

Jacob's Ladder

Fabric Requirements

This block is made from black fabric and a single coloured fabric – this should be the same fabric

throughout the block. The coloured fabric should be a bright solid or semi solid fabric including batiks, tone on tones or blenders; please do not use large / busy patterns or directional prints in this block.

Black – 1 strip 25" x 2.5" and 2 squares 5.5"

Colour - 1 strip 25" x 2.5" and 2 squares 5.5"

If you are working from scraps, the 25" x 2.5" strip can be substituted for 10 x 2.5" squares, however you will need to do this for your colour and black fabric, do not mix and match Strips and squares.



Assembly Instructions

1. Use a ¼" seam unless otherwise stated.

Making the 4 patch units

2. Sew the black and colour strips together along the long sides using a ¼" seam allowance and then press the seam towards the black fabric.



3. Check your new strip unit measures 4.5" high and adjust your seam allowance if necessary
4. Cut your 25" x 4.5" strip unit into 10 sub units each 2.5" x 4.5" as shown below



If you have used 2.5" squares, skip steps 1-3 and instead sew one black to each coloured square to give units that match those made in step 4. Press the seam towards the black fabric and check that each unit measures 4.5" before continuing to step 5.

5. Rotate 5 of these new units and sew each one to the side of the remaining 5 units to give a four-patch unit where the black and colour are on opposite diagonals. Press the seam to one side.



6. Check that your 4 patch units measure 4.5" square and adjust your seams or trim as required.

Set these aside until later.

Making the HST Units

7. Using an iron off or erasable marker, draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of both coloured squares from corner to corner.



8. Putting each coloured square on top of one black square, right sides together, sew a seam 1/4" either side of this line and then cut along the line
9. Open out these 4 HST units and press the seam towards the black fabric



10. Trim the HST units to 4.5" square, taking care to keep the diagonal seam at 45 degrees to the edges of the block – most rulers have a 45 degree line to help with this!

Final Assembly

11. Lay out your component units as shown below taking care that they are in the correct orientation



12. Sew each row of three units together to give 3 sections each 4.5" x 12.5", press the seams towards the HST units



13. Sew the three sections together to give a finished block 12.5" square, press the final seams open if possible and check your finished block measures 12.5" square.

