

## BLOCK NUMBER 4 - Bear Paw

- These directions are for making a 12-inch square finished block.
- Use ¼ inch seams throughout.
- You need three colors. One is a contrast fabric at center of the block.

The illustration shows the layout and the finished block.



### STEP 1 Cutting:

From background fabric cut:

- 4 - 2 ¼ inch squares
- 8 - 2 ¾ inch squares
- 4 - 2 x 5 ¾ inch rectangles

From the color desired for paws, cut:



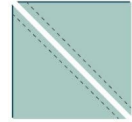

- 8 - 2 ¾ inch squares
- 4 - 4 inch squares

From the color to be used in the center, cut:

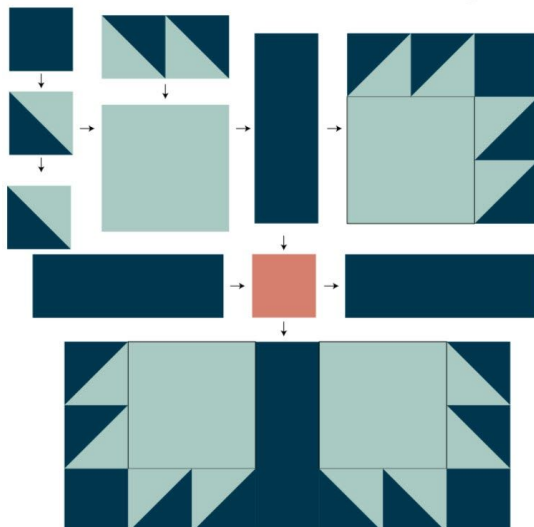
- 1 - 2 inch square

**STEP 2: Make half-square triangle square** using the 2 ¾ inch squares as shown to the right. Iron them open and trim if needed to 2 ¼ inch square. There will be 16 after cutting in half. Iron seam to darker color.

### Half Square Triangle Piecing

<p>Place background and bear paw fabric squares right sides together.</p> 	<p>Draw a line from corner to corner on the back side of your paw fabric. Sew 1/4" on each side of the drawn line.</p> 
<p>Cut along the drawn line to create two half square triangles.</p> 	<p>Press your seams toward the dark fabric. Trim your HST to measure 2 1/4" for the 12" block</p> 

### Bear Paw Block Piecing



**STEP 3: Join the pieces together** as shown to complete the block.