

## PIECING INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDS ALL AROUND

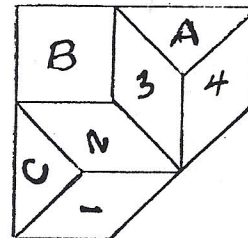
In this segment of our "back to basics" we will be focusing on the ability to accurately assemble the corner units of this block.

### STEP 1.

Using a very small needle such as #9 or 10 Quilting needle or similar size sharp, and thread that matches the darker of the two patches that you will be sewing together, thread the needle with the end as it comes from the spool. Tie a quilters knot in the other end.

### Step 2.

Assemble the pieces of one corner on your design board and pin in place. Label the diamond pieces 1,2,3, 4. starting on your left. Label the triangles and square A,B,C, starting on the right as indicated in the example.



### Step 3.

Pick up pieces 1 and 2, place them right sides together, matching the seam lines and place a pin at the starting point and at the point of the diamonds. Push the pin through the fabric and leave in the fabric without returning the point back into the fabric.

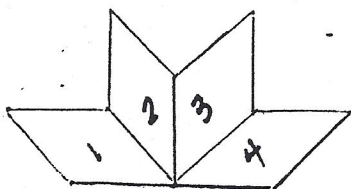
### Step 4.

To begin the sewing, Start the needle about two or three stitches away from the side corner of the diamonds and stitch to the corner, pivot the needle and sewing in the opposite direction to the point of the diamonds. Take a tiny back stitch and leave the needle and thread dangling. Place diamond #3, face sides together with #2, making sure the points and seams are aligned and continue sewing back to the opposite corner, again pivot and take two or three stitches and cut thread.

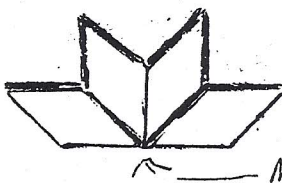
### Step 5.

Pick up #4 diamond and place it right sides together with #3 diamond, again as before pin in place and start sewing from the corner to the point. Make sure that the point of # 4 is joined exactly at the point of the first three diamonds. To make sure there is no space between the points, all 4 diamonds should be stitched to each other.

If you have pieced accurately your three seams will come together without any space in between the points.



