

Economy Block Directions and Chart

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Supplies:

- Fabric, coordinating thread, sewing machine
- Ruler, cutting mat, rotary cutter
- Iron and ironing board
- Masking tape
- Pins

Directions:

Start with the center square, then keep adding rounds to grow your block.

Before starting choose ONE column:

- The Very Beginner squares are a little larger and more forgiving (you'll trim away more)
- The Beginner squares are cut closer to exact size (less waste, more precision)

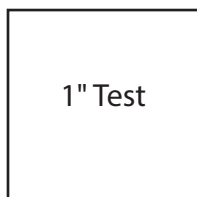
Either way, you'll:

1. Cut your (2) squares
2. Diagonally cut each square
3. Center (2) triangles right sides together on opposite sides of the unit
4. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam
5. Press
6. Trim dog ears
7. Center (2) triangles on the unit on remaining opposite sides
8. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam
9. Press
10. Trim the block down to the size shown before starting the next round

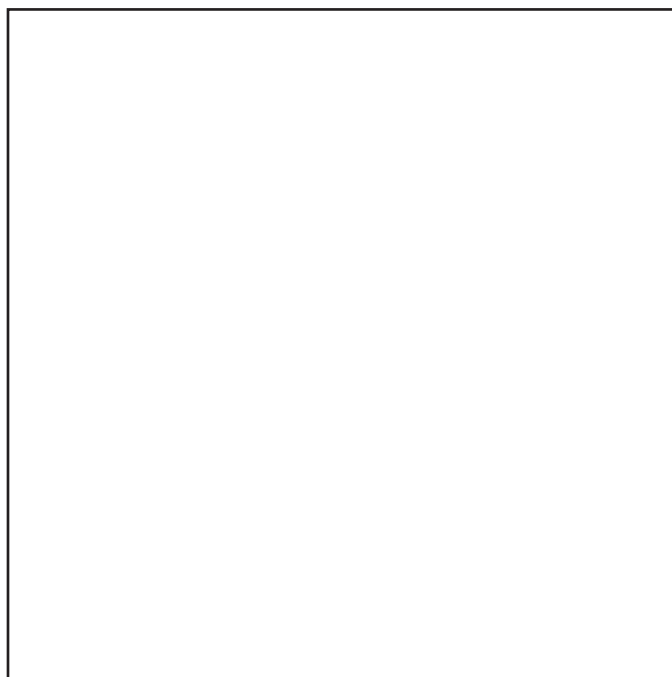
Economy Block Cutting Chart

Stage	Very Beginner (Cut 2 Squares)	Beginner (Cut 2 Squares)	Trim Block To	Notes
Center	(1 square) 3 ½" x 3 ½"	(1 square) 3 ½" x 3 ½"	No trimming	
Round 1	(2) squares 3 ½" x 3 ½"	(2) squares 3 ¼" x 3 ¼"	4 ¾" x 4 ¾"	
Round 2	(2) squares 4 ½" x 4 ½"	(2) squares 4 ¼" x 4 ¼"	6 ½" x 6 ½"	<i>STOP for a 6 ½" block</i>
Round 3	(2) squares 6" x 6"	(2) squares 6" x 6"	9" x 9"	
Round 4	(2) squares 7 ½" x 7 ½"	(2) squares 7 ½" x 7 ½"	12 ½" x 12 ½"	<i>STOP for a 12 ½" block</i>
Round 5	(2) squares 10 ¼" x 10 ¼"	(2) squares 10 ¼" x 10 ¼"	17 ½" x 17 ½"	
Round 6	(2) squares 13 ½" x 13 ½"	(2) squares 13 ½" x 13 ½"	24 ½" x 24 ½"	<i>STOP for a 24 ½" block</i>
Round 7	(2) squares 19" x 19"	(2) squares 19" x 19"	34 ½" x 34 ½"	
Round 8	(2) squares 26" x 26"	(2) squares 26" x 26"	49" x 49"	<i>STOP for a 49" block</i>

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