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## ARROWHEAD QUILT BLOCK MADE EASY

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### The Arrowhead Block Made Easy

Dear Readers. “The Arrowhead” Block is a somewhat enigmatic name and should not be confused with “Arrowhead” which can pertain to quite a number of other blocks. Apparently “The Arrowhead” was first published in 1941 and pieced in a traditional method.

Recently, I noticed that my friend Paula J Payne at Quilting Time in Dixie had posted an “Arrowhead Quilt”. Thanks Paula! I have seen this block before, however, as you know, quilt blocks made on point, or set on point, do require more effort. However, It struck me that it looks much like the Disappearing Four Patch on point. So that got me thinking about how I could construct that in an easy method. It can also be done with layer cake squares to make it even easier.

Anyway....this is what I came up with. Incidentally, while this is an easy method, it still complies with tradition. There are no bias edges on the outside of the block! This method will make 2 blocks. All seams based on 1/4 inch.

Block size = 7 1/2" x 7 1/2".

### Requirements for 2 Blocks

1 of 10" x 10" medium to dark square

1 of 10" x 10" light square



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### Constructing Two Arrowhead Blocks

Put the two squares right sides together. Draw a line across one diagonal of the light side. Sew 1/4" seam on each side of the line.



Cut along the line. Open the two squares. Finger press. I will be finger pressing only, until the block is complete. Press at the end. Put the two blocks right sides together ensuring that the seams are nested and the colours are opposing.

Draw a line across the unstitched diagonal.

Sew a 1/4" seam down each side of the line. Cut on the line.

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Fingerpress open. This will reveal two hourglass blocks.



Place a ruler along the centre diagonal seam at 1 1/4" mark.

Rotary cut along that edge.

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Do the same on the other side.

Repeat on the other block, but it must be in the opposing position.

Note how my hourglasses are placed.



Swap the triangles to the strips. Sew the triangles to each side, pin at the centres to make sure that the centre seams line up and nest well.

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Repeat this step to the other two diagonals.



Press the blocks. Trim the blocks.



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I'd love to know what you think of this block and the method of construction!

Have fun!

Susie.