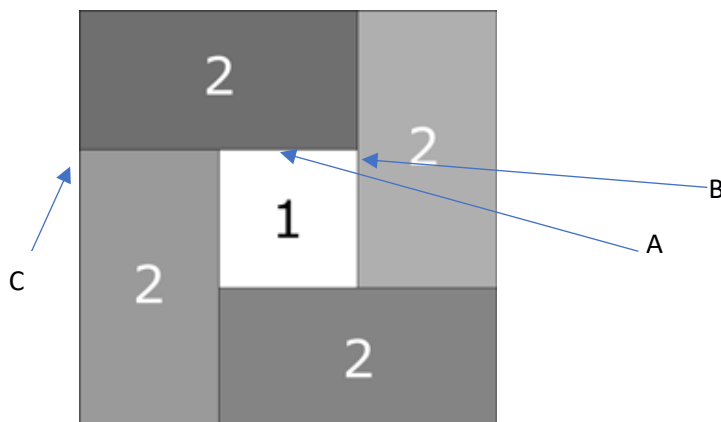




Bright Hope (Partial Seams) Blocks - Demo Notes



The partial seam technique is not as scary as it looks! The basic block looks like this:



All the rectangles are the same size and placed around a square. You sew the first seam only half way as shown from point A to point B then add 2nd, 3rd and 4th rectangles as normal sewing the whole length, then go back and finish sewing the 1st one from point C to just past point A.

Following on from our demo in October 2021 here's a chart to work out what size you need to cut your blocks. It's easiest if the finished block divides by 3 so we've given you 3 different sizes!

Remember this is the size you need to CUT your fabrics.

	6" finished	9" finished	12" finished
Fabric 1 – middle square	2.5" square	3.5" square	4.5" square
Fabric 2 – rectangles, you need 4 per block	2.5" by 4.5"	3.5" by 6.5"	4.5" by 8.5"

Once you have mastered the partial seam technique you can then start to play around with your blocks.

In the quilt at the top of these notes, Val added a second border at the same time as adding the rectangles and made the centre block bigger than the surrounding pieces. Both these ideas could also be used separately.

For example:

If you just want the centre square bigger than the surrounding rectangles you need to add the width you want the finished borders to the size of the centre square, this doubled will also tell you the finished block size. So, if your centre square is 6" finished and you want your finished block 12" your borders will need to be 3" finished size. You would then need to add on the seam allowance of $\frac{1}{2}$ " ($\frac{1}{4}$ " either side) and CUT as follows:

Centre Square 6.5" by 6.5"

4 rectangles 3.5" by 9.5"

If you want the centre square bigger than the surrounding rectangles AND a second narrower border you need to divide the border between the 2 fabrics then add the width you want the finished borders to the size of the centre square, this, again doubled, will also tell you the finished block size. So, if we keep the sizes in the above block, your centre square is 6" finished and you want your finished block 12", your borders will still need to be 3" finished size. You would then divide this so that the 1st narrow one is 1" finished and the outer one is 2" finished. You would start by cutting and joining the 2 border pieces together and then join these to the centre square. You would need to add on the seam allowance of $\frac{1}{2}$ " ($\frac{1}{4}$ " either side) and CUT as follows:

Centre Square 6.5" by 6.5"

4 rectangles 1.5" by 9.5"

4 rectangles 2.5" by 9.5"

We hope you enjoy playing around with this pattern.

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