



## Block of the Month Shoo Fly

### Cutting:

(4) 5 1/2 inch squares Color A (Background Fabric)

(2) 6 inch squares Color A (Background Fabric) oversize cut for Half- Square Triangles

(1) 5 1/2 inch square Color B ( Center Square)

(2) 6 inch squares Color B (Oversize cut for Half-Square Triangles)

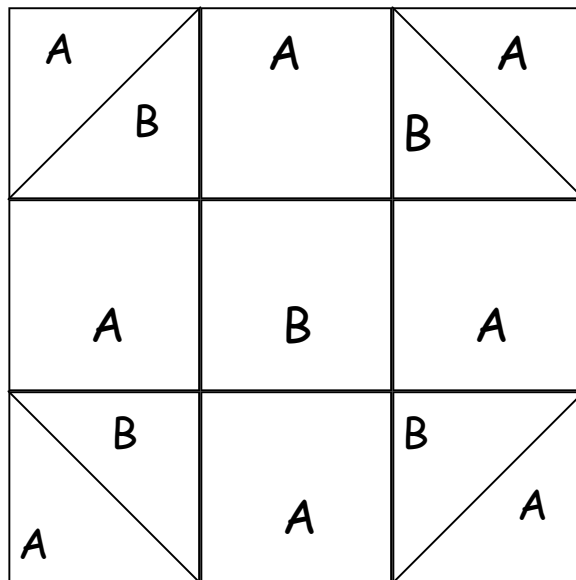
Follow the directions on the next page for making Half Square Triangles with the 2 Color A 6 inch squares and the 2 Color B 6 inch squares. Square up to 5 1/2 inches.

### Assembling the block:

Lay out the nine pieces following the illustration.

Sew the rows together and press, staggering the seams.

Check to see that the block is about 15 1/2 inches square.



## Half-Square Triangles

From 2 different fabrics, cut 1 square from each. To know how big to cut the squares, you decide what the FINISHED size of the block will be, and then cut the squares  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch bigger. For the Churn Dash, the finished size is 5 inches, so when I add  $\frac{7}{8}$  of an inch, I will cut the squares 5 and  $\frac{7}{8}$  inches. On the WRONG side of the lighter fabric, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner.

Place the 2 fabric squares right sides together.

Sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam on BOTH sides of the diagonal line.

Press lightly to set the seam.

Cut on the line you drew. You now have 2 half-square triangles.

Press seams to the darker color.

Square up each block. For the Churn Dash, square up to  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches. BE SURE TO LINE THE DIAGONAL SEAM LINE UP DIRECTLY WITH THE 45 DEGREE LINE