

## **APRIL BOM - CRAZY EIGHTS**

Only 2 more blocks to go and this season's BOM will be over. I hope you have enjoyed these Disappearing Blocks as much as I have.

April's Block creates a bit of an optical illusion; a figure 8. For those who have been making all the blocks, you will note that this one starts the same as the January block with a disappearing hour glass. Here we go !



### **Step 1.**

You will need 4 matching HST that each measure 7" square. There are lots of ways to do this. Here is the method I used for the block. Cut 1 light square 11 inches & 1 dark square 11 inches.

### **Step 2.**

Place squares right sides together and sew 1/4" around the outside edge. Press flat.

### **Step 3.**

Cut sewn square on the diagonals. Open and press to dark side. Presto ! 4 HST. Trim or square to 7 inches

\* Again, there are many ways to make HST. \*  
\*Use what works best for you to make four 7" HST. \*



**Step 4.**

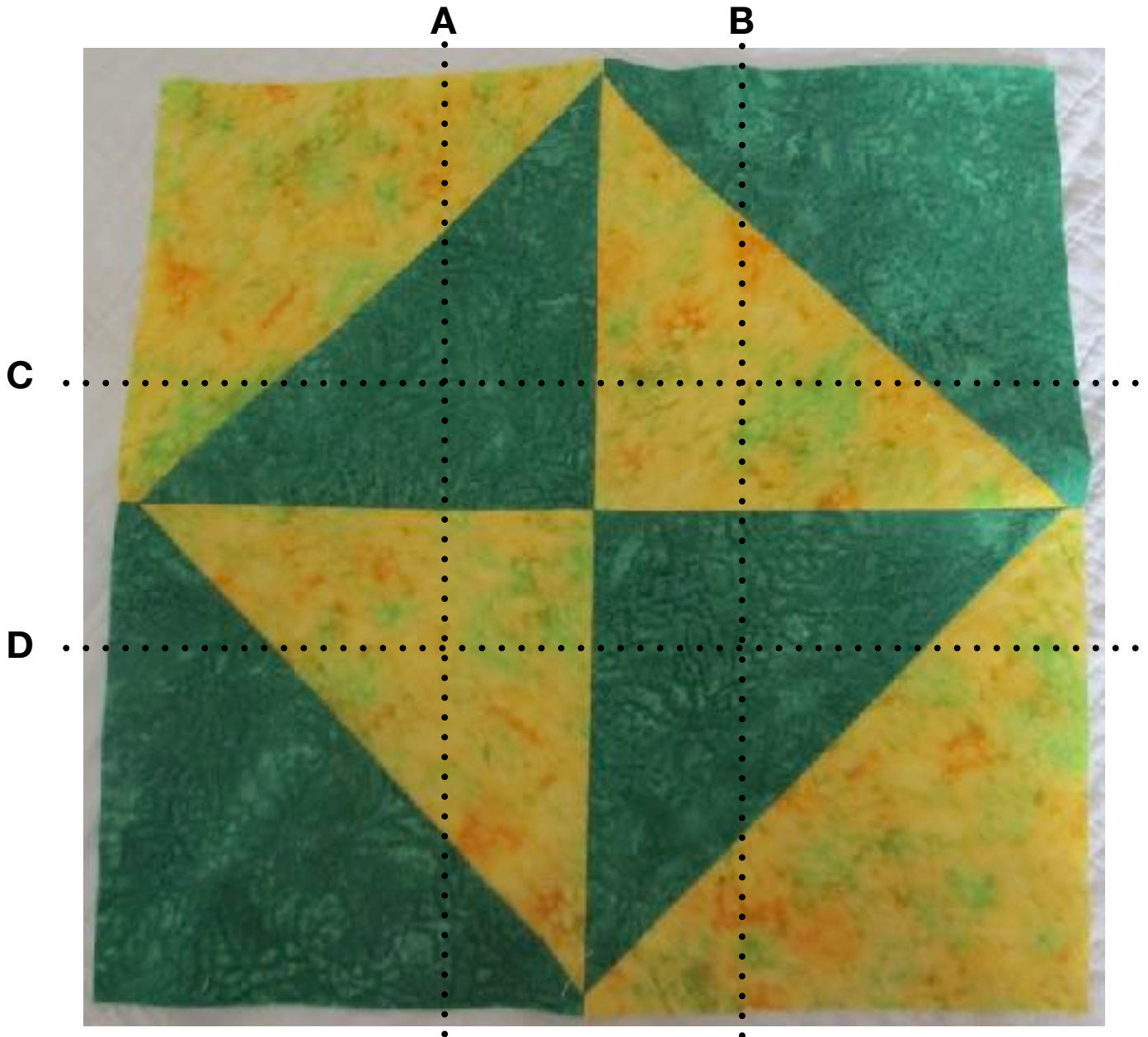
Lay out 4 HST in an Hour Glass pattern and sew together as a 4-patch. Press seams open. Your block should measure 13.5 inches square. Trim if needed



**Step 5.**

Now we divide the block into 9 equal parts. To do that, make 2 vertical cuts (A & B) 2.25 inches from the center horizontal seam.

