



Checkmate

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Finished Size: 12" square (12½" edge-to-edge)

Skill level: Intermediate

Fabrics used: Toscana texture by Northcott & Shadows by Banyan Batiks

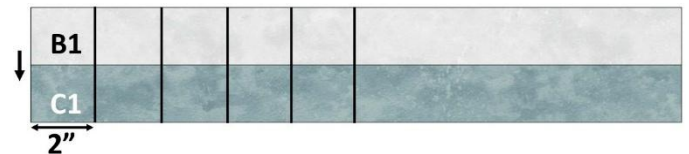
☒ = cut once diagonally

☒ = cut twice diagonally

Fabric	Cutting Instructions
A –queen, text (#81300-99 black)	◇ Cut (1) 3½" square (A1), (1) 2¾" square ☒ (A2), (2) 2⅝" squares ☒ (A3), (2) 2" squares (A4) and (6) 1¼" squares (A5). Use balance for letters.
B – dark squares (#9020-44 atmosphere)	◇ Cut (2) 2" x wof strips OR (3) 2" x wofq strips (B1), (1) 2¾" square ☒ (B2), (2) 2" squares (B3), (2) 2" x 1¼" pieces (B4) and (2) 1¼" squares (B5)
C –light squares (#9020-90 vapor)	◇ Cut (2) 2" x wof strips OR (3) 2" x wofq strips (C1), (1) 2¾" square ☒ (C2), (3) 2" squares (C3) and (2) 2" x 1¼" pieces (C4)
Wonder-Under fusible web	◇ Using the letter templates, trace the words CHECKMATE onto the paper side of Wonder-Under (the letters are already mirror-imaged for fusing).

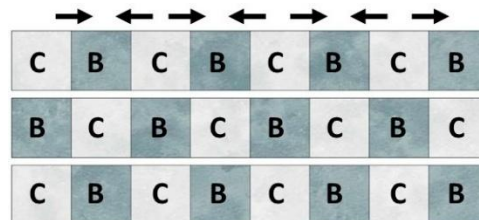
General Piecing: All seams are ¼" unless noted. Press seams toward darker fabric unless otherwise indicated.

1. Sew a C1 strip to each B1 strip along long edges; press seam toward B and cut into (24) 2" units.

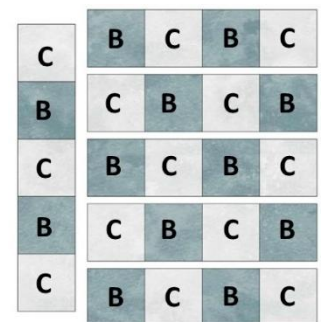


2. Sew B1/C1 units into (3) 4-unit segments and (6) 2-unit segments.

3. Sew the 4-unit segments together into a 3x4 section, alternating the placement of B as shown.



4. Sew the 2-unit segments together into a 5x4 section as shown, alternating the placement of B.



5. Add a C3 square to B end of remaining 2-unit segment and add segment to end of 5x4 section as shown.

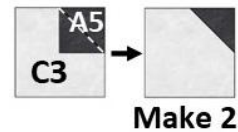
6. Sew a C4 to each B4 along short edges, pressing seam toward B. Add to opposite sides of A1 as shown.



7. Lay an A5 square face down in 2 adjacent corners of each B3 squares; sew diagonally from corner to corner, trim ¼" from seamline and press seam toward A. Sew to opposite sides of an A4 square.



8. Lay an A5 square face down in one corner of a C3 square; sew diagonally from corner to corner, trim ¼" from seamline and press seam toward A. Make 2 units. Sew to opposite sides of A4 square as shown.



9. Sew a C2 triangle to an A2 triangle. Add an A3 triangle to angled edge and press seam toward A3.



10. Sew a B2 triangle to an A2 triangle. Add an A3 triangle to angled edge and press seam toward A3. Lay a B5 square face down in A3 corner of unit, sew diagonally from corner to corner and press seam toward A.

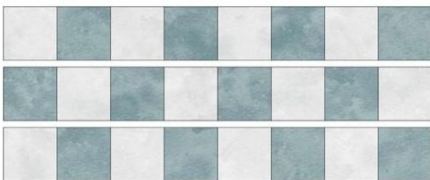
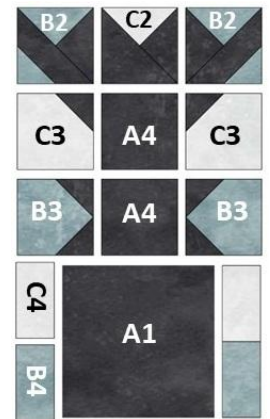


11. Similarly, make a mirror-image unit using the remaining B2, A2, A3 and B5 pieces.



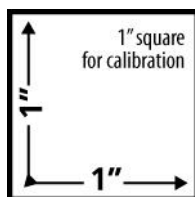
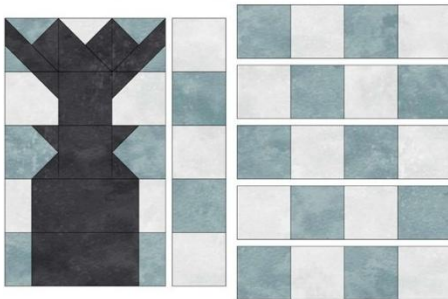
12. Arrange the units from steps 9, 10 and 11 in a row; sew together.

13. Sew the units from steps 12, 8, 7 and 6 together as shown at right; segment should measure 8" x 5".



14. Add to side of step 5 section, then add step 3 section to top edge. Block should measure 12½" square.

15. Fuse the Wonder-Under to the back of the Fabric A scraps. Cut along traced lines and fuse in place on block, using image as a guide.



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