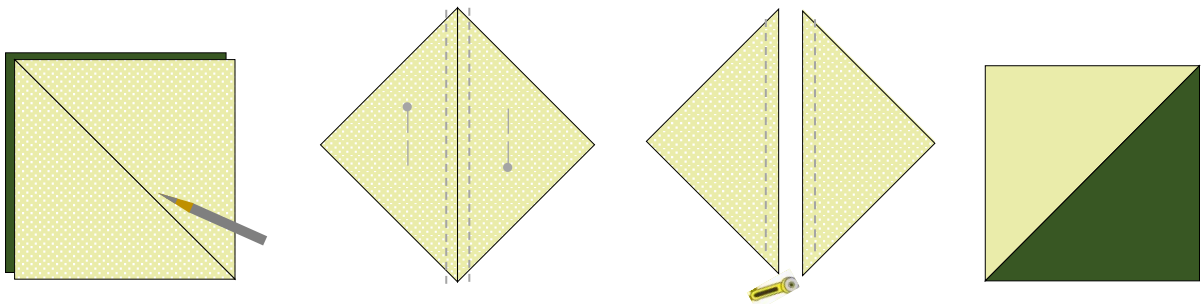
### For (2) Blocks:

 (1) 9½" x 9½"

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### MAKE (16) Half-Square Triangles (HST)

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light fabric.
2. Pair a light fabric with a dark fabric, right sides together.
3. Press the two fabrics together to bond them temporarily, making handling a lot easier. Since these are quite large pieces of fabric, I also recommend pinning to keep everything aligned.



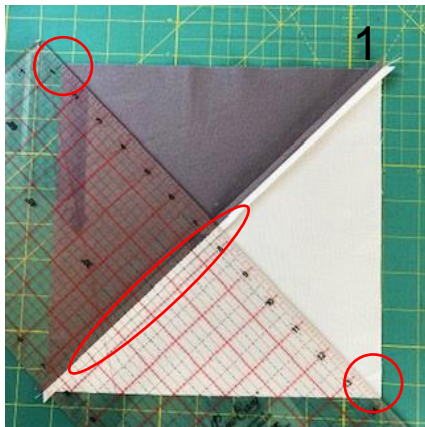
4. Sew a scant ¼" on either side of the drawn line. Use chain-piecing to speed up the process.
5. Before cutting the HST units apart, "set the stitching" (press the sewn line of stitching so that the stitches settle into the fabric). It is a little quicker than pressing the individual HST. Cut units

apart on the diagonal. Press seams open (or to the dark fabric). Press from the front. **DO NOT TRIM.**

From the HST made above, MAKE (16) Quarter-Square Triangles (QST) Blocks

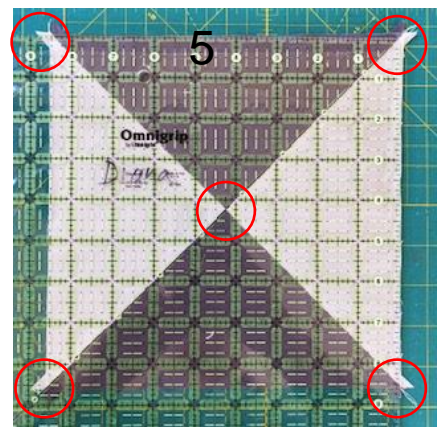
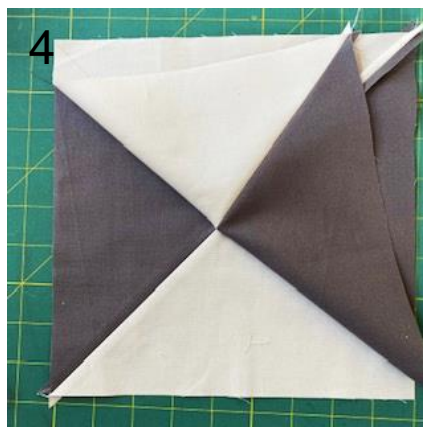
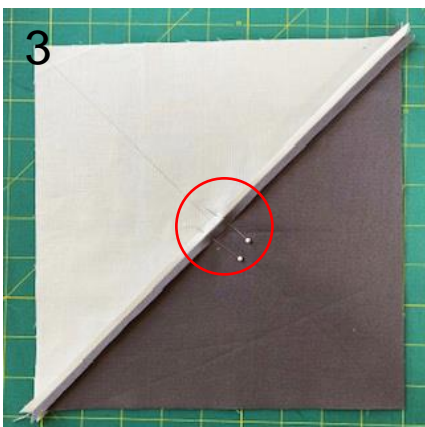
Sometimes when you trim QST blocks, is there always one corner that you cannot align to the ruler? Well, I have a super tip on how to get all four triangles even and square so that when you trim your QST block, all the corners fall on the ruler marks.