CORRECT WAY



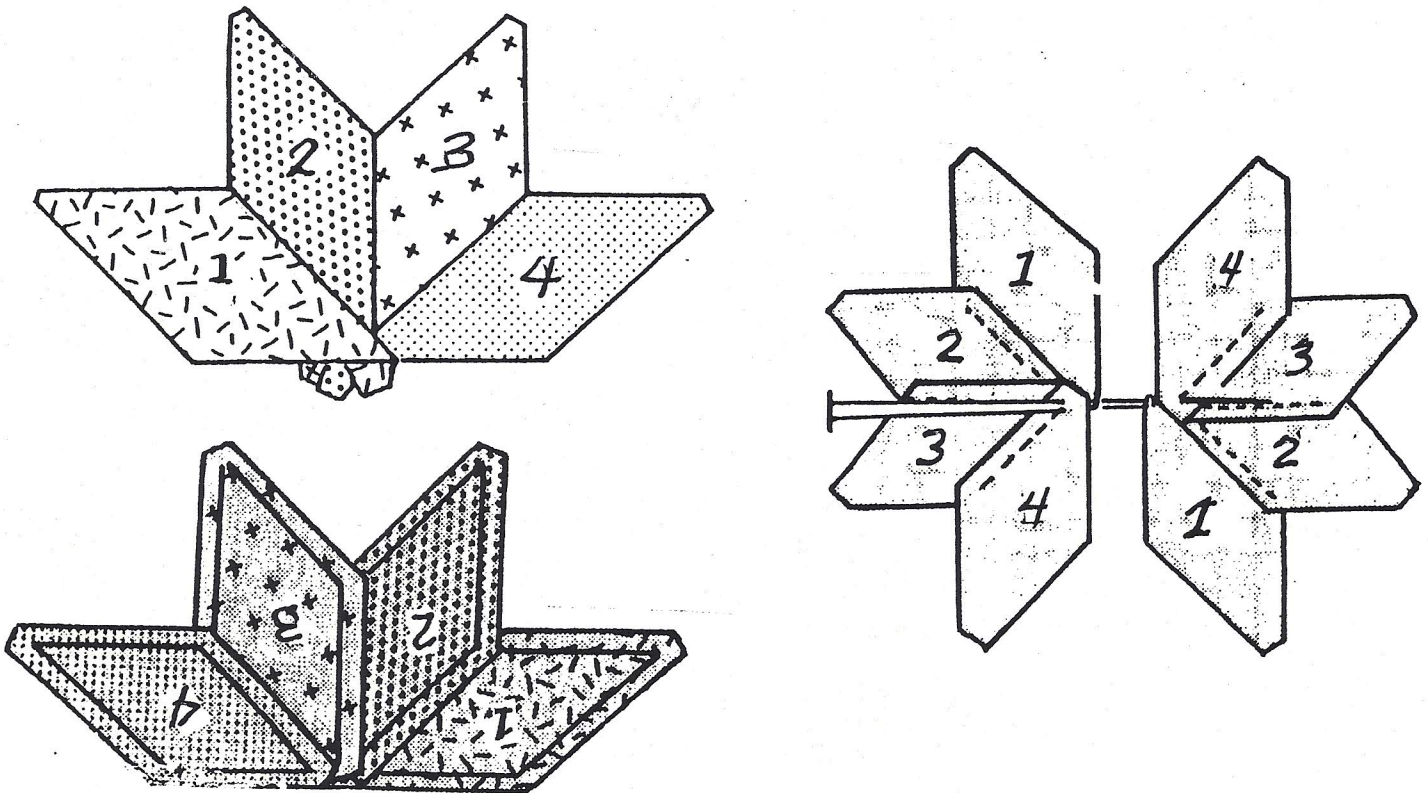
WRONG WAY

Notice Seams do NOT Close at Points

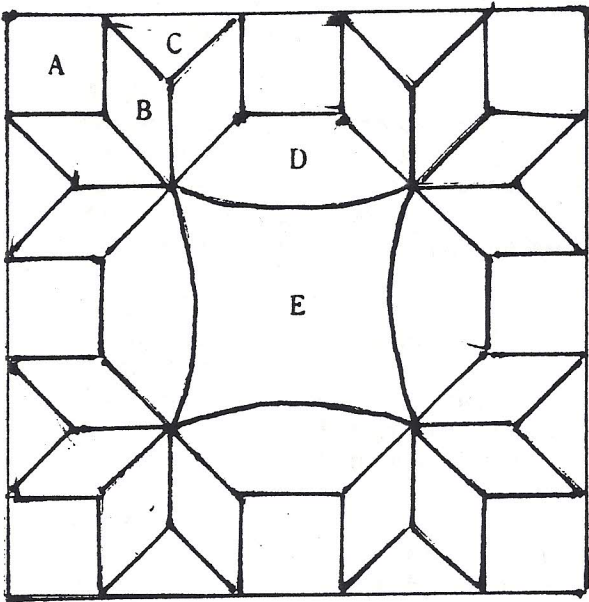
Step 6.

We are ready to set in the two triangles and the corner square. Start with triangle A and with face sides together align the seam lines with diamond #4. Pin in place using the same procedure as before and sew to the inside point of the diamonds. With the thread still attached, pivot the triangle around and align it with the side of #3 diamond. Making sure that you do not stitch the seam flat. Your needle travels through the seam, take a back stitch to secure the joint and continue sewing to the point of #3 diamond. Just as we pieced the points in the diamonds, you will attach the square to the two pieces just sewn and continue to the inside corner between #3 and #2 diamond. Follow this procedure joining all three-set in pieces.

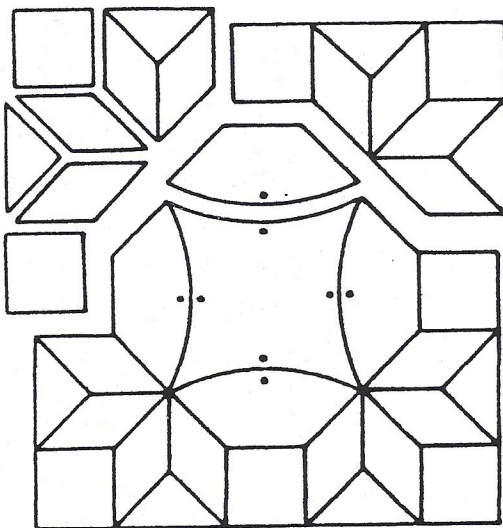
You will have sewn in all three pieces with out cutting the thread and knotting each time you add a piece. This method is faster and it keeps the seams from opening up on the outside edge of your block.



Hands All Around



Templates  
 A cut 8 - Muslin  
 B cut 16 - Scraps  
 C cut 8 - Muslin  
 D cut 4 - Print  
 E cut 1 - Muslin



Piecing Assembly

PIECING ASSEMBLY

Join 2 "B"s together  
 Inset "C" between "B" unit  
 Repeat above steps and then  
 JOIN the 2 units together  
 Inset "A" between these units  
 Add 1 "A" to the left side of unit

Steps above complete 1 corner unit  
 Repeat to complete other 3 corner  
 units

Join each "D" to center "E"

Complete block by adding the  
 4 corner units to the center  
 D/E unit

