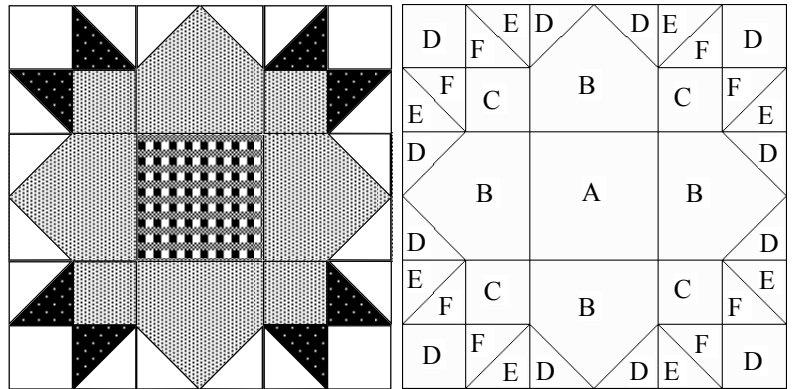


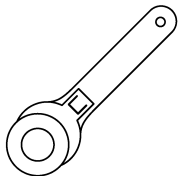
Weathervane

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

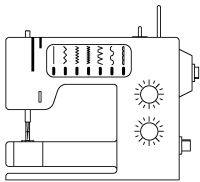


All instructions include ¼" seam allowances.



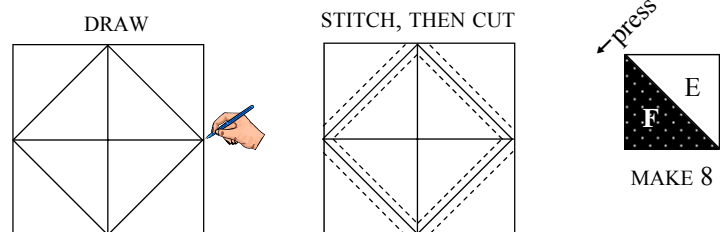
Rotary Cut

- From the fabric for A, cut 1 square, 4½" x 4½".
- From the fabric for B, cut 4 squares, 4½" x 4½".
- From the fabric for C, cut 4 squares, 2½" x 2½".
- From the fabric for D, cut 12 squares, 2½" x 2½", (this can be cut from a strip 2½" x 32").
- From the fabric for E, cut 1 square, 5¾" x 5¾".
- From the fabric for F, cut 1 square, 5¾" x 5¾".

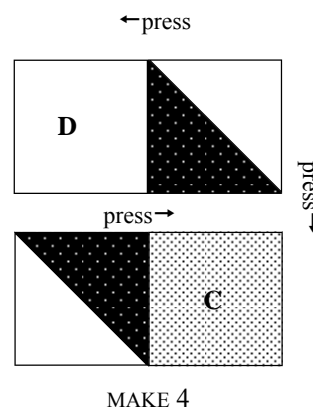


Machine piece

1. Draw a grid on the wrong side of square E. The grid will have 4 squares, 2⅞" x 2⅞" that divides the square E in half vertically and horizontally. Draw 1 diagonal line in each square. Using a ¼" seam allowance and with right sides facing, stitch square F and E together on each side of the diagonal lines. Cut the units apart to make 8 half square triangles that each measure 2½" x 2½". Press toward the F's.

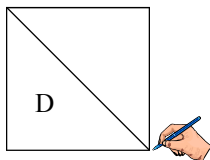


2. Stitch 1 square C and 1 square D to each of the 8 EF half square triangles. Press toward the squares C and D to make 8 rectangles. Arrange according to the diagram and stitch the 8 rectangles together. Press toward the squares C to make 4 squares that each measure 4½" x 4½".

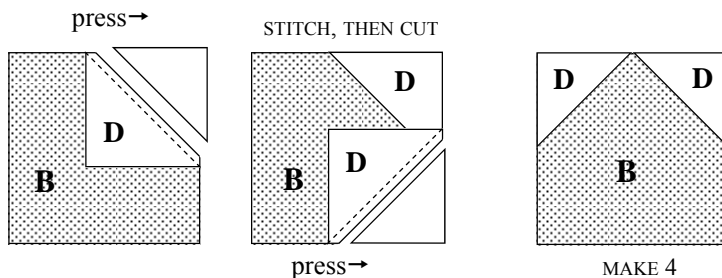


As you work, trim any tips of fabric that extend beyond the sewn units for flatter, neater, quilt blocks.

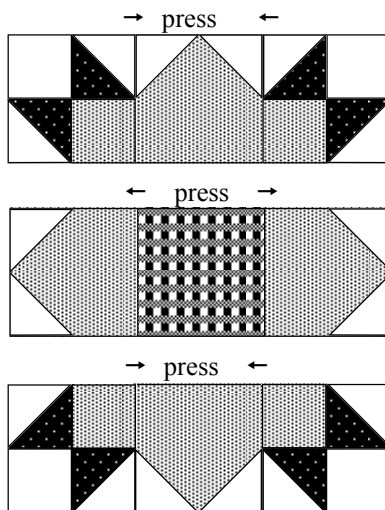
3. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the remaining 8 squares D.



4. With right sides together, stitch 1 square D to each square B on the diagonal line. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the just sewn seam and press away from the B's. Repeat with the remaining squares D to the adjacent side of B to make 4 squares that measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

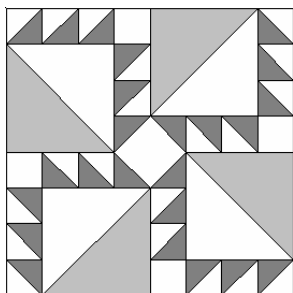


5. Arrange all the units and square A according to the diagram. Match edges and seams and stitch to create 3 horizontal rows. Press as shown. Sew the remaining 2 vertical seams and press toward the square A. Congratulations your block is now complete and should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ". Use this block in a project of your own or add it to your **Block By Block** quilt.

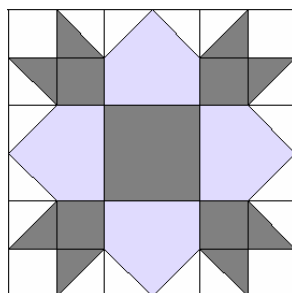


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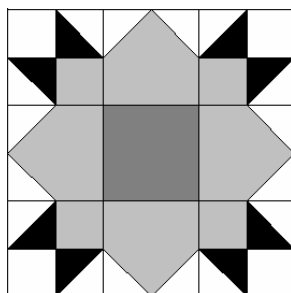
History of the *Weathervane* Block



This version was called *Weather Vane* by Ruth Finley. Finley also attributed these names to the block: *Climbing Rose*, *Flying Dutchman*, *Forest Path*, *Indian Trail*, *North Wind*, *Old Maid's Ramble*, *Prickly Pear*, *Rambling Road*, *Rambling Rose*, *Storm at Sea*, *Tangled Tares*, and *Winding Walk*. Carrie Hall called it *Irish Puzzle* and *Blue and White*. It was also called *Irish Puzzle* by the Ladies Art Company.



This version has the same construction as the pattern I've offered, but a different shading. It's been named *Weathervane* by Ruby Short McKim, *Woman's World*, Carrie Hall and the *Kansas City Star*, 1929.



Here's is my coloring of the *Weathervane* block.

Refer to Barbara Brackman's *Encyclopedia of Pieced Patterns* and *Electric Quilt 5* and *Block Base*, computer software to research quilt blocks.

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

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

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