1. Begin with (2) untrimmed HSTs that you just completed.
2. On the wrong side of one untrimmed HST, mark a diagonal line perpendicular (at a right angle) to the sewn seam line (photo 1).



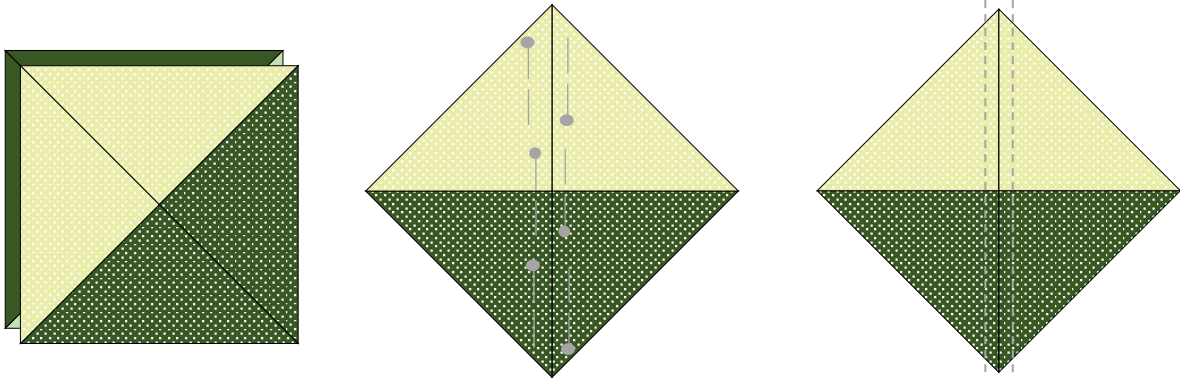
When marking the diagonal line on the wrong side of one of the untrimmed HSTs, do not draw the line from corner to corner of the HST. Since the HST is untrimmed, you cannot be sure that the two points are perpendicular to the sewn seam. Instead, line up the ruler with the sewn seam and slide the ruler along the seam until it also intersects with only the top corner of the untrimmed HST. Then you can draw the diagonal line.

As you can see in the second photograph (photo 2), the diagonal line might not run perfectly through the opposite corner, but that's okay. It is more important that the drawn line is perpendicular to the sewn seam. By marking the diagonal line perpendicular to the seam line, all four triangles of the QST should come out to be the same size making it easier to trim.



3. Place the second untrimmed HST right sides together with the marked HST, making sure the central seams are aligned in the centre (if you pressed your seams to the side, nestle the seams). Position two pins on the marked seam line and fold back the top HST to check that

the seams are aligned (photo 3,4). Then add more pins along the marked line to hold everything in place.



4. Sew a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the **marked line** - not necessarily from corner to corner. Remove the middle pins just before sewing.
5. Cut apart along the **marked line** - not necessarily corner to corner. Press seams open (or twirl seams if pressed to the side).
6. Trim to  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ". The  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " mark on your ruler should be in the centre of the block, and the  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " marks should fall on the seam lines (photo 5).

Take your time and enjoy the process!

Share your progress photos on Facebook and Instagram. Tag the @ghqg\_south\_africa and @dianavandeyar and post with the hashtags #GHQGMysteryQuilt #greenmarketsquarequilt so everyone can find your awesome work!

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