

VIRTUAL HUGS AND KISSES

HST CLASS PATTERN

"This pattern was created in the midst of the COVID crisis. I dedicate this to all the family and friends we have been unable to hug and kiss in person." Carla

The colors chosen for this version of the quilt have meaning:

White - Hope that things will get better again

Grey - Sadness for those we have lost

Green - Good health we wish for everyone

Turquoise - Compassion for those struggling

Purple - Creativity to help us endure



The Half Square Triangle is the easiest of the Shortcut Sheet methods - but precision when cutting and sewing a consistent 1/4" seam allowance is critical. Go to kitsbycarla.com - store - *Shortcut Sheets* to download the instructions for how to test on each of your sewing machines.

Virtual Hugs and Kisses consists of 2 blocks with 'kiss' blocks that bleed into the first border alternating with 'hug' blocks. Only 3-1/2" HSTs and squares are used for the blocks. The instructions on the back show how to make a 'sheet' of HSTs - simply cut the sheet into units to get all the fabric combinations at the same time.

Shortcut Sheet Tips

- Sew an accurate and consistent 1/4" seam allowance
- Reduce stitch length
- Always press seams **open**, very flat and very straight
- Do not hang uncut sheets on a design wall as this may cause the sheet to stretch

Step 1 - Cut Fabric

	HSTs	Squares and Rectangles	Total Yards
A	(4) 3" x WOF	(4) 3-1/2" x WOF	1 Yard
B	(5) 3" x WOF		2/3 Yards
C	(2) 3" x WOF		1/4 yard
D		(2) 3-1/2" x WOF	1/4 yard
E	(1) 3" x WOF	(4) 3-1/2" x WOF	1/2 yards

Step 2 - Make HST Units

Follow the directions on the back.

Step 3 - Assemble Blocks

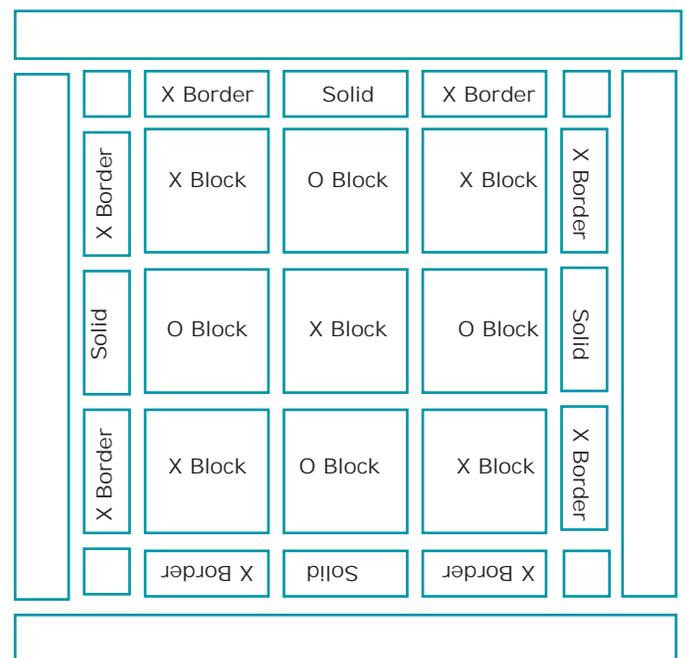
Follow the directions on the back.

39" x 39"



Step 4 - Assemble Top

Layout the blocks as shown in the diagram. Add a 3-1/2" outside border of fabric A.



Step 2 - Make HST Units

These instructions will show you how to make all the HST units from the same sheet. The final unit size will be 3-1/2" square.

Sew 12 strips together in the order shown on the right. Press seams *open*.

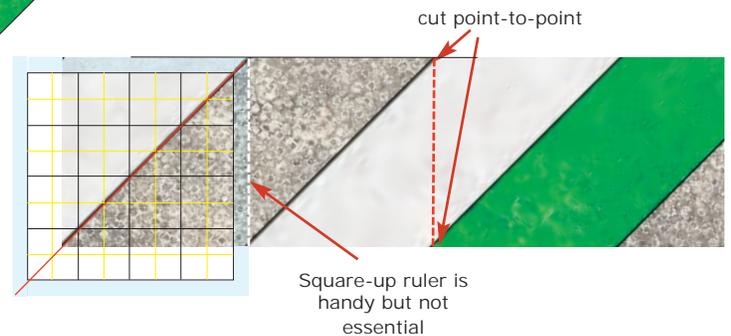
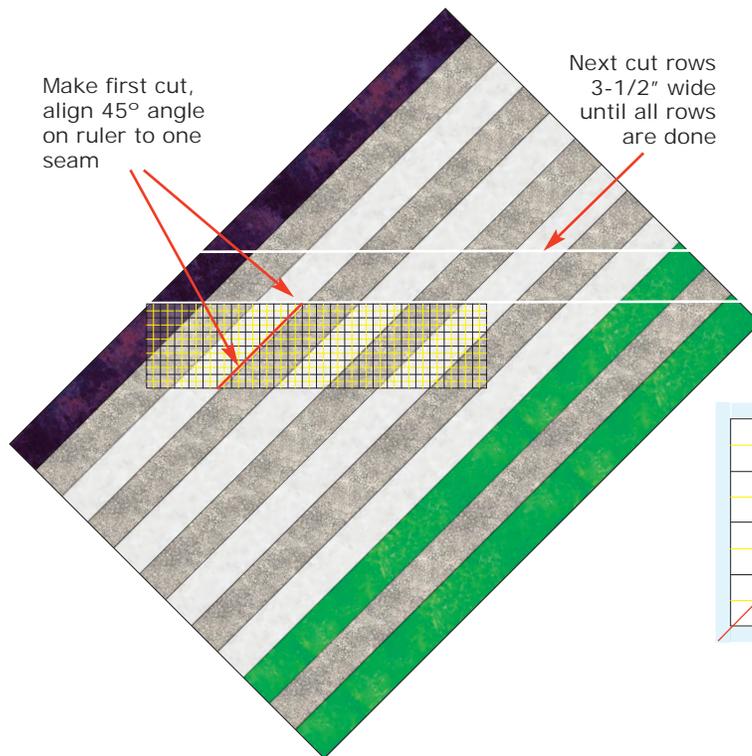
Position your 24" quilting ruler with the 45° angle on one of the seams and cut all the way across.

Then cut 3-1/2" rows. Check every few rows to make sure your cut is an accurate 45° angle. Adjust the cutting edge if needed.

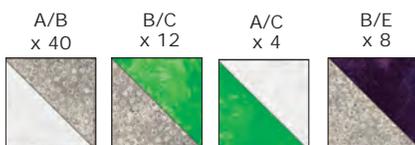
Finally cut your rows into units by positioning your ruler from the top triangle to the bottom.

A square up ruler is handy. Depending on the accuracy of your seams, you may need to do a trim on one side.

Strip Width = 3" x Width of Fabric



Step 3 - Assemble Blocks



Make Nine Blocks

From the 3-1/2" strips of fabric E, cut the squares and rectangles in the quantities shown. Arrange units and sew together to make the number of blocks shown in the illustration. There may be units left over.

