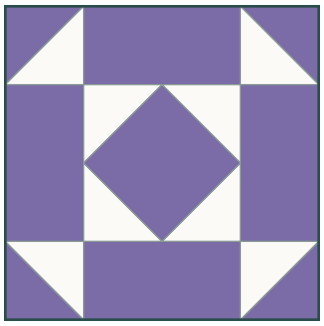
A QUILTPLAN BLOCK PATTERN

AIDEN COURT

A framed center, with every point turned inward.



17 pieces, 2 fabrics

A Puss in the Corner variation where the plain center becomes a square-in-a-square, framed by four rectangles and four half-square triangle corners. Only two fabrics, and every Accent triangle points in toward the middle, so the eye goes straight to the center.

SKILL Confident beginner

SEAMS ¼" throughout

SIZES 8", 12" and 16" finished



Cutting

Cut, for one block	8"	12"	16"
① Accent: cut 2 squares, for triangles For half-square triangles, two at a time with the Main squares. Trim each to half an inch bigger than a finished corner.	3" sq	4" sq	5" sq
② Accent: cut 2 squares, for triangles Cut each once on the diagonal: 4 triangles for the center. A little big on purpose; the center is trimmed to size.	3¼" sq	4¼" sq	5¼" sq
3 Main: cut 4 rectangles Side rectangles.	2½" × 4½"	3½" × 6½"	4½" × 8½"
4 Main: cut 2 squares, for triangles For half-square triangles, two at a time with the Accent squares.	3" sq	4" sq	5" sq
5 Main: cut 1 square The center, set on point. Cut exactly this size, never bigger: trimming would cut its points off.	3 3/8" sq	4¾" sq	6 1/8" sq

Fabric, for one block

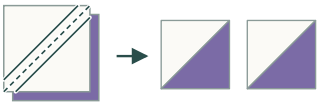
Buy at least	8"	12"	16"
■ Main	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
☐ Accent	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd

Worked out the way QuiltPlan's shopping list does it: 42" of usable width, 15% for waste, rounded up to the quarter yard. For a whole quilt, place the block in the app and it totals every block for you.

Good to know

- If the Main is much darker than the Accent and shows through the center's triangles, press those seams open instead.
- The center is QuiltPlan's Square in a Square. Its own guide has the cut sizes for every size of unit and more about trimming it true.
- **Why these sizes?** At 8", 12" and 16", a piece or two does not land on an eighth inch and is rounded to one; the steps say where to trim. At other sizes the app still works out the cutting for you.
- **Want a different size or a whole quilt?** Aiden Court is in QuiltPlan's block library. Place it on a quilt and the app gives you the cut list, the yardage and the shopping list for every block at once.

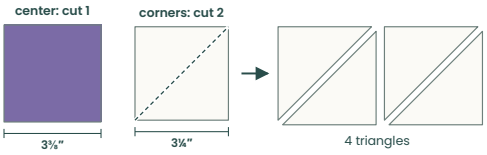
Sewing it



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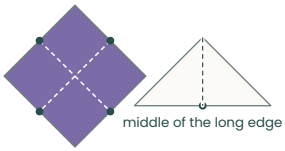
1 · Make the 4 corners

Draw a line from corner to corner on the back of each (1) square. Lay each one on a 4 square, right sides together, and sew a quarter inch either side of the line. Cut on the line and press toward the Main. Two pairs make 4 corners. Trim each to 2½" for an 8" block, 3½" for 12" and 4½" for 16", with the seam running exactly corner to corner.



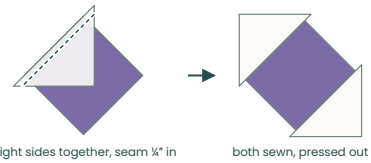
2 · Cut the center pieces

The center is a square in a square. Cut each (2) square once from corner to corner to make 4 triangles. The 5 square is the center itself, already cut to its exact size.



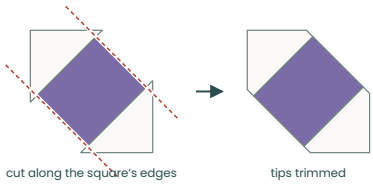
3 · Find the middles

Fold the 5 square in half both ways and finger-press. Crease the middle of each triangle's long edge. That edge is cut on the bias and stretches, so handle it by its corners and do not iron it.



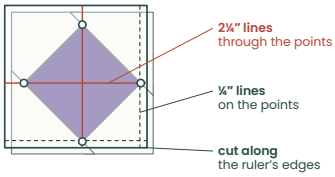
4 · Sew two opposite triangles

Lay a triangle on one side of the square, right sides together, long edges matched and creases lined up, so the tips hang past each end by the same amount. Sew with a quarter inch seam. Sew a triangle to the opposite side the same way. Press toward the triangles.



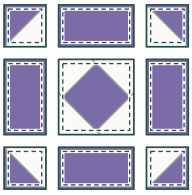
5 · Trim the tips, then add the last two

Trim the tips that stick out past the square's other two sides, level with those sides. Sew the last two triangles to the remaining sides the same way and press toward the triangles. The unit is a little big on purpose.



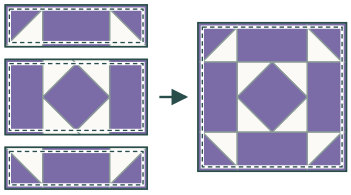
6 · Trim the center

Trim the center to 4½" for an 8" block, 6½" for 12" and 8½" for 16". Lay a square ruler on it so the ruler's lines at half that size run through the points of the Main square, top to bottom and side to side, and its quarter inch lines sit on two points. Trim those two sides, turn the unit and trim the other two. Every point now sits a quarter inch from the edge, halfway along its side.



7 · Lay it out

Lay the pieces out in three rows. Top and bottom: a corner, a 3 rectangle lying flat, a corner. Middle: a rectangle standing up, the center, a rectangle standing up. Turn every corner so its Accent triangle points in toward the center. Every piece is half an inch bigger than it will finish, which the seams take up.



8 · Sew the rows, then the block

Sew each row, pressing every seam toward the rectangle. The seams of the top and bottom rows then point toward the middle, and the middle row's point out, so they nest where the rows meet. Join the three rows, pinning at those seams. The center's points land right on the seams around it. Before it is sewn into a quilt the block measures 8½" for an 8" block, 12½" for 12" and 16½" for 16".

Main Accent