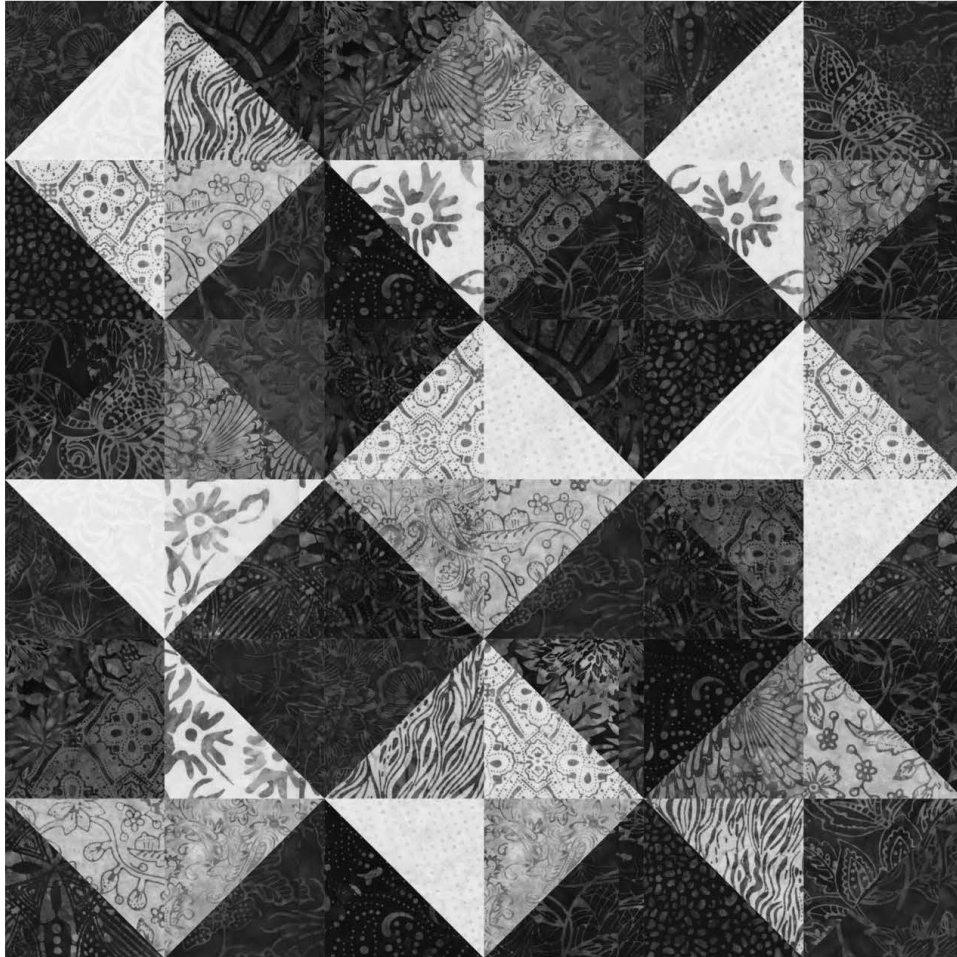


Illusion Squares

designed by Relatively Creative
for Minis (5" Squares)



Finished size: 24¹/₂" square



BROOME STREET PATTERNS



Fabric Requirements

1 package of Tonga Minis (forty 5" squares, two of each color)

1/4 yard Tonga binding fabric of your choice

1 yard Tonga backing fabric of your choice

32" x 32" batting

Cutting

From the binding fabric:

- Cut three 2½" x WOF strips.

From the Tonga Mini pack:

- Divide the squares into two sets of twenty each, to create the most contrast. For some packs, this may be a division by color (such as green and blue) and in others it may be a division of light and dark values.

Block Construction

1. Beginning with one 5" square grouping, draw a line diagonally across the center of the wrong side of each square.

2. Pair a lined square with an unlined square (from the opposite group), right sides together. Sew ¼" from each side of the drawn line. (figure 1) Repeat for all the squares.

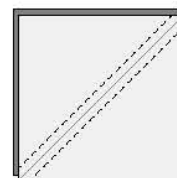


fig. 1

3. Cut the squares along the drawn line to make two half-square triangle (HST) units. Press the seam toward the darker fabric. (figure 2) You will have forty HST.

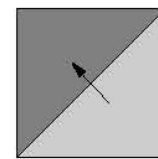
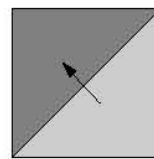
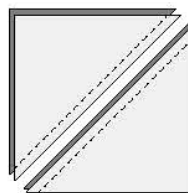


fig. 2

4. Select four different HST and sew them together with the lighter fabrics toward the center. (figure 3) Repeat to make a total of nine blocks. *Note:* You will have some extra blocks for another project.

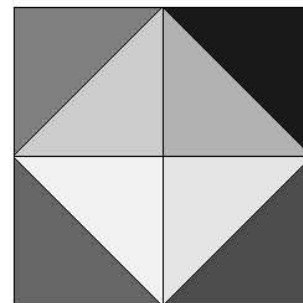
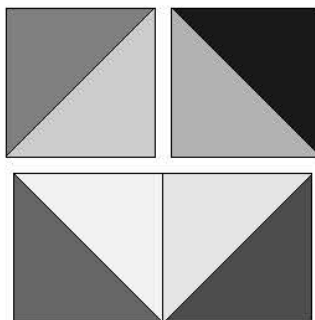


fig. 3

Quilt Top Assembly

5. Lay out the blocks in a pleasing manner with three blocks across and three rows down.

6. Sew the blocks together in each row, then sew the rows together, matching adjacent seams in both instances.

Finishing

7. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.

8. Stitch the binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Fold and press the resulting long strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Stitch to the quilt front, matching raw edges and mitering the corners.

9. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.