

Tumbling Blocks

Easy Method

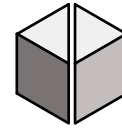
This is an easier version of the tumbling blocks pattern. Y-seam intersections are avoided by splitting the light colored rhombuses into 2 equilateral triangles.

This design is made up of 85 whole cubes and 29 partial cubes, cut from 60 different colors. A whole cube has 2 rhombuses cut from a medium and dark color fabric and 2 equilateral triangles cut from a light color fabric. This kit contains 440 shapes that are separated into 20 individually packaged color groups. Each color group package has 22 shapes which include 5 dark rhombuses, 5 medium rhombuses, 10 light equilateral triangles, and 2 light right triangles. Use the Tumbling Blocks worksheet to plan the colors as follows: Divide the 20 color groups into 5 sets as shown on the worksheet. Since each set will be used to make all the partial cubes on one side of the quilt, it will be best to have a variety of colors in each set such as yellow, blue, violet, orange, and gray in one set.

Assemble as follows:

- Set 1 5 Color groups Make 5 whole cubes. Use the right triangles for the bottom edge.
- Set 2 5 Color groups Make 4 whole cubes, 1 left side half, 1 right side half. Use the right triangles for the bottom edge.
- Set 3 8 Color groups Make 4 whole cubes and 1 top edge cube.
- Set 4 1 Color groups Make 4 whole cubes and 1 left corner unit.
- Set 5 1 Color groups Make 4 whole cubes and 1 right corner unit.

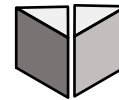
Whole cube
Make 85



Bottom edge
9 Pairs



Top edge cube
Make 8



Right side half
Make 5



Right corner
Make 1



Left side half
Make 5



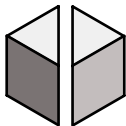
Left corner
Make 1



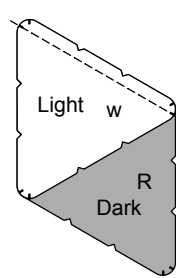
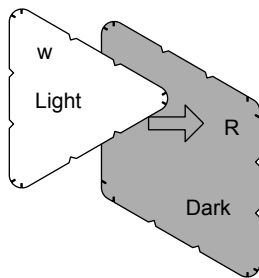
You will have 24 extra shapes.

Sewing Instructions

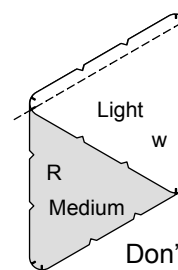
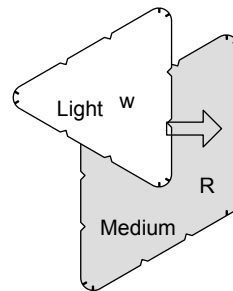
Whole cube
Make 85



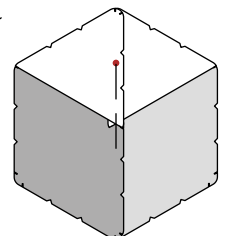
Left Half



Right Half



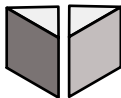
Whole cube



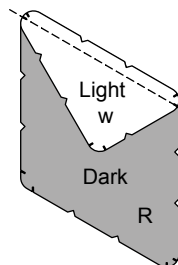
Don't sew the 2 halves together. Just pin together to assist in laying out the quilt.

Press all seams open.

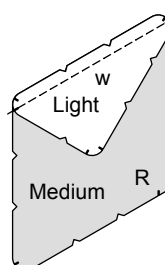
Top edge cube
Make 8



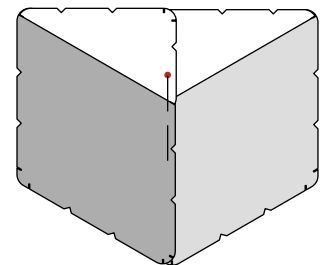
Left Half



Right Half



Top edge cube



Don't sew the 2 halves together. Just pin together to assist in laying out the quilt.

Press all seams open.

