

## Corn and Bean Piecing Directions

This block is Corn and Beans. It is 12 1/2" unfinished. It is made of a minimum of 4 colors. Medium-light background, 1 lighter than the background color, 1 medium-dark, and 1 dark. You can use mostly triangles or you can use a mix of triangles and the quick method 1/2 square triangle units. When I do this, I round my 2 7/8" squares up to 3", it just makes it easier to then square the finished units to 2 1/2 half square triangles.

A Cut (6) 2 1/2" background color squares.

A Cut (2) 2 1/2" medium-dark color squares.

B Cut 10 2 7/8" background color squares. \*for the triangle method, cut all of these once on the diagonal. If you want to use the short cut method, cut only 4 of the squares on the diagonal. Use these for the triangles on the flying geese blocks on the outer edges of the block.

B Cut (6) dark 2 7/8" squares, cut on the diagonal if you are using all triangles, otherwise leave them square for the shortcut method.

B Cut (2) Medium-dark 2 7/8" squares, cut on the diagonal if using the triangle method, otherwise leave them square.

B Cut (6) light 2 7/8" squares, cut on the diagonal if using the triangle method, otherwise leave them square.

C Cut (1) 5 1/4" medium-dark square, cut it twice on the diagonal for 4 triangles. These are part of your flying geese units on the outer edge of the block.

### **Sewing the units:**

Either sew your triangles together as in the diagram, \*or layer 1 background square to 1 dark square, draw a line on the diagonal, sew 1/4" on each side of the line and cut apart on the diagonal. This will give you 2 half square units, you will need 8 of these units, so you would layer 4 backgrounds to 4 dark squares.

Sew 1 background triangle unit to each side of your med-dark flying geese triangle unit. You will need to make 4 of these.

Sew 1 light triangle unit to 1 dark triangle unit, make 4 of these,\*or sew 2 light colored squares to 2 dark squares, draw a line on the diagonal, sew 1/4 inch from each side of the line, cut apart, you will have 4 half square light/dark units.

Sew 1 light color triangle unit to one background color, you will need 4 of these. \* Or put one light color square facing 1 background colored square, draw a line on the diagonal, sew 1/4" from each side of the line, cut apart and you will have 2 units.

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Sew 1 light triangle to 1 med-dark triangle if using the triangle method. You will need 2 of these units. \*or sew 1 light colored  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " square facing 1 med-dark same size square, draw a line on the diagonal and sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the line on each side, cut apart and you will have 2 units repeat once and you will have 4 completed half square triangle units.

You should have a total of 32 units for this block. Pay close attention to the diagram when you put it together so that you will have 4 "triangle" looking units in the center of the block.

\*\*\*If you have access to the book "Quilts from the Quiltmaker's gift, the block looks the same and is the same size, but does use actual triangles for the center of the square and for each corner of the block. This may be easier for some people to use. I have the book if someone wants to borrow it.\*\*\* Barb Baxter