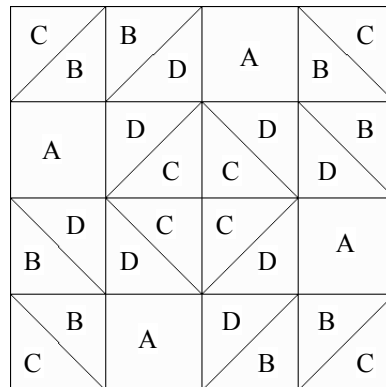
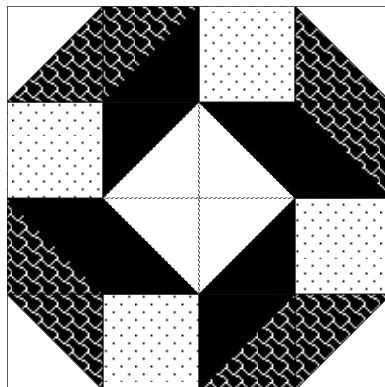


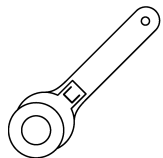
Bachelor's Puzzle

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Use this in a **Block By Block** quilt or anywhere you need a 12" (12½" with seam allowances) block.

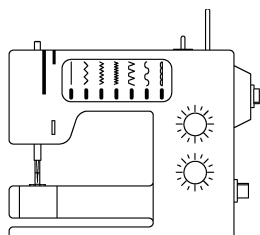


All instructions include ¼" seam allowances.



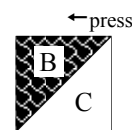
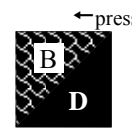
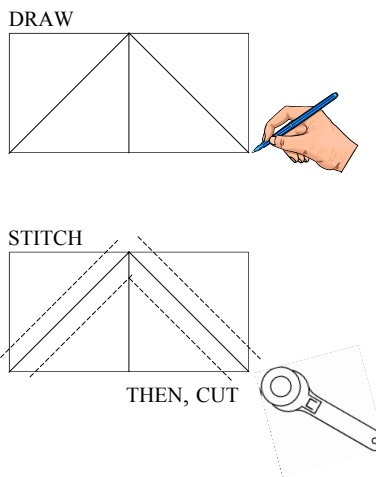
Rotary Cut

- From the fabric for A, cut 4 squares, 3½" x 3½".
- From the fabric for B, cut 2 rectangles, 3⅞" x 7¼".
- From the fabric for C, cut 2 rectangles, 3⅞" x 7¼".
- From the fabric for D, cut 2 rectangles, 3⅞" x 7¼".

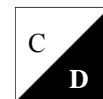


Machine piece

1. Draw a grid on the wrong side of one rectangle B and both rectangles C. The grid will have 2 squares, 3⅞" x 3⅞". Draw a diagonal line on each square. With right sides together, stitch the rectangle B with 1 rectangle D on both sides of the diagonal lines. Cut apart on all lines to make 4 half square triangle units, each 3½" x 3½". Press toward the B's. Repeat layering 1 C with 1 B (press toward the B) and 1 C with 1 D (press 2 each way), to make a total of 8 more units.

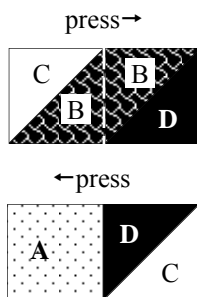


press 2 each way



MAKE 4 OF EACH

2. With right sides together sew each BC half square to each BD half square triangle. Press toward the BD's. With right sides together sew each A square to each DC unit. Press toward the A's to make 8 rectangles that each measure 3½" x 6½".

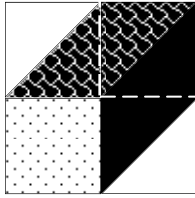


MAKE 4 OF EACH

As you work, trim any tips of fabric that extend beyond the sewn units for flatter, neater, quilt blocks.

3. Sew the rectangles from step 2 together to make 4 squares, 6½" x 6½". Press toward the A's.

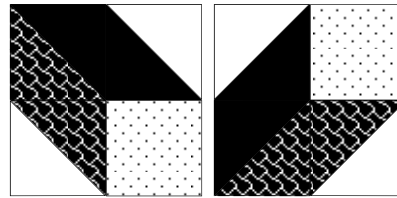
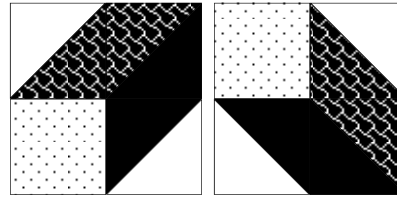
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MAKE 4

4. Arrange as shown. Note the CD's have their seam allowances pressed in opposite directions to make the block lay flat. Match edges and seams, and stitch to make 2 rectangles. Press in opposite directions. Match edges and seams, and stitch the last seam to finish the block. Press in either direction.

←press



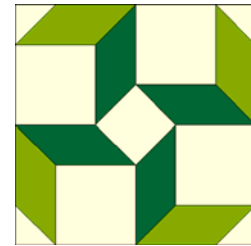
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Congratulations, the block is finished and should measure 12½" x 12½".

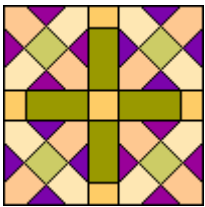
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History of the Bachelor's Puzzle block

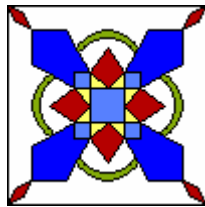
The Bachelor's Puzzle quilt block in this shading was published by the *Kansas City Star* on August 8, 1931. This same shading was published in Grandma Dexter as Building Blocks. *The Kansas City Star* republished it in 1938 as The Pinwheel.



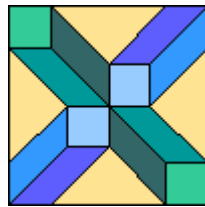
These three blocks have also gone by the name Bachelor's Puzzle.



From Carrie Hall



From Grandma Dexter



From Oklahoma Farmer Stockman, 9/15/1931

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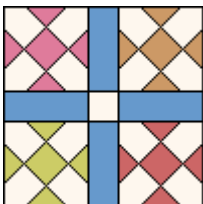
You can purchase the *Electric Quilt* and *Block Base* at, <http://www.electricquilt.com/>

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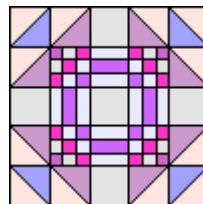
Barbara Brackman's *Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns* at

http://www.americanquiltercatalog.com/spring_2008/lg_display.cfm?page_number=20.

These blocks have been published as Bachelor's Puzzle as well as other names.



Bachelor's Puzzle, Ladies Art Company
The Seasons, Nancy Cabot 1937
Mrs. Anderson's Favorite, and Joy's Delight; Needlecraft Supply, c1938



Bachelor's Puzzle, Nebraska Collections
Goose in the Pond, Needlecraft Supply, c1938
Young Man's Fancy, Carrie Hall