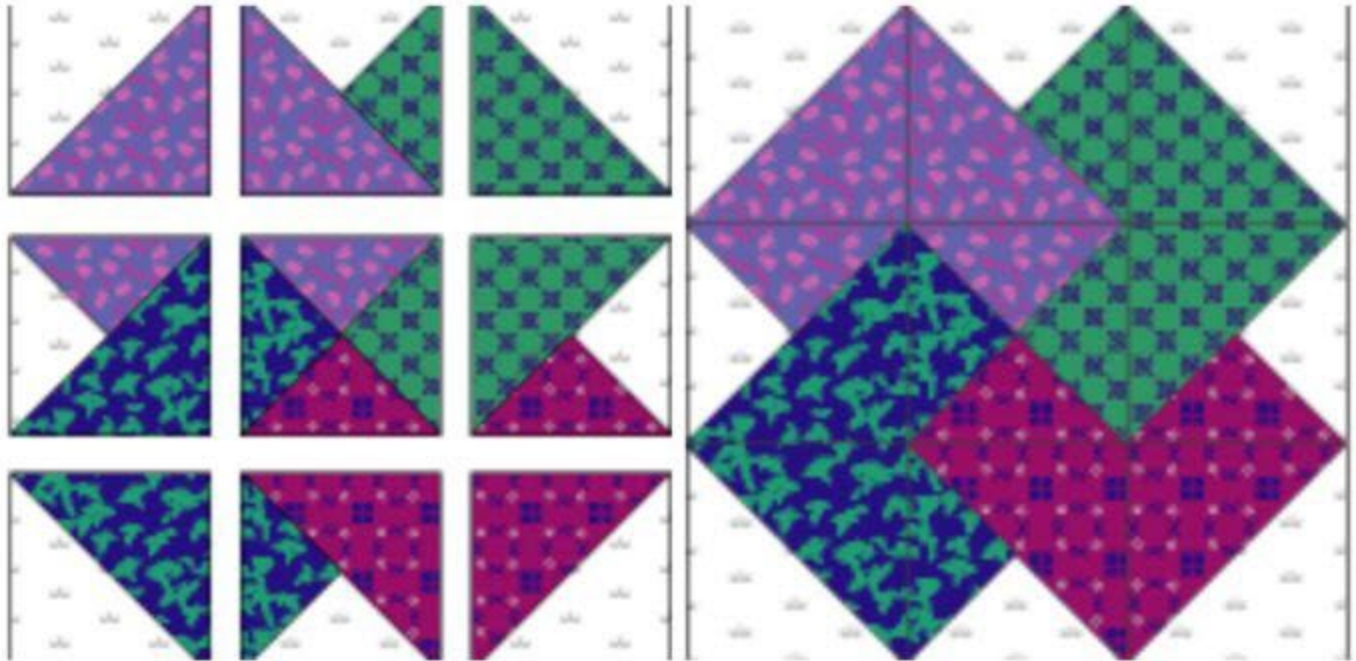


### BLOCK NUMBER 3: Card Trick - with 4 colors

- These directions are for making a 12-inch square finished block.
- Use ¼ inch seams throughout.
- You will need 4 colors: a light, a medium, and two dark fabrics, plus a light background.

The illustration below shows the layout and the finished block.



#### STEP 1 Cutting:

##### **BACKGROUND FABRIC**

... Piece A – Cut 2 squares 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"; then cut again diagonally to make a total of 4 half-square triangles

... Piece B – Cut 1 square 5 1/4" x 5 1/4"; then cut again diagonally twice to make 4 quarter-square triangles

##### **COLORED FABRICS**

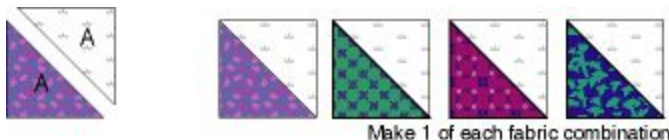
From EACH of FOUR different prints (purple, green, magenta, and dark blue in the illustration above)

... Piece A – 1 square 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"; then cut again diagonally to make 2 half-square triangles

... Piece B – 1 square 5 1/4" x 5 1/4"; then cut again diagonally twice to make 4 quarter-square triangles

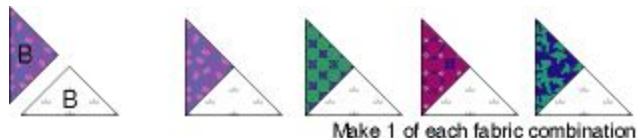
(Note: 2 triangles will be leftover for each print)

**STEP 2:** Make a half-square block from each color plus the background by sewing together a half-square of background and a half-square of the colored fabric. Repeat for all four colors.



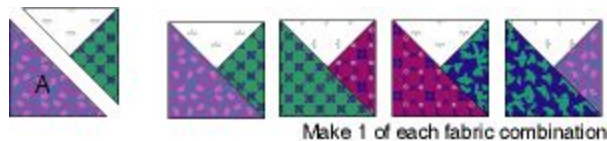
**STEP 3:** Make the blocks that contain a half-square and two quarter-squares. This takes two steps.

Sew together a quarter-square of background and a quarter-square of colored fabric as shown in picture below. Be sure to make as shown.



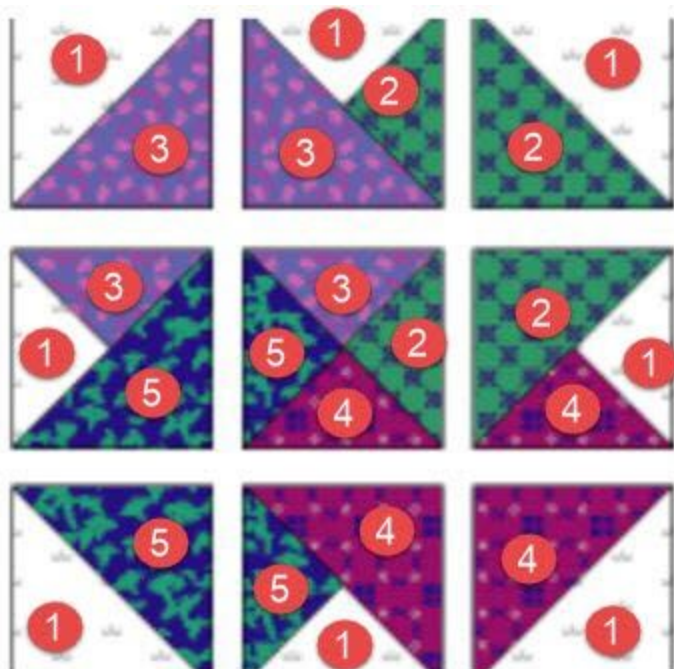
**STEP 4:** Sew those pieces from STEP 3 to a half square of each color. Notice the layout below. Be sure to lay out the pieces before sewing to be sure you have the pattern as shown at the beginning. The numbered illustration below might help! If you number your fabrics, you can use the numbers on the chart below to help with layout. It's tricky!

Another hint: Notice the progression of colors in the first illustration below. Do yours the same way.



Perhaps the numbers below will help!

Each square should measure 4 ½ inches. If they are bigger, trim them before finishing your block.



**STEP 6:** Sew the blocks and rows together. The block should measure 12 ½ inches.