

# A Quilting Life Block of the Month 2018: October

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## Cutting:

October: Providence	6 1/4" Block (finished)	12 1/2" Block (finished)
Background	(4) 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" (9) 1 3/4" x 1 3/4"	(4) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" (9) 3" x 3"
Light	(2) 2 3/4" x 2 3/4"	(2) 4" x 4"
Medium	(4) 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"	(4) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"
Medium/Dark	(2) 2 3/4" x 2 3/4" (4) 1 3/4" x 1 3/4"	(2) 4" x 4" (4) 3" x 3"

Note: Directions are given for the 12 1/2" block with 6 1/4" block measurement information in parenthesis.

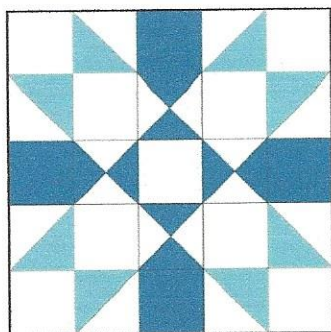
## Make the half-square triangle units:

**Note:** Pressing the half-square triangle seams open rather than to the darker fabric helps eliminate bulk in this block. Also, note that you will not be trimming all of the hst's you make in this step. Save the ones made with the larger pieces to make the quarter-square triangle units below.

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each background square 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" (2 1/4" x 2 1/4") and each light square 4" x 4" (2 3/4" x 2 3/4"). Place background square right sides together with a 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" (2 1/4" x 2 1/4") medium square and place light squares right sides together with a 4" x 4" (2 3/4" x 2 3/4") medium/dark square. Sew 1/4" away from either side of the line.
2. Cut on the drawn line to make two half square triangle units and press seams open. Trim the background/medium units to measure 3" x 3" (1 3/4" x 1 3/4"). Make 2 half-square triangles from each pair of fabrics. For more information on making half-square triangles, see the tutorial here: <http://www.aquiltinglife.com/2014/01/half-square-triangle-tutorial.html>
3. Don't trim the hst's made with the 4" x 4" (2 3/4" x 2 3/4") fabrics. Save them to make the quarter-square triangles.

## Make the Quarter-Square Triangle Units:

1. Place two matching half-square triangles right sides together so their seams "nest." Draw a diagonal line perpendicular to the seam on the wrong side of the top half-square triangle unit.
2. Sew 1/4" on either side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line. Trim units to measure 3" x 3" (1 3/4" x 1 3/4"). Make 4. For a video explanation of this method to make perfect quarter-square triangle units, visit my blog here: <http://www.aquiltinglife.com/2018/04/quarter-square-triangle-video.html/>



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