

# Churn Dash Quilt Block

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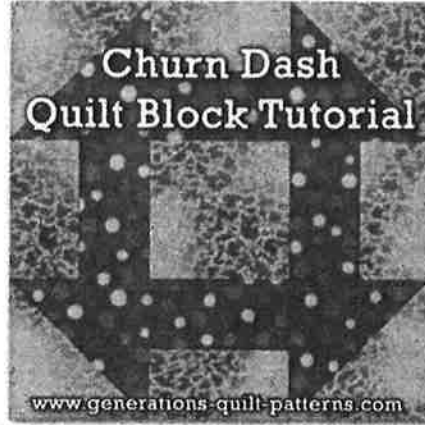
**Skill Level:** Beginner

**Grid:** 3x3

The Churn Dash quilt block is fun to put together with just half square triangles, simple strip pieced squares and solid squares.

It makes a great block for quilting bee and guild exchanges—quick to whip up at the last minute if needed—because of its simplicity.

There are enough pieces in the block design to switch up the fabric placement and come up with radically different looking blocks.



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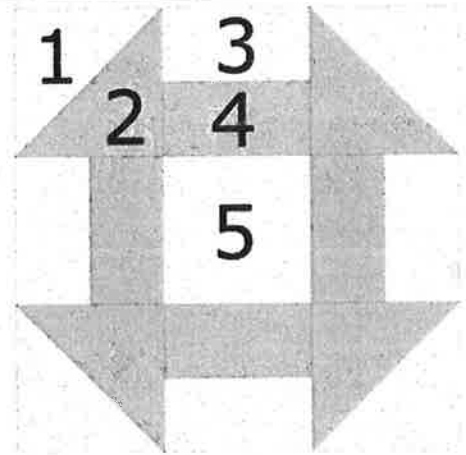
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Two fabrics and simple piecing are all it takes for this block.

I prefer to starch my fabric before cutting. I find that both my cutting and piecing are more accurate that way.

I cut my HST patches a bit bigger than the dimensions in the chart, stitch the units and then cut them to size.

Perfect HST every time!



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Patch	Fabric	Qty	Finished Block Size				
			3"	4 1/2"	6"	7 1/2"	9"
1**	L	2	1 7/8" x 1 7/8"	2 3/8" x 2 3/8"	2 7/8" x 2 7/8"	3 3/8" x 3 3/8"	3 7/8" x 3 7/8"
2**	D	2	1 7/8" x 1 7/8"	2 3/8" x 2 3/8"	2 7/8" x 2 7/8"	3 3/8" x 3 3/8"	3 7/8" x 3 7/8"
3	L	1	1" x 7"	1 1/4" x 9"	1 1/2" x 11"	1 3/4" x 13"	2" x 15"
4	D	1	1" x 7"	1 1/4" x 9"	1 1/2" x 11"	1 3/4" x 13"	2" x 15"
5	L	1	1 1/2" x 1 1/2"	2" x 2"	2 1/2" x 2 1/2"	3" x 3"	3 1/2" x 3 1/2"
Unfinished Block Size			3 1/2"	5"	6 1/2"	8"	9 1/2"
Grid Size			1"	1 1/2"	2"	2 1/2"	3"

I would cut (2) 4" squares and sew a HST; then trim down to 3 1/2 squares

Sew strips together & cut into 3 1/2 segments

\*\*I prefer to cut my patches extra large for HST, stitch, and then trim them to size. If you prefer to do the same, add a bit extra to the measurements for Patches #1 and #2 above.

There is a chart further down in these instructions where you need it for trimming them to size.

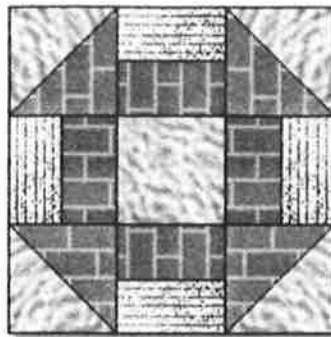


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This makes a 12" block!

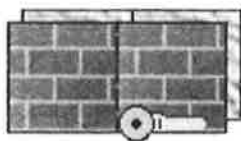
This Block is traditionally done in two colors...I am showing it in three to help you see the emerging patterns you may see when it is pieced!



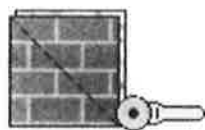
3 Blocks x 4 Blocks with a 2" border makes a perfect Project Linus Quilt Sized Quilt!

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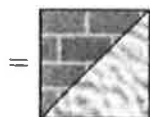
## \*\* Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block \*\*



Stack the Color 1 and Color 3 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strips, and using a rotary cutter, cut these together into two 4-7/8" squares of each...



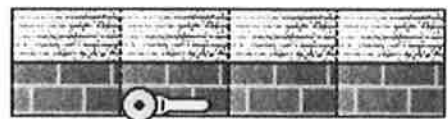
Using the old rotary cutter again, cut the 4 4-7/8" squares on the diagonal, being careful not to stretch the fabrics...



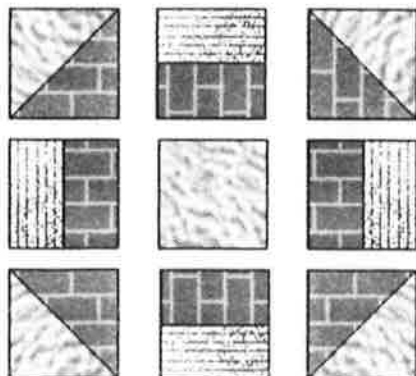
Next, sew these triangles together, right sides together, using scant 1/4" seams to form four of these half squares. Press seams towards darker fabrics. Trim to 4-1/2" if needed...



Then, right sides together, sew the two 2-1/2" x 18" strips along one long edge using scant 1/4" seams. Press seams towards darker fabrics...



Cut the resultant strip at 4-1/2" intervals into four 4-1/2" square pieced sections...



...and now sew all of these together, same 1/4" scant seams, in the order shown at left!

=Churn Dash! ---->

