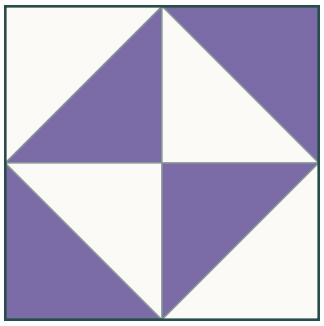
A QUILTPLAN BLOCK PATTERN

BROKEN DISHES

Four half-square triangles, turned into a diamond.



8 pieces, 2 fabrics

Four big half-square triangles and nothing else, turned so their seams make a diamond in the middle of the block, with Light and Dark trading places across it. Big pieces and one sewing method make it a good first block, and a good place to try two strongly contrasting fabrics.

SKILL Beginner

SEAMS ¼" throughout

SIZES 6", 8", 10" and 12" finished



Cutting

Cut, for one block	6"	8"	10"	12"
(1) Light: cut 2 squares, for triangles For half-square triangles, two at a time with the Dark squares. Trim each to half an inch bigger than its finished size.	4" sq	5" sq	6" sq	7" sq
2 Dark: cut 2 squares, for triangles For half-square triangles, two at a time with the Light squares.	4" sq	5" sq	6" sq	7" sq

Fabric, for one block

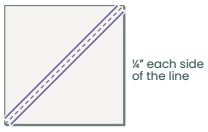
Buy at least	6"	8"	10"	12"
☐ Light	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
■ Dark	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd

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

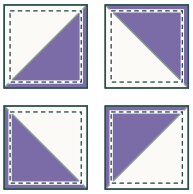
- Big half-square triangles have long bias seams. Press with an up and down motion rather than sliding the iron, so they stay square.
- Turning the finished blocks as they go into a quilt changes the pattern where four blocks meet, so lay out a few before you sew them together.
- **Why these sizes?** At 6", 8", 10" and 12" every piece of this block lands on a ruler line. At other sizes the app still works out the cutting for you.
- **Want a different size or a whole quilt?** Broken Dishes 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.

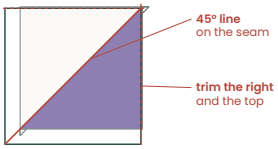
Sewing it



1 · Make 4 half-square triangles

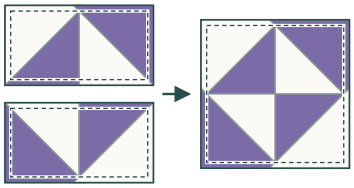
Draw a line corner to corner on the back of each (1) square. Lay each on a (2) square, right sides together, sew a quarter inch either side of the line, cut on the line and press toward the Dark. Two pairs make 4. Follow the Half-Square Triangles guide.





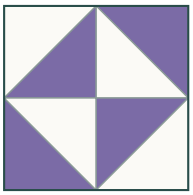
2 · Trim them

Lay a square ruler's 45 degree line on the seam, trim two sides, turn the unit, line the cut edges up and trim the other two. Each measures 3½" for a 6" block, 4½" for 8", 5½" for 10" and 6½" for 12", the seam running exactly into two opposite corners.



3 · Lay them out

Two rows of two, turned so the four seams make a diamond whose points touch the middle of each side. Light fills the outer corners at top left and bottom right, Dark the other two.



4 · Sew the rows

Sew the top pair and the bottom pair with a quarter inch seam. Press the top row's seam to the right and the bottom row's to the left, so the two nest at the center.

5 · Join the rows

Nest the center seams, pin there and sew. Press the long seam to one side, or open for a flatter center. The block measures half an inch more than it will finish.

Light Dark

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