

# Charming Hours

A twin size quilt project for your 5" charm square collection.

## Fabrics:

Quilt Center:

- 192 light charm squares, 5" x 5".
- 192 dark charm squares, 5" x 5".

Border 1 and Border 3:

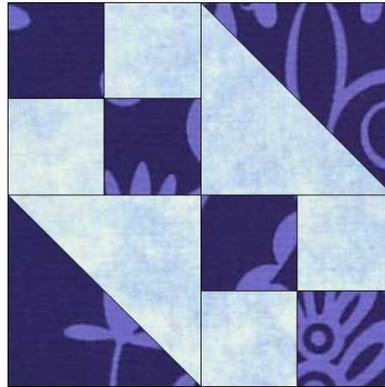
- 2 1/2 yards of 42" wide fabric.

Border 2: 68 light charm squares, 5" x 5".

- 68 dark charm squares, 5" x 5".

Binding

- 1/2 yard of 42" wide fabric.



**Hour Glass Quilt Block**

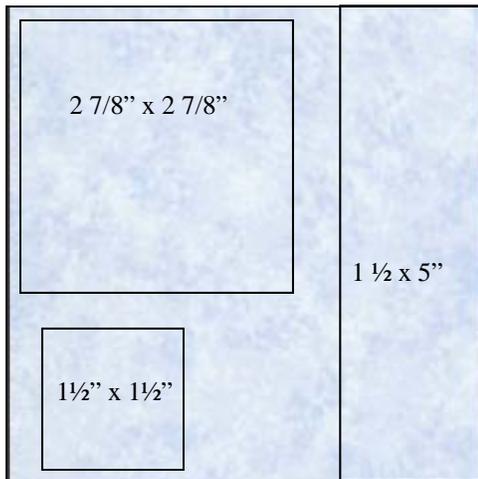
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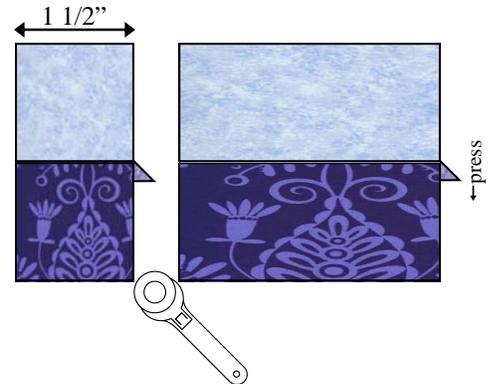
For more charm ideas see Beth's book *Charm Quilts* and Pepper Cory's *Charm Templates*; both from EZ International.

Sort the charm squares into dark and light stacks. You need an equal number of darks and lights. Using medium tones will give the quilt a blended-colorwash look. High contrast lights and darks will make the pattern stand out more. Colors for borders 1 and 3 can be chosen after piecing many of your charm blocks. Bright borders can make your charms sparkle, brown borders can make the quilt look old, light can enhance a color wash effect.

1. With right sides together, layer one light charm with one dark charm.



2. Cut a strip 1 1/2" x 5". Stitch on the long side of the strip. Press toward the dark fabric and subcut into 3, 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles.



3. Cut a square 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" and sew together to make 1, 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangle. Press toward the dark and add to the rectangles finished in step 2.

4. Cut a square 2 7/8" x 2 7/8" from the last section of the dark and light charm pair. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light charm. Stitch a 1/4" seam on both sides of the diagonal line. Cut on the diagonal line and press toward the dark fabrics. Trim tips that extend beyond the squares. The squares measure 2 1/2" x 2 1/2".

