

# Xquisite Scrap Quilt

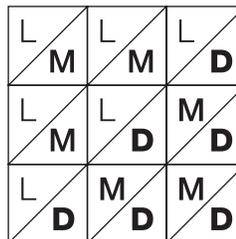
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## SEWING THE BLOCKS

Using the chain piecing method of assembling the blocks, you will see that it really doesn't make any difference which colors are used if the value of the colors is right.

Lay out the pressed HSTs using this diagram.



It is very easy to turn the HSTs the wrong way, so we will use the chain piecing method of sewing the blocks together.

Lay Column 2 on Column 1 and place a pin to show which side you need to sew. Sew the HSTs together using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Do not cut apart.

Once you have Columns 1 and 2 together, lay the sewn blocks out and pin Column 3 to Column 2. Sew together using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. All nine of the HSTs should be connected in rows now.



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It is now time to press the rows. Press the seam allowances of the top row to the left, the second row to the right, and the third row to the left. This will make it easier to nest the seam allowances as the rows are sewn together.

Sew the top row to the center row, nesting the seam allowances, then sew the bottom row to complete the block. One Xquisite Scrap Block is finished.

When we cut the HSTs apart, we made two piles that will make two blocks. You can sew two blocks that are identical, but I find it more interesting to make the blocks different. You can wait until you have sewn two or three blocks, then mix up the HSTs to create blocks that are not identical. It helps to have three more trays to store the L/M, L/D, and M/D HSTs.

Continue sewing blocks together. For a quilt that is 6 blocks wide and 8 blocks long, you will need 48 blocks.

**In Lesson #4, we will play with layouts for this Xquisite Scrap Quilt.**

