

Butterfly Block (12½" unfinished)

due May 2025

Seam allowances should be a scant quarter-inch.

NEUTRAL colours include white and cream, but *not* beige.

Avoid directional prints for your WING fabrics. You may choose one fabric for all parts of the WING, or a different fabric for each.

Fabric requirements

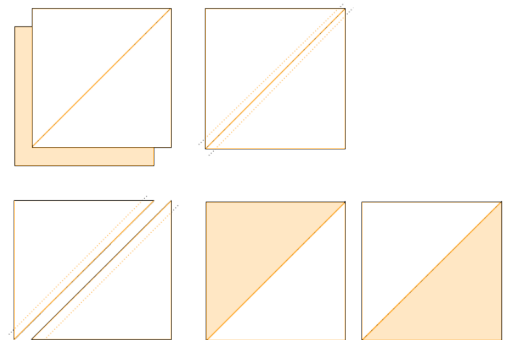
forewing: (1) 7" square of NEUTRAL
(1) 7" square of WING

hindwing: (1) 8" square of NEUTRAL
(1) 8" square of WING

base of hindwing: (2) 3½" squares of WING

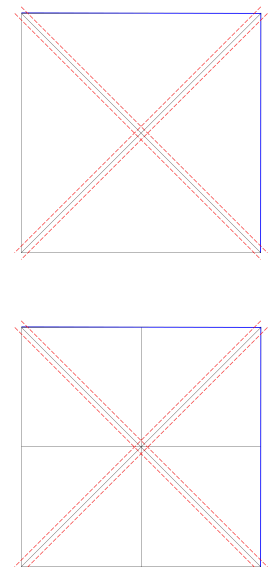
Half-Square-Triangle (HST) Units

1. Mark a diagonal line on the back of the 7" square of NEUTRAL.
2. Place the 7" squares of NEUTRAL and WING, right-sides together (RST). Align the edges, pin in place, and sew a seam ¼" from the drawn line on each side of the drawn line.
3. Cut along the drawn line.
4. Press the unopened unit to set the seams.
5. Open each HST and press the seam allowances toward the WING fabric.
6. Square and trim each HST to 6½" x 6½".



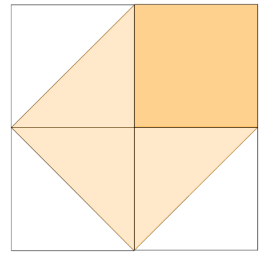
"Magic Eight" HST Method

1. Draw a diagonal line, from corner to corner, on the wrong side of the 8" square of NEUTRAL. Repeat with the other pair of corners.
2. Place the 8" squares of NEUTRAL and WING, RST. Align the edges, pin in place, and sew a seam ¼" from each drawn line on each side of the drawn lines.
(This will result in four sewn lines.)
3. Draw a horizontal line through the center of your original drawn "X". This line should be parallel to the top and bottom of your fabric.
4. Draw a vertical line through the center of your original drawn "X". This line should be parallel to the sides of your fabric.
5. Cut along each drawn line.
6. Press the unopened unit to set the seams.
7. Open each HST and press the seam allowances toward the WING fabric.
8. Trim each HST to 3½" x 3½". (You'll have eight HSTs, two more than you need.)



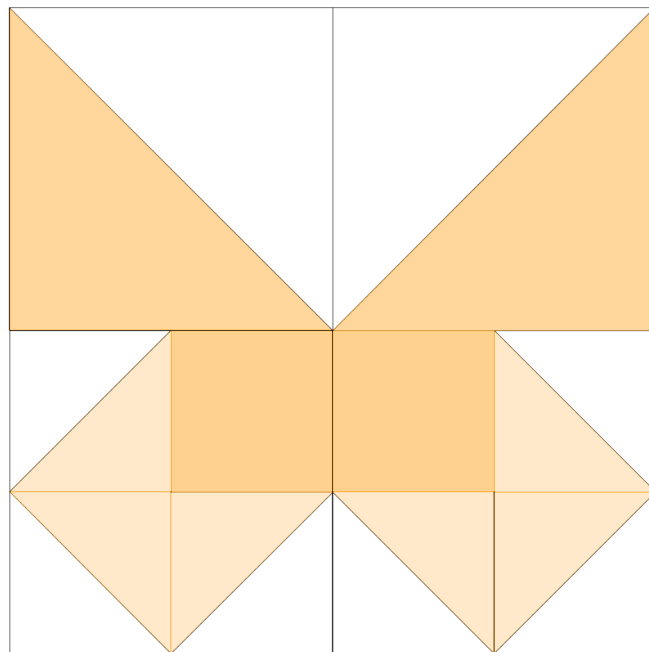
Hindwing Assembly

1. Arrange three of the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " HSTs with a $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square of WING fabric as shown.
2. Sew them together as you would a 4-patch. (Try spinning your seams!)
3. Repeat steps 1 & 2 with three more $3\frac{1}{2}$ " HSTs and the remaining $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square of WING fabric. (You will have two $3\frac{1}{2}$ " HSTs left over.)



Final Assembly

1. Arrange the two $6\frac{1}{2}$ " HSTs and two Hindwing 4-patches as shown.
2. Sew them together as you would a 4-patch. (Try spinning your seams!)



For those of you who are feeling especially creative, try appliquéing a head on your butterfly or embroidering some antennae!