Repeat with 2 cuts (C & D) 2.25 inches from the center horizontal seam.



## **Step 6**

Now to rearrange the 9 sections. It looks tricky but take it slowly, step by step and you'll be fine.



First, turn the center 4-patch a 1/4 turn clockwise.



Now turn the 2 side arrows so they point to the center 4-patch. The top & bottom arrows DO NOT move.



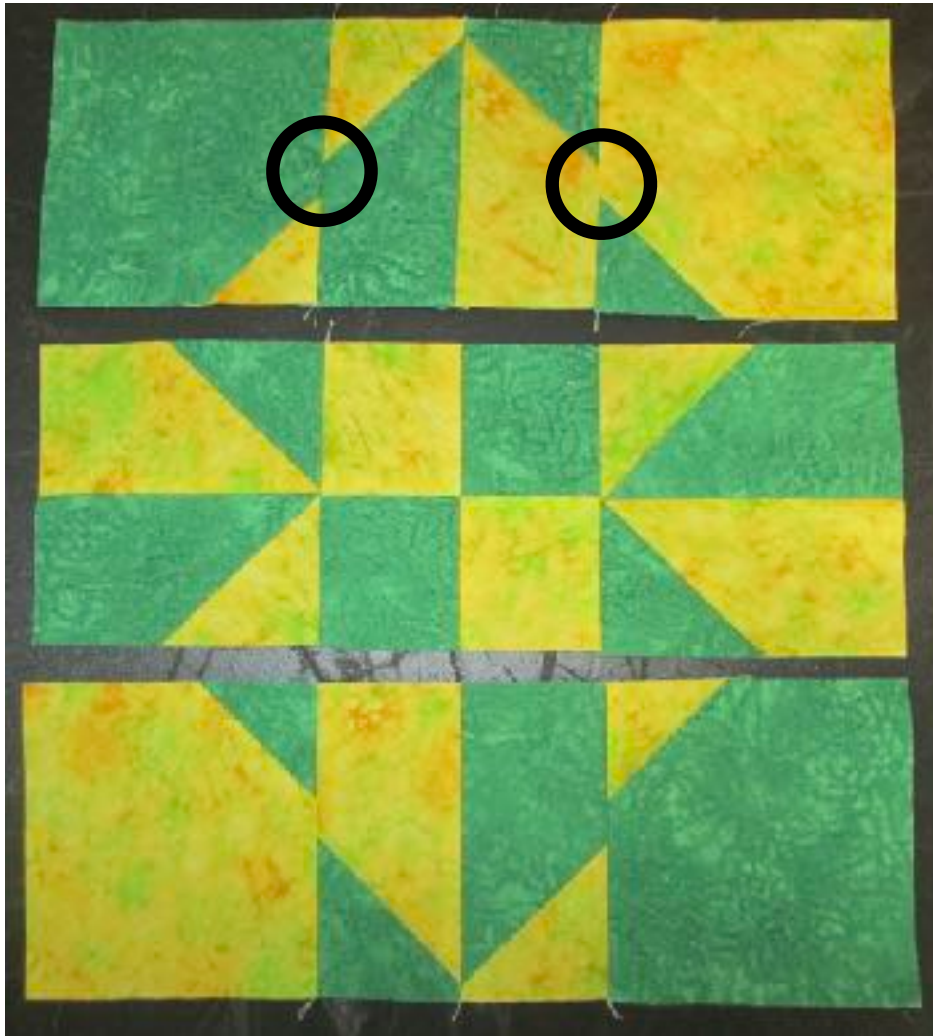
Finally, swap the left 2 corner pieces with each other.

Then swap the right 2 corner pieces with each other.



**Step 7**

Sew the pieces together as a 9-patch. Please note that the diagonal parts will not match.



**Step 8**

Give yourself a round of applause ! You did it !

