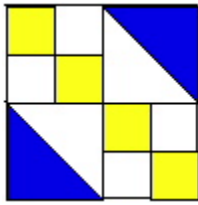


# Block of the Month - June 2003

## Jacob's Ladder



### Description:

The 12" Jacob's Ladder Block is a 4-patch block made from two 6" 4-patches and two 6" half-square triangle blocks. This block is pieced by strip piecing the 4-patches and making the half-square triangle blocks separately.

### Fabric Requirements for one block:

Color A: Main Color, one strip 15" long by 3.5" wide

Color B: Coordinating Color, 7.5" by 7.5" square

Color C: Background, one strip 15" long by 3.5" wide, and a 7.5" by 7.5" square

### Cutting and Piecing:

1. Sew the strip of background fabric to the strip of coordinating fabric and press the seam towards the darker fabric.
2. Cut 4 3.5" wide sections from the strip set you sewed together in step 1.
3. Sew these sections together in sets of two, making sure to reverse the direction of the colors as shown in the diagram above. You will have 2 finished 4-patches that are 6.5" unfinished. Set these aside.
4. Put the 7.5" squares right sides together. Draw a light line from one corner to the opposite corner on one of them.
5. Stitch 1/4" away from each side of the line you drew in step 4. Once the 1/4" seams are stitched, cut on the drawn line.
6. Press the block open, remembering to press the seam towards the darker fabric. Trim the finished block to 6.5" square, being sure to have the seam running diagonally from corner to corner.
7. Follow the drawing above to piece your Jacob's Ladder Block. Remember to alternate the direction that the seams in each row are turned when sewing the rows together for ease of piecing.

**Note:** Be sure to use a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance when sewing the squares together.

### Skills to Learn/Reinforce:

Piecing with a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

Making half-Square triangles without using triangle papers.