

SCRAPPY BLUE JEWEL BOX

18" x 24"

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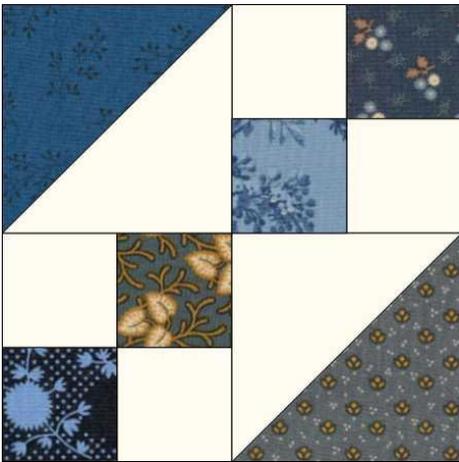
9" x 12"

6" x 6" finished block

Supplies: 5 x Fat 8th blue print.

5 x Fat 8th background.

This easy traditional block is built by combining two even simpler blocks: Half square triangles and four patch. The basic Jewel box block unit consists of two half-square triangles sewed together with two four-patch blocks and arranged like this:



To make a complete Jewel box block, you'll need a set of four individual block units, arranged like this:



The exact meaning of the name Jewel Box is lost in obscurity, but I like to think that it refers to the beautiful diamond shape in the center of the block and the protective way the four-patch blocks circle around it.

While the Jewel Box most commonly have light backgrounds, a dark background creates a dramatically different look:



The finished size for the complete four-block Jewel Box set is 6" x 6" finished

For each individual Jewel Box block, you will need:

- Two 2" four-patch blocks
- Two 2" half-square triangle blocks

Make the four-patch blocks from individual squares or fabric strips. Start with two light $1\frac{1}{4}$ " squares and two colored $1\frac{1}{4}$ " squares for each block.



make 2.

Or two white $1\frac{1}{4}$ " strips and two colored $1\frac{1}{4}$ " strips to make several blocks at once.

Here is a super simple way to make 2 HST from 2 squares of fabric, once they are cut to size.

Cut one 2 ½" x 2 ½" square in background and one in print.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of 1 square.

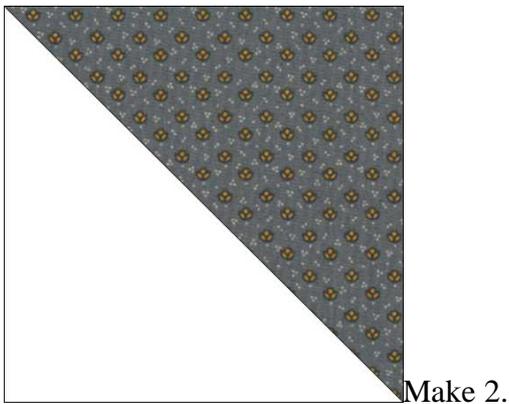
Match up square's right sides together

Sew on each side of the diagonal line, using a scant ¼" seam allowance

Cut directly on the line.

Press open or to the dark side.

Trim to 2" square.



Finish the block.

Lay out the blocks as shown in this diagram below.

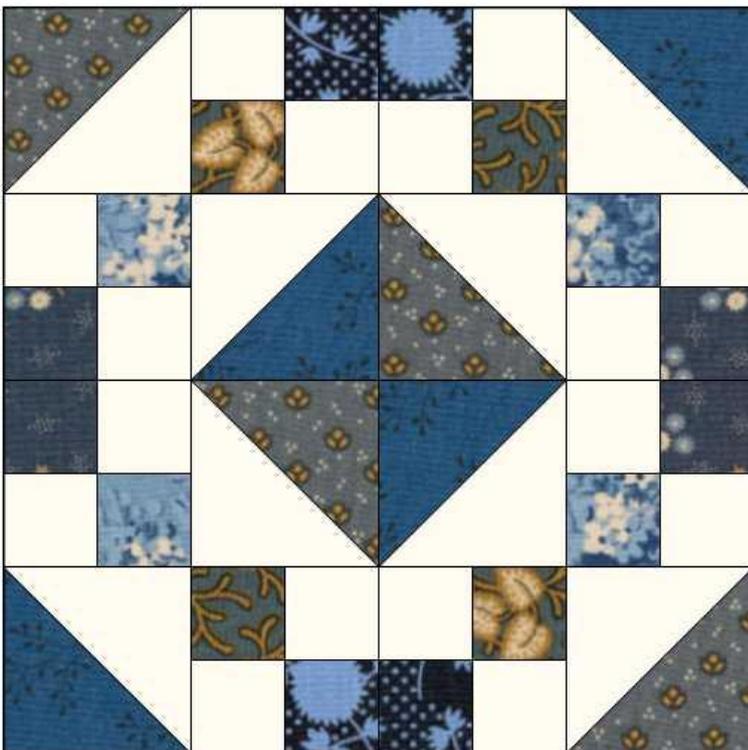
Sew the top two blocks and the bottom two blocks into rows, using a scant ¼" seam then press.

Sew the top and bottom rows together.



Make 4.

Make four of these Jewel box units to make a complete Jewel box block.



Make 12 blocks for the 18" x 24" quilt

Make 6 for the 9" x 12" quilt.