R = right side, W = wrong side

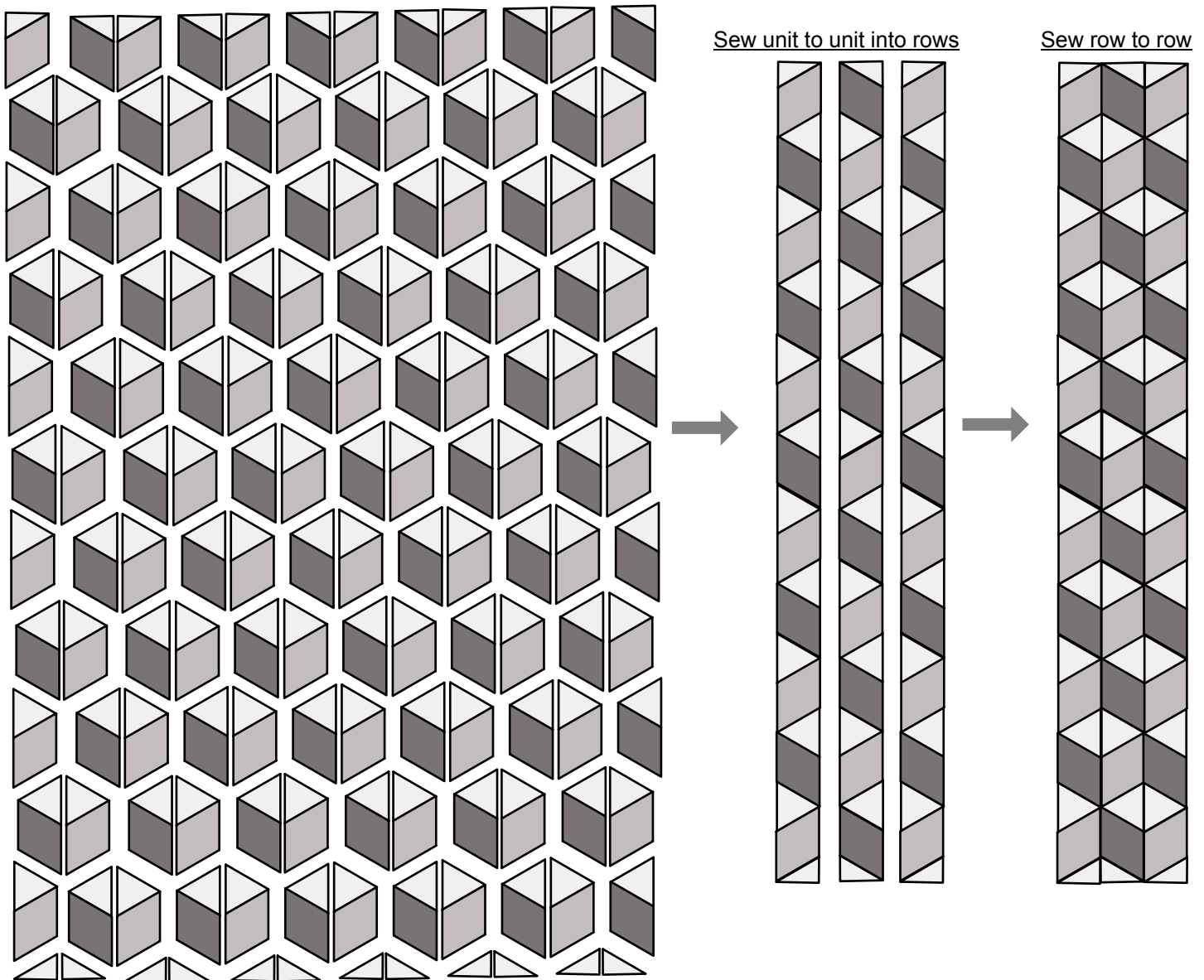
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From the 85 whole cubes, you will have 4 copies of every color group and 1 extra copy from set 1. Place the 5 extra aside. Make 4 piles, placing 1 of each color in each of the 4 piles so you have 20 cubes in each pile. The best way to randomize the cubes is to divide the quilt into 4 quadrants, dedicating one pile of cubes to each quadrant and working the extra 5 cubes in between the quadrants or at the bottom.

On a large table, arrange the first row with the 8 top edge units and 2 corner units. Arrange the first pile of cubes in the upper left quadrant, placing the colors that appear in row 1 toward the bottom of the quadrant. The goal is to have cubes of the same or similar color distributed randomly around the quilt. Arrange the bottom left quadrant, keeping the identical cubes sufficiently apart and random. Then lay out the right quadrants. Finally, add the side units and bottom edge pairs to the bottom.

Make any changes you wish to make now. Remove the pins from the whole cubes and top edge cubes. Sew the units together into vertical rows. Then sew the rows together. If your table is not large enough to fit all the shapes, work with just a quadrant or a half at one time, sewing the units into rows to make it easier to work with.

Lay out 9 whole cubes across (only 6 shown here) and 11 partial/whole cubes down. Then add the bottom right triangle pairs on the bottom.



Tumbling Blocks Worksheet Easy Method

Color Group	Hoffman Bali Watercolor Color Name		
	Dark	Medium	Light
Golden Yellow	Squash	Dandelion	Blonde Ale
Yellow	Buttercup	Citrine	March
Chartreuse	Herb	Leaf	Celadon
Yellow Green	Peter	Caterpillar	St Paddy
Spring Green	Cypress	Kelly	Parsley
Aqua Green	Stone Green	Betta Fish	Spearmint
Aqua Blue	Bayou	Aquarium	Seamist
Turquoise Blue	Riviera	Seasalt	Peacock
Cerulean Blue	Ocean Aquatic	Election Day	Azure
Blue	Sapphire	Bluejay	Bluebird
Blue-Violet	Marlin	Dragonfly	Cornflower
Violet	New Grape	Pansy	Tupelo
Red-Violet	Wild Berry	Punch	Lilly
Fuchsia	Cabernet	Magenta	Fuchsia
Magenta	Ruby	Raspberry	Hibiscus
Blue-Red	Cardinal	Lucy	Pink
Red	Red	Frank	Ballet Pink
Orange	Flame	Pumpkin	Cantaloupe
Brown	Adobe	Apricot	Creamsicle
Gray	Blacklight	Charcoal	February

Fill in the color groups for each set below.

	Color Group	Assembled Units							Shapes Needed			
		Whole Cube	Right Side	Left Side	Top Edge	Corner Left	Corner Right	Bottom Pair	RHOM	RHOM	ETRI	RTRI
									Dark	Medium	Light	Light
Set 1		5						1	5	5	10	2
		5						1	5	5	10	2
		5						1	5	5	10	2
		5						1	5	5	10	2
		5						1	5	5	10	2
Set 2		4	1	1				1	5	5	10	2
		4	1	1				1	5	5	10	2
		4	1	1				1	5	5	10	2
		4	1	1				1	5	5	10	2
		4	1	1				1	5	5	10	0
Set 3		4			1				5	5	8	2
		4			1				5	5	8	2
		4			1				5	5	8	2
		4			1				5	5	8	2
		4			1				5	5	8	2
		4			1				5	5	8	2
		4			1				5	5	8	2
Set 4		4				1			4	5	8	2
Set 5		4					1		5	4	8	2
Total Pieces Required*		85	5	5	8	1	1	9	99	99	180	38

*There are 24 extra pieces in this kit