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CRAFTY CRAB

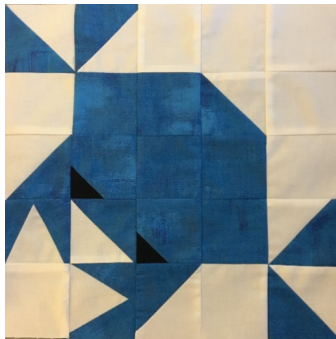
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This little **Crafty Crab** may be sweet, but we don't recommend that you boil him just yet! Number three in our Block-of-the-Month animal theme, **Crafty Crab** pairs nicely with other critters in the theme, in a nautical or sea theme or with a rainbow assortment of his own kind. ~Robin Engleman & Joy West

Fabrics & Cutting

Body: Dark color
4 - 3 1/2" squares
7 - 3" squares
2 - 3 1/2" by 4" rectangles

Eyes: Black/ high contrast color
2 - 1 3/4" squares (Draw a diagonal sewing line on each of the squares from corner to corner.)



Background: Light contrast color
10 - 3" squares
4 - 3 1/2" squares (Draw a diagonal sewing line on each of the squares from corner to corner.)

Sewing instructions

All seam allowances are 1/4".

STEP 1: Eyes

• Take two of the 3" body squares and place a 1 3/4" eye piece at one corner of each. Sew on the diagonal line as shown (fig. 1). Trim to 1/4" and press open (fig. 2).

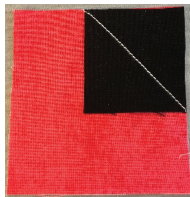


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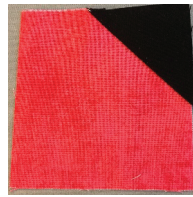


fig. 2

STEP 2: "Half Square Triangles"

• Pair the 3 1/2" background squares with the 3 1/2" body squares. Sew a seam 1/4" from each side of the drawn line. (fig. 3) Cut on the draw-line, press open the triangles and trim to 3" squares. This will make eight Half Square Triangles. (fig. 4)

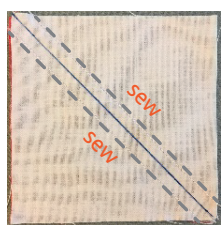
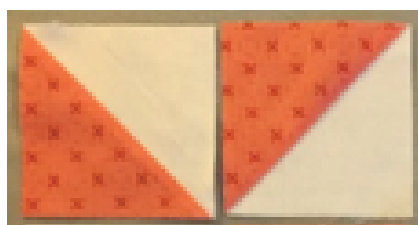


fig. 3



(fig. 4 - Eight blocks like these)

STEP 3: Crab Claws - "Wonky Triangle in a Square"

• Take the two - 3 1/2" x 4" rectangles and stack with wrong sides facing together, placed vertically.
• Make a mark 1/2" from the corner on the upper left and opposite lower right edges.
• Cut between these two marks.
These are your "claw" pieces.



fig. 5

Sewing instructions (Cont.)

STEP 3: Claws - "Wonky Triangle in a Square" (cont.)

• Take two 3" background squares and mark the center on the top and up 1/4" on the sides from the bottom corners. (fig. 6)

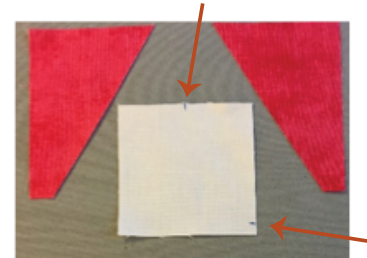


fig. 6 - Background square with two claw pieces

- Place one of the claw pieces face down along the marks (center and 1/4", fig. 7)
- Sew 1/4" along the edge of the body, press open (fig. 8)
- Flip over and trim using the background as a template (fig. 9).

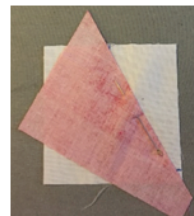


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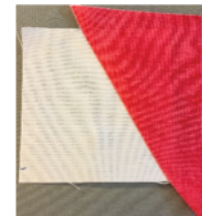


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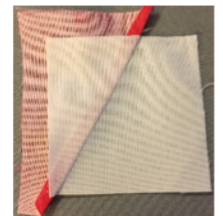


fig. 9



fig. 10

- Flip the square back to face up (fig. 10).
- Add the other claw piece to the opposite side of the square in the same way and press open (fig. 11-12)
- Again, trim to the edges of the background square. (fig. 13)



fig. 11



fig. 12

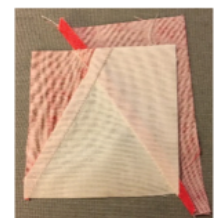


fig. 13

These blocks are "wonky" because they don't have to be precise! You will need 2 claws!



