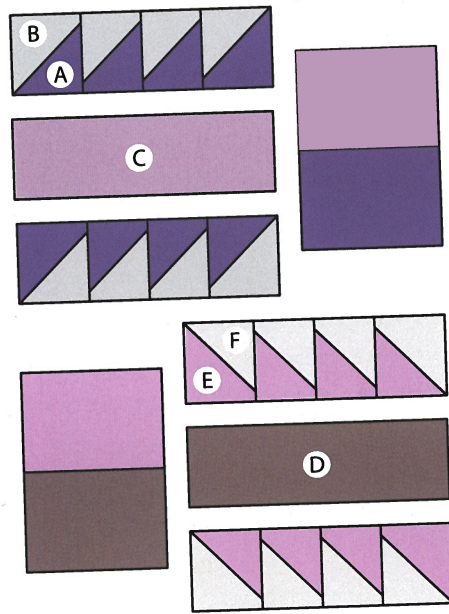


cutting basics for tossed prints

In some tossed prints, you truly can cut anywhere, but others have interesting elements in them that you might want to highlight. Consider the fabric in Take Two. There are shapes of squirrels, cats, hearts, and more! When you work with tossed fabrics, your goal may be to get at least one of your focal motifs completely inside the shape you are cutting. Find the element within the fabric that you really like. Before you cut your block pieces, double check to ensure that your chosen element is framed in the fussy cut.



Nichole's Block



Block Diagram

Refer to Block 14 (see page 50) for fitting motifs into an HST unit, but adjust the measurements to make a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square for this block.

FABRIC NEEDED

From Fabrics A and E, cut:

(4) 2½" squares for HSTs

(1) 2¾" x 3½" rectangle

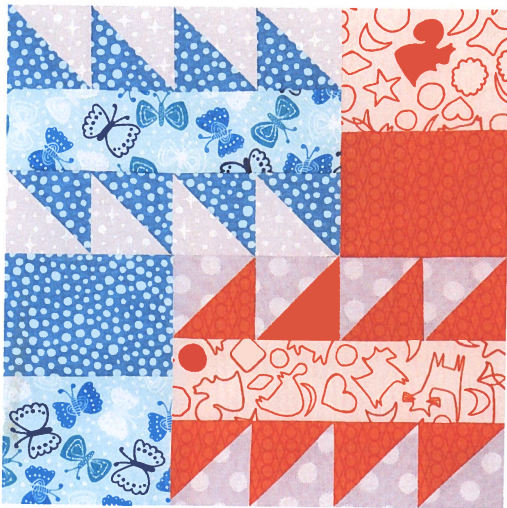
From Fabrics B and F, cut:

(4) 2½" squares for HSTs

From Fabrics C and D, cut:

(1) 2¾" x 3½" rectangle

(1) 2" x 6½" rectangle



Take Two: Elisabeth switched the positioning of the two assembled rectangle pairs in her block.

BUILD YOUR BLOCK

1. Gather the Fabric A and Fabric B squares and create 8 HST units using the two-at-a-time HST method (see page 11). Repeat with the Fabric E and Fabric F squares. Press and trim each unit to 2" square if needed and set aside.
2. Sew the assembled A/B HST units from Step 1 into 2 rows of 4 blocks each. Press.
3. Sew an assembled row from Step 2 to either side of the 2" x 6½" Fabric C rectangle. Press and set aside.
4. Sew a 2¾" x 3½" Fabric A and Fabric C rectangle together. Press.
5. Sew the assembled unit from Step 3 to the assembled unit from Step 4. Press and set aside.
6. Sew the assembled E/F HST units from Step 1 into 2 rows of 4 blocks each. Press.
7. Sew an assembled row from Step 6 to either side of the 2" x 6½" Fabric D rectangle. Press and set aside.
8. Sew a 2¾" x 3½" Fabric D and Fabric E rectangle together. Press.
9. Sew the assembled unit from Step 7 to the assembled unit from Step 8. Press.
10. Sew the two rows together and press.