

Seam Allowance

All the blocks in this book use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. You will find your seam allowance is an excellent friend when you are working on a fussy cut block, since it will often let you hide parts of the design you do not want to show.

Fabric Repeats

There are many different types of fabric repeats that each present a challenge for fussy cutting. Several chapters in this book will take a more detailed look at different kinds of repeats and how to use them. Once you are comfortable with the different patterns that we will explore in this book, you'll know just what to grab for any block.



While any kind of print can be used as a background, we tend to gravitate toward softer, "quiet" designs that blend into the block instead of conflicting with the selected focal fabric. These are also known as 'blenders'.



These are the main types of fabrics that we will be working through with you throughout this book. Each print presents its own challenges when cutting and piecing, so it is a good idea to get familiar with each type in your own stash so that you can follow along with our cutting directions as well as take advantage of all of our tips and tricks!