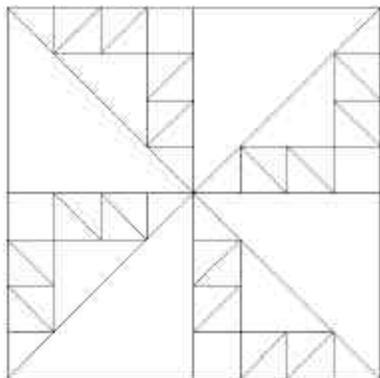


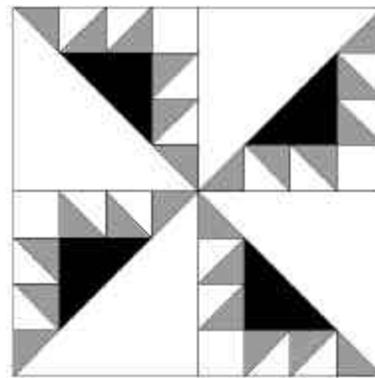
## Kansas Troubles

The BOM is a 12 inches finished block  
(12  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches edge to edge)

This Kansas Troubles block was first documented by the Ladies' Art Company in 1898, although it has been seen in quilts from the early 1800s. The spinning triangles could represent the blades of a windmill or the whirling of tornadoes. There are more than 25 variations on this block - from Bear's Paw and Indian Trails to Rambling Rose and the Barrister's Block.



Colour the block on the left with your own colour choices to help with the placement of the pieces.



Instructions are given for standard half-square triangle construction - or for construction with the Easy Angle ruler. Select the size of block you wish to make, and select the column depending on whether or not you will be using the ruler.

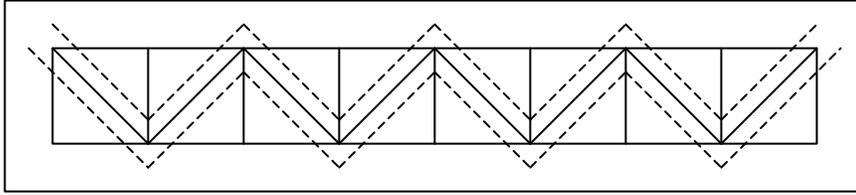
### Cutting:

Finished Size	10 inch	10 inch (Easy Angle)	12 inch	12 inch (Easy Angle)
Edge to Edge	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Background	2 - 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ in squares	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in strip	2 - 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ in. squares	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in strip
Background	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 19 in strip	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in strip	3 by 21 in strip	2 in strip
Background	4 - 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in squares		4 - 2 in squares	
Dark	2 - 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ in squares	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in strip	2 - 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ in squares	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in strip
Medium	4 - 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ in squares	-	4 - 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ in squares	-
Medium	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 19 in strip	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in strip	3 by 21 inch strip	2 in strip

This block includes a lot of triangles. Be gentle when you handle them as one side will be bias and may stretch as you work.

**Easy Angle ruler:** cut four triangles from the large background strip, and the dark strip. Layer the medium and smaller background strips right sides together together, and make 16 half square triangles. Then cut a further 8 triangles from the medium strip, and four squares from the background strip.

**Without Easy Angle:** cut the background and dark squares diagonally once. You need 16 half square triangles of the medium and background. So, following the diagram ...

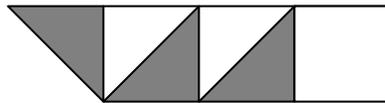


On the background strip, draw 8 squares ( $2 \frac{1}{4}$  inches for the 10 inch block,  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  inches for the 12 inch block) centred in the strip. Connect the corners as shown by the solid lines in the diagram above. Place the strip on the corresponding medium strip, right sides together. Now sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on either side of the diagonal lines (on the dashed lines). Cut apart on all solid lines, press to the medium fabric side and you will have 16 half square triangles. Square up to  $1 \frac{3}{4}$  inches for the 10 inch block, or 2 inches for the 12 inch block.

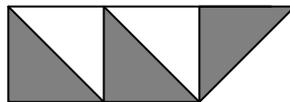
Cut the remaining squares of medium in half diagonally.

**Assembly:**

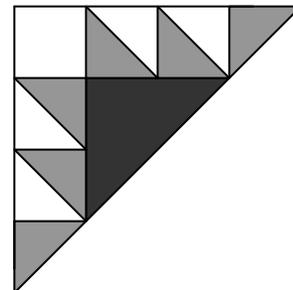
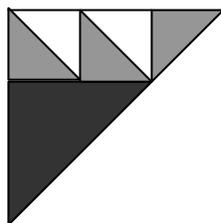
1. Join two half-square triangles, one background square and one medium triangle together into a single unit. Note that the placement of the triangle. Make four units as shown below:



2. Join two half-square triangles and a medium triangle as show below. Make four of these units as well.



3. Attach the unit 2 to one side of the dark triangle, then attach unit 1



4. Now attach the resulting triangles to the large background triangles, and finish off your block.

If you have any problems, please don't hesitate to call Lyn at 421-1357 or come to the Drop-In on Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1133 Pipeline Rd. Coquitlam.