## HEN \& CHICKS BLOCK BY LAURIE SIMPSON

At first glance, the Hen and Chicks Block seems like another uneven 9-patch block. However, it requires a bit more sewing making this a fun but easy block. Adding 3 layers on a center square gives you many design possiblities. Mix and match fabrics and scraps, or use just 3 fabrics as pictured.

## GUTJING JNSTRUCTJONS:

(For fabric choices refer to the diagram)

| A | B | A | C | A | B | A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B | A |  | D |  | A | B |
| A |  | A | C | A |  | A |
| C | D | C | E | C | D | C |
| A |  | A | C | A |  | A |
| B | A |  | D |  | A | B |
| A | B | A | C | A | B | A |


|  | 4" Block | 6" Block | 8" Block | 12" Block |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A: | (20) 1" squares | (20) $1 \frac{114}{4}$ " squares | (20) $1 \frac{112 "}{2 \prime}$ squares | (20) 2" squares |
| $B$ : | (8) 1" squares | (8) $11 / 4$ " squares | (8) $11 / 2$ " squares | (8) 2" squares |
| C: | (8) $1^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{1 / 2 "}$ rectangles | (8) $1 \frac{1 / 4 "}{} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles | (8) $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times 2 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime}$ rectangles | (8) $2^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{1 / 2 "}$ rectangles |
| D: | (4) $1^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{1 / 2 "}$ rectangles | (4) $1 \frac{1 / 4^{\prime \prime}}{} \times 3^{1 / 2 "}$ rectangles | (4) $1^{1 / 2 "} \times 4^{1 / 2 "}$ rectangles | (4) $2^{\prime \prime} \times 6 \frac{1}{2 \prime}$ rectangles |
| $E:$ | (1) $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square | (1) 2" square | (1) $2^{1 / 2 "}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ square | (1) $3112{ }^{1}$ " square |

## ASSEMBLY JNSTBUCTIONS:

1. Assemble the block center using (4) A squares, (4) C rectangles and (1) E square as shown. Arrows shown in the diagram indicate pressing instructions.
2. Use the following guide for completed block center measurements for each block size:
a. 4" Block: $21 / 2 " \times 21 / 2 "$ unfinished ( 2 " $\times 2^{\prime \prime}$ finished)
b. 6 " Block: $31 / 2 " \times 31 / 2 "$ unfinished ( $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ finished)
c. 8 " Block: $4^{1 / 2 "} \times 4^{1 / 2 "}$ unfinished ( $4 " \times 4$ " finished)
d. 12 " Block: $6^{1 / 2 "} \times 6^{1 / 2 "}$ unfinished ( $6^{" \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ finished)

3. Complete block assembly using the remaining cut fabric pieces and the block center. Diagrams show the block in all stages of assembly. Arrows shown in the diagram indicate pressing instructions.

4. Trim block using the guide listed below:
a. $4 \frac{1}{2 \prime}$ " $\times 4 \frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished ( 4 " $\times 4$ " finished)
b. $6 \frac{1}{2 \prime} \times 6^{1 / 2 