back



front

(fig. 14-15, Finished Claw "Triangle in a Square")

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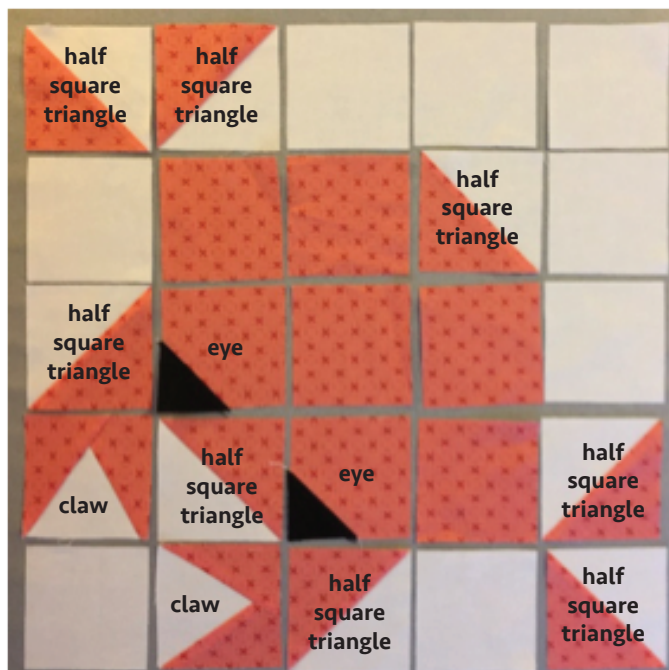
STEP 4: Assembly

- Layout your squares according to the layout picture and sew together.

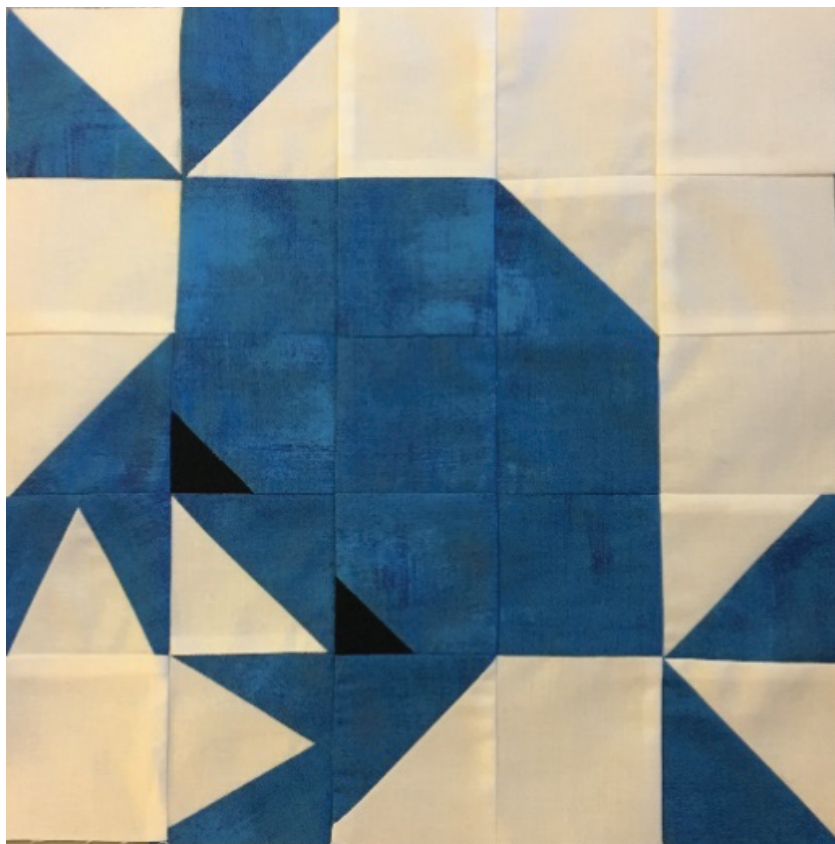
Helpful Hints

- As you go, carefully measure the distance across the squares. They should be 2.5" finished.
- Try to match up the seams to each other. A pin placed perpendicular to the edge through both seams can help keep blocks aligned while sewing.
- Alternate pressing the seams to one side to reduce the number of layers that come together at the corners.

Have fun! Make Crafty Crab in all sorts of colors!



Finished block should measure about 12.5 - 13" inch square.
(12 - 12.5" block with 1/4" seam allowance all the way around.)



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(<https://tinyurl.com/y99wbfgy>)
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