## 18" Block - SQUASH BLOSSOM



Start by cutting the medium fabric into $3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 28$ " strip into eight $3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares... Then cut the medium fabric $3-7 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 31^{\prime \prime}$ strip into eight $3-7 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ squares. Stack these and cut once on the diagonal to make sixteen Half Square Triangles...


Next, cut the dark fabric $3-7 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 7-3 / 4$ " strip into two $3-7 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ squares. Stack these and cut once on the diagonal to make four Half Square Triangles...


Now cut the light fabric $3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 42^{\prime \prime}$ strip into twelve $3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares...
Cut the light fabric 3-7/8" x 23-1/4" strip into six 3-7/8" squares. Stack these and cut once on the diagonal to make twelve Half Square Triangles...


Pair up the twelve light fabric and twelve of the medium fabric Half Square Triangles right sides together and edges aligned. Using a $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ seam allowance, now and throughout the block-making, sew together twelve Half Squares. Press seams of each to the darker side. These should measure $3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. Repeat this process with the last four medium fabric Half Square Triangles paired with the four dark fabric Half Square Triangles to make four more in that color arrangement.


Now lay out all units as shown at left. Still using that scant $1 / 4$ " seam allowance, sew six horizontal rows. Press seams in alternating direction by row. Join the rows together to complete your Squash Blossom block.

