

Block 3 – Vicki Hodge

General instructions :

The measurements given for cutting include seam allowances of 7 mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ "), rounded to 15 mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ ") for two seams. Make any necessary changes. The measurements in the explanatory diagrams do not include seam allowances, except for those diagrams that specify "*Seam allowances included". For the templates, add a seam allowance of 7 mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ ") all around.

Cutting key:

◻: Square cut on one diagonal

⊠: Square cut on the two diagonals

For those using the traditional cutting method, note that you will find:

- the templates on the pattern; add seam allowances to them
- the quantities in **bold** in the Cutting section

Cutting :

Number your fabrics for easier identification.

- From one Fabric "1", pink semi-solid, cut the following:
 - four 6.5 cm ($2\frac{1}{2}$ ") squares, to yield **sixteen A triangles**
- From each of the eight fabrics from Assortment "2" of red and dark pink fabrics:
 - one 6.5 cm ($2\frac{1}{2}$ ") square, to yield **four A triangles** of each fabric
- From one Fabric "3", chestnut brown with dark pink polka dots:
 - four 6.5 cm ($2\frac{1}{2}$ ") squares, to yield **sixteen A triangles**
 - sixteen 4.5 cm ($1\frac{11}{16}$ ") B squares
- From one Fabric "4", chestnut brown with large flowers, fussy cut:
 - four 4.5 cm ($1\frac{11}{16}$ ") B squares, centred on one flower
- From one Fabric "5", dark pink:
 - sixteen 4.5 cm ($1\frac{11}{16}$ ") B squares
- From one background Fabric "6", beige with small flowers:
 - nine 4.5 cm ($1\frac{11}{16}$ ") B squares
 - five 8 cm (3 ") squares, ⊠ to yield **twenty C triangles**
 - two 4.5 cm ($1\frac{3}{4}$ ") squares, ◻ to yield **four A triangles**

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Assembly :

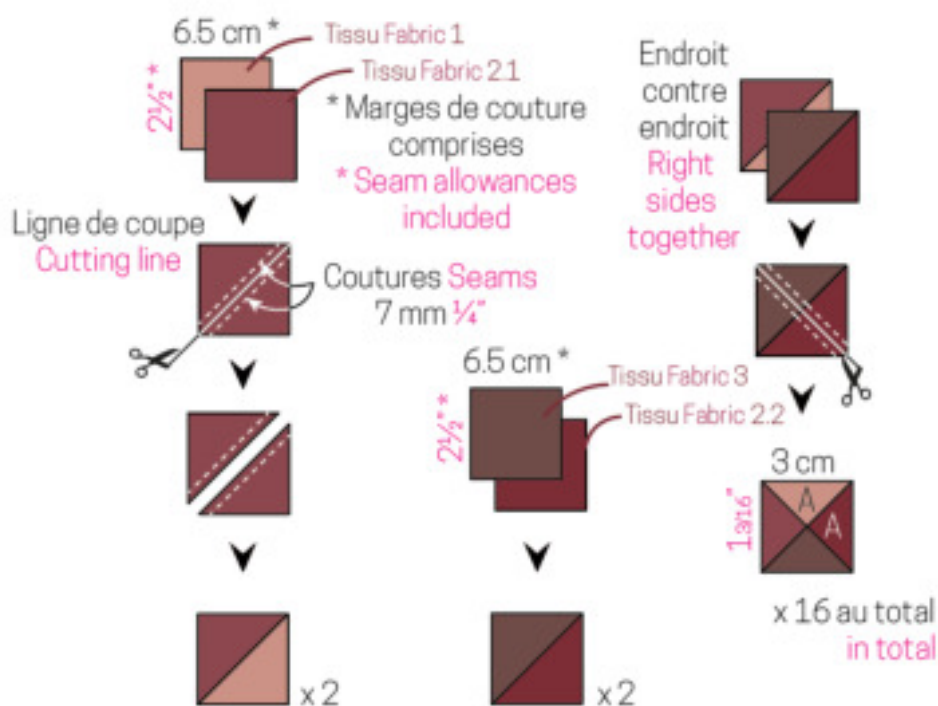
Diagram 1: For four identical hourglass blocks, with right sides together layer one 6.5 cm ($2\frac{1}{2}$ ") square of Fabric 1 and one same-size square of Assortment 2. On the wrong side of one of the squares, mark a diagonal cutting line. Stitch in parallel lines on both side of this line, at 7 mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ ").

Cut along the entire length of the cutting line. Turn to the right side and press. You will obtain one pair of bicolour squares.

Repeat the steps with two more squares as follows: one of Fabric 3 and one fabric (different from the first) from Assortment 2. You will obtain another pair of bicolour squares.

Referring to the diagram to orient each unit, with right sides together layer one bicolour square of each pair, matching seams. On the wrong side of the top square, mark the diagonal that crosses the seam. Stitch on either side as previously and cut along the marking. Repeat to obtain four identical hourglass blocks as follows:

Fabric 1 on top, Fabric 3 on the bottom and one Fabric 2 on either side. Repeat with the remaining fabrics from Assortment 2 to obtain four sets of four identical hourglass blocks.



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Diagram 2: To assemble your block, stitch as follows, carefully observing the diagram and the pattern to position and orient each unit:

Rows 1 and 11: one C triangle on either side of one B square of Fabric 5


Rows 2 and 10: one C triangle and one B square of Fabric 3 on either side of one hourglass block

Rows 3 and 9: one C triangle, one B square of Fabric 5 and one hourglass block on either side of one B square of Fabric 4

Rows 4 and 8: one C triangle, three B squares of Fabrics 5, 6 and 3 on either side of one hourglass block

Rows 5 and 7: one C triangle, one B square of Fabric 3, one hourglass block, one B square of Fabric 3, one B square of Fabric 6 on either side of one B square of Fabric 5

Row 6: one D triangle, one B square of Fabric 5, one hourglass block, one B square of Fabric 4, one hourglass block and one B square of Fabric 6 on either side of one B square of Fabric 6

 The hourglass blocks (one of each set), the B squares of Fabric 3 and the centre B square of Fabric 4 must make four nine-patch blocks; the triangles of the hourglass blocks of Fabric 1 will frame the centre square.

Join these rows and complete with one D triangle on the top and bottom.

If necessary, recut the block to 26.5 x 26.5 cm ($10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ "), seam allowances included.

