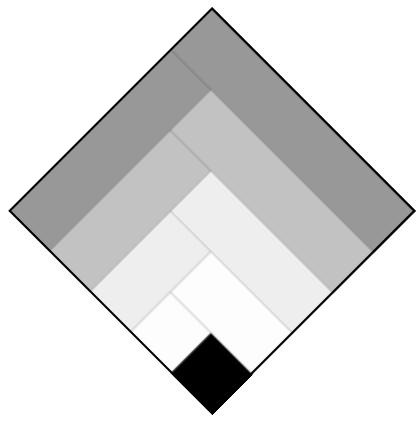


Have A Little Faith PATTERN



Block 1: Mustard Seed



What does a mustard seed have to do with faith?

“...For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.” **Matthew 17:20**

“Another parable he [Jesus] put before them, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown, it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’” **Matthew 13:31-32** The Oxford Annotated Bible, with the Apocrypha, Expanded Edition, 1977.

In both verses, Jesus strikes an analogy between faith and the mustard seed. Like a mustard seed, faith starts out small. We each begin as a tiny seed, growing in our mother's womb. In time, like a mustard seed, we grow and develop and realize our responsibility to care for and shelter others, according to God's plan for us. Our faith and love of God grows just like that. It begins small, like a mustard seed, through our baptism. Children sing, “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,” loudly and vehemently professing their mustard seed of faith and their love of God. The mustard seed continues to grow as we grow in our love of God and service to others. Through adolescence, we begin to grow in character, branching out like a mustard bush. In time, our mustard bush blooms and becomes a tree; we marry and have children and grandchildren. We are responsible for sharing our faith and love with our family, our friends, and, most importantly, we must share it with others. Love and faith grow when love and faith are shared with others.

The mustard seed grows into a tree that provides shelter for birds and other animals. We too, must share our faith with others, providing love and care for those who need it. Even with the smallest of efforts, we can plant a mustard seed of faith, and that faith will bloom eternally with God. What mustard seed will you sow today?

Pattern for a 5" finished block—All seams are 1/4".

Pressing directions are indicated.

Fabric needed for one block & Cutting instructions	
Fabric 1	Fat 1/16th or scrap (1) 1-1/2" square
Fabric 2	Fat 1/16th or scrap (1) 1-1/2" square (1) 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" rectangle
Fabric 3	Fat 1/16th or scrap (1) 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" rectangle (1) 1-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangle
Fabric 4	Fat 1/16th or scrap (1) 1-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangle (1) 1-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangle
Fabric 5	Fat 1/16th or scrap (1) 1-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangle (1) 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangle

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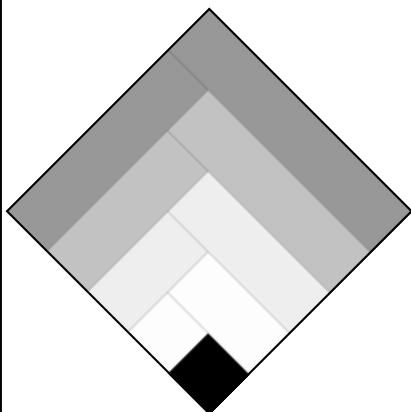
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Instructions

1. Stitch the 1-1/2" Fabric 2 square to the left side of the 1-1/2" Fabric 1 square. Press toward the Fabric 2 square.
2. Stitch the 2-1/2" Fabric 2 rectangle to the top of the unit from Step 1. Press toward the 2-1/2" rectangle.
3. Stitch the 2-1/2" Fabric 3 rectangle to the left side of the unit from Step 2. Press toward the 2-1/2" Fabric 3.
4. Stitch the 3-1/2" Fabric 3 rectangle to the top of the unit from Step 3. Press toward the 3-1/2" Fabric 3.
5. Stitch a 3-1/2" Fabric 4 to the left side of the unit from Step 4. Press toward the 3-1/2" Fabric 4.
6. Stitch a 4-1/2" Fabric 4 to the top of the unit from Step 5. Press toward the 4-1/2" Fabric 4.
7. Stitch a 4-1/2" Fabric 5 to the left of the unit from Step 6. Press toward the 4-1/2" Fabric 5.
8. Stitch a 5-1/2" Fabric 5 to the top of the unit from Step 7. Press toward the 5-1/2" Fabric 5.

Your unfinished block should measure 5-1/2".

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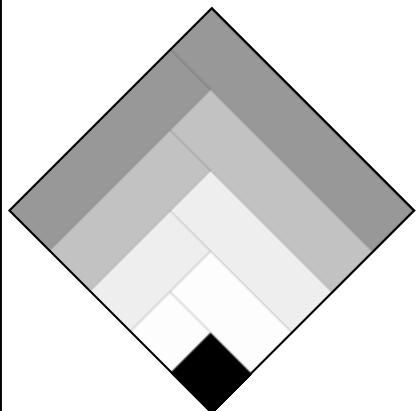
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I chose the Chevron to represent the mustard seed. The initial square (at the bottom of the block) is small, like the mustard seed, but grows and branches out to form a sheltering tree. In the same way the top rows of the chevron block shelter the tiny mustard seed below.

The space below is provided for your personal reflection.



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