

Kapiti Coast Quilters Block of the Month
September 2016

Shades of Grey



Materials: 2 x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " squares white fabric (supplied)
2 x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " squares grey fabric

Pair one of each fabric into two sets face to face.

On each set of two squares mark two lines from diagonal to diagonal.

Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the diagonals.

Place the sewn unit on a cutting board.

Make clean and exact cuts along the vertical and horizontal axis and then through the diagonals. **Do not** move the block instead turn your cutting board as you make the cuts.

Trim the tails before pressing open the half square units. (16)

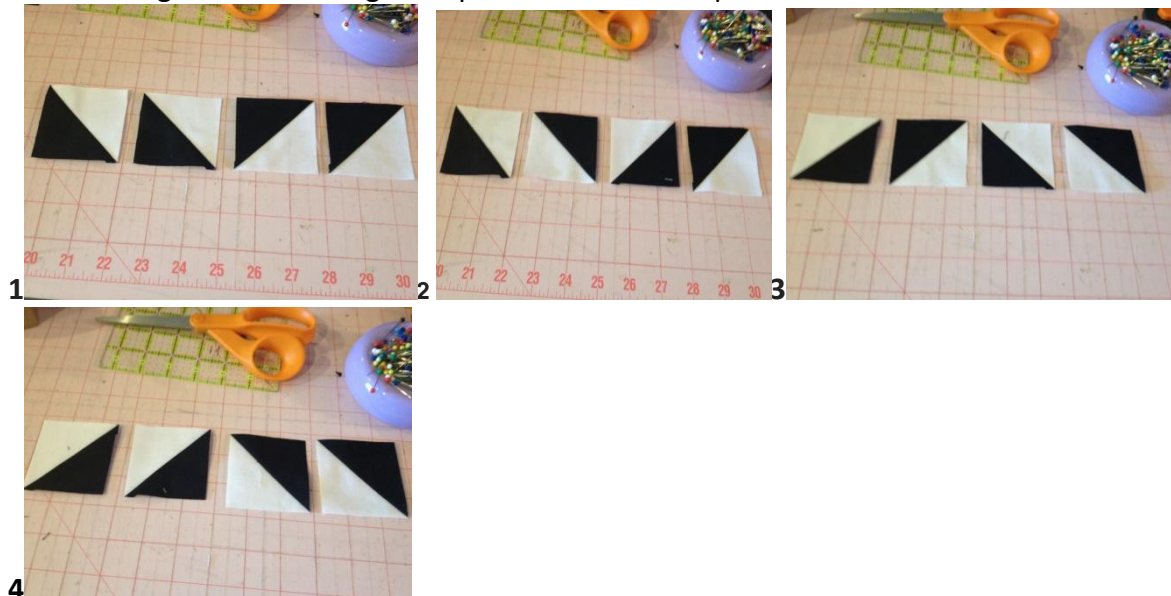
Complete the block row by row as suggested below.

Jenny Bowker Shimmering Triangles (2002).

Lay out your block rows before sewing to avoid confusion.

Press each row the opposite row to the above so that the seams will butt together.

After sewing the rows all together press the 3 seams open as there is a lot of bulk.



The formula for cutting half square triangles in this manner is;

1. Decide on the finished size of half square triangle you want.
2. Multiply this number by 2
3. Add 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

This will give you the size to cut each square.