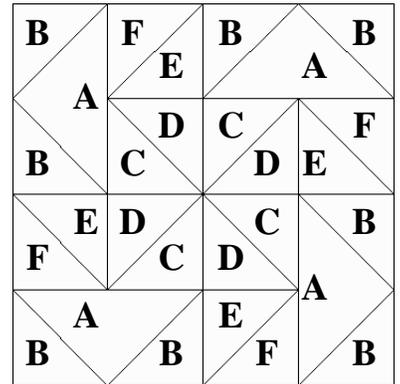
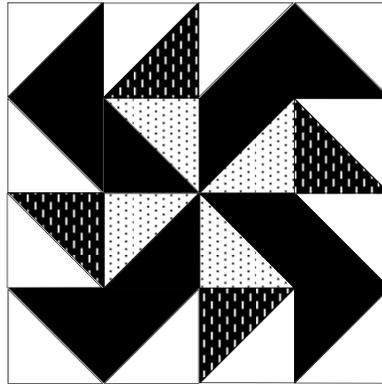


# YANKEE PUZZLE

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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 1 square, 7¼" x 7¼".

Cut on the diagonal twice to yield 4 triangles.

From the fabric for B, cut 4 squares, 3⅞" x 3⅞".

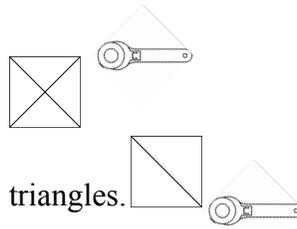
Cut each square on the diagonal once to yield 8 triangles.

From the fabric for C, cut 1 rectangle 3⅞" x 7¾".

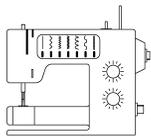
From the fabric for D, cut 1 rectangle 3⅞" x 7¾".

From the fabric for E, cut 1 rectangle 3⅞" x 7¾".

From the fabric for F, cut 1 rectangle 3⅞" x 7¾".

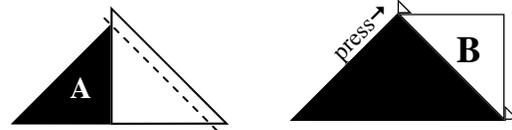


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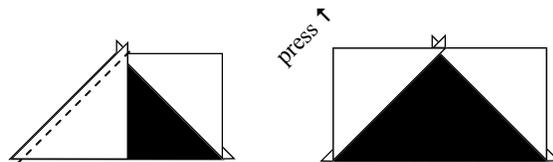


## Machine piece

1. Stitch a B triangle to the right hand side of 4 triangle A's. Align the long edge of the B's with the short edges of the A's. The tips of the B's extend above the A's. Press toward the B's.

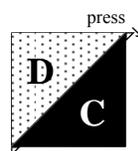
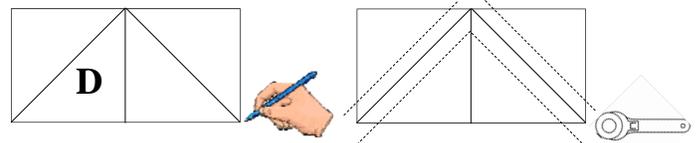


2. Repeat step 1, but this time attach the B triangles to the left hand side of the A triangles. Press toward the B's to make 4 rectangles that measure 3½" x 6½".



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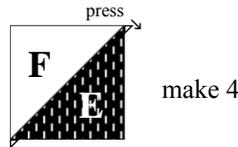
3. On the wrong side of rectangle D, draw a line that divides the rectangle into 2 squares that measure 3⅞" x 3⅞". Draw 1 diagonal line on each square. With right sides together, layer square D with square C and stitch a ¼" seam on both sides of the diagonals. Cut apart on the drawn lines. Press toward the triangles C to make 4 squares that each measure 3½" x 3½".



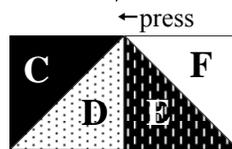
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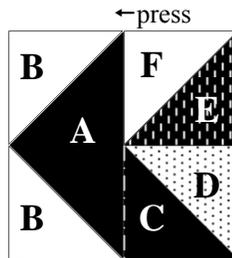
4. Repeat step 3 using rectangles E and F. Draw on the wrong side of F and press toward the E's.



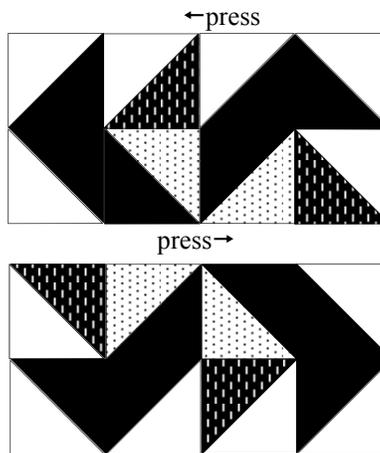
5. Match up edges and opposing seams and sew the units from steps 3 and 4 together. Press according to the diagram to make 4 rectangles  $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$ .



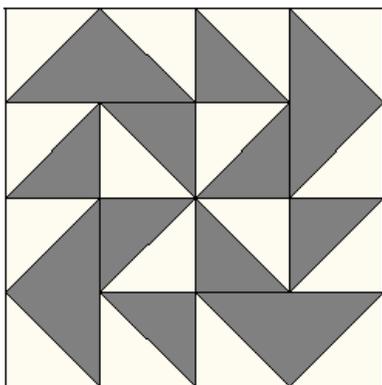
6. Match up edges and opposing seams and sew the units from steps 4 and 5 together. Press according to the diagram to make 4 squares,  $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$ .



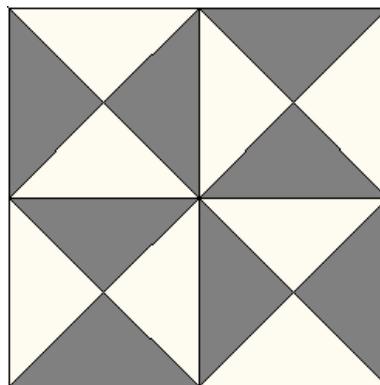
7. Match the edges and seams, and sew the squares together into 2 rows of 2 blocks each. Press as shown. Sew the rows together and press in either direction. (Or see page 41 of *Block By Block* to press as a pinwheel center.) Congratulations your block is now complete and should measure  $12\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$ .



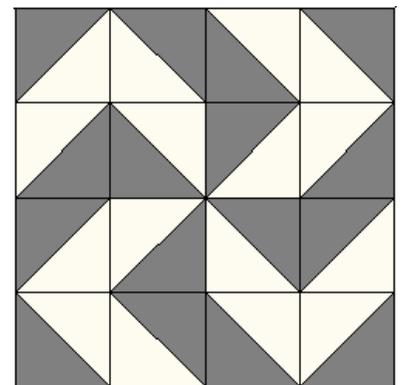
## History of the *Yankee Puzzle* block.



My version is closest to this block. It was published as *Yankee Puzzle* by the Ladies Art Company before 1895. It was called *Whirpool* by Needlecraft Supply circa 1938.



This block goes by many names including *Yankee Puzzle* by Ruth Finley in *Old Patchwork Quilts and the Women Who Made Them*, 1929. Other names include *Bow Ties*, *Hour Glass*, *Pork and Beans* and *The Big Dipper*.



This block uses the same units, but different shading and has been published many times under many names including; *Devil's Dark Horse*, *Devil's Puzzle*, *Flyfoot*, *Heart's Seal*, *Swastika*, and *Spider*.

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