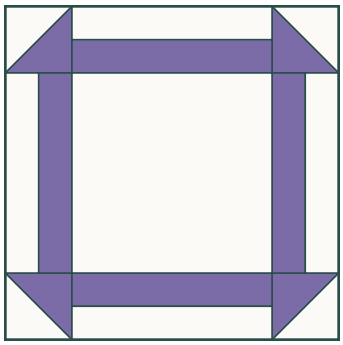
A QUILTPLAN BLOCK PATTERN

CHURN DASH

the Picture Frame Churn Dash: a big center, framed



17 pieces, two fabrics

A traditional block named for the paddles of an old butter churn. This version gives the center **three fifths** of the block, which makes it a frame: a good home for a favorite print, a bit of embroidery, or a label.

SKILL Confident beginner

YOU'LL MAKE 4 half-square triangle corners, 4 side bars from a strip set, 1 center

SEAMS ¼" throughout

SIZES 5", 10", 15" and 20" finished



Cutting

Cut, for one block	5"	10"	15"	20"
☐ Background center square, cut 1	3½" sq	6½" sq	9½" sq	12½" sq
☐ Background triangle squares, cut 2	2" sq	3" sq	4" sq	5" sq
■ Main triangle squares, cut 2	2" sq	3" sq	4" sq	5" sq
Strips, 1 Background and 1 Main	1" × 14½"	1½" × 26½"	2" × 38½"	**2** of 2½" × 25¼"

The strip set is cut **½" longer** than its four side bars need, so you can square up its end first. At 20" one strip would be longer than your fabric is wide, so cut two of each instead.

As you go

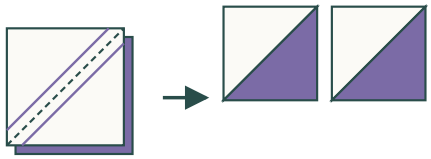
Sizes along the way	5"	10"	15"	20"
Trim each corner to	1½" sq	2½" sq	3½" sq	4½" sq
Crosscut 4 side bars at	1½" × 3½"	2½" × 6½"	3½" × 9½"	4½" × 12½"
Block before sewing in	5½" sq	10½" sq	15½" sq	20½" sq

Fabric, for one block

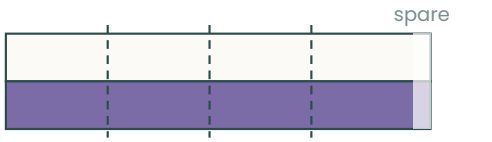
Cut a strip across the fabric	5"	10"	15"	20"
☐ Background	3½" strip 1/8 yd	6½" strip ¼ yd	11½" strip 3/8 yd	17½" strip ½ yd
■ Main	2" strip 1/8 yd	3" strip 1/8 yd	6" strip ¼ yd	10" strip 3/8 yd

Buy at least the amount shown. Strips are measured across a 40" usable width of fabric. For several blocks, the cutting chart times the number of blocks is the truest guide, and QuiltPlan works it out for you.

Sewing it



x2 pairs = 4 corners



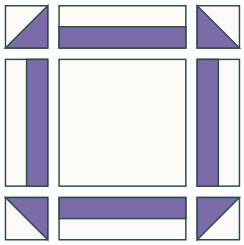
cut 4 side bars, each as long as the center square is cut

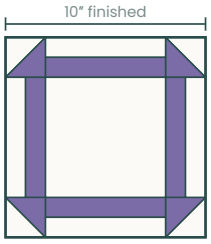
1 · Make the corners

Draw a diagonal line on the back of each **Background** triangle square. Lay each on a **Main** triangle square, right sides together, and sew ¼" either side of the line. Cut on the line and press toward Main. Two pairs make 4 corners. **Trim each** to the size in the chart, with the diagonal running exactly corner to corner.

2 · Make the side bars

Sew the **Background** and **Main** strips together along their long edges and press toward Main. Square up one end, then cut **4 side bars**, each as long as your center square was cut (the chart has the size).





3 · Lay it out

Three rows. Top and bottom: a corner, a side bar, a corner. Middle: a side bar, the center, a side bar. Every Main triangle points in toward the center, and every side bar has its **Main half against the center**.

4 · Sew the rows, then the block

Sew each row. Press the top and bottom rows toward the side bars, and the middle row toward the side bars too: the seams then lie opposite each other where the rows meet. Join the rows, nesting those seams. The block measures ½" more than its finished size before it is sewn into a quilt.

Good to know

- **Why these four sizes?** The corners are a fifth of the block, so only multiples of 5 land every piece on a ruler line. At 12", a corner would finish at 2.4".
- **Trimming is where it gets accurate.** The triangle squares are cut a little big on purpose; trimming them is what makes the points meet.
- **Want a different size or a whole quilt?** Churn Dash 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.

☐ **Background**, the center, the outer half of each side bar and the outer half of each corner

■ **Main**, the dash: the inner half of every side bar and corner