

BITS-N-PIECES - GENERAL EXCHANGE RULES

1. Let us work together, swap blocks with our quilting friends, and make some beautiful quilts! Using our "Bit-n-Pieces" we can do just that.
2. Use good quality 100% cotton fabric.
3. Do your best work!
4. Trim selvages off.
5. Accurate piecing begins with accurate cutting.
6. Use accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
7. Make a sample block first and measure!
8. Be open-minded.
9. Use your scrap fabrics!
10. Mix a large print with a small print, a floral with a geometric or a plaid with a paisley.
11. Even "uglies" will find a home - It's OK!
12. You will receive blocks made with different fabrics that you normally do not purchase or use and will add interest and excitement to your project.
13. Strip cutting and chain piecing allow you to make the same blocks faster than making individual scrap blocks.
14. Be sure you have good contrast between your light and dark fabric (your 12 blocks do not need to be all alike).
15. Package your blocks in sets of 12 in a large, clearly labeled, (name and phone number) zippy bag.
16. You make 12 blocks and will go home with 12 different blocks.
17. We will trade each month for 12 months resulting in 144 blocks.

Bits and Pieces - Monthly Block Exchange

Birds in the Air - 6" finished

Cutting for 12 blocks:

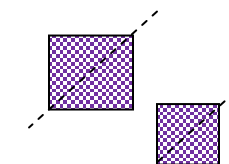
Dark

Cut 6 @ 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ " square.

Cut once diagonally

Cut 6 @ 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " square.

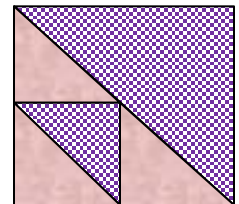
Cut once diagonally



Light

Cut 18 @ 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " square.

Cut once diagonally



1. This is a quick, versatile, and simple block which can be set in many ways and is also a basic unit to be used in a variety of other blocks.
2. Take care in sewing and pressing the bias seams. **Hint:** Use a "wooden iron" or finger press your seams placing the fabric on the cork-side of a placemat. The cork stabilizes the fabric and reduces the risk of stretching.
3. When sewing the large triangle to the pieced unit, sew "blind" with the large triangle on top. I know this sounds crazy as most people "aim for the intersection" to protect the point, but the seam will be straight if sewn "blind". I would rather have a straight seam and risk a nipped or floating point. If your seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ " (and do make a test block) you will be fine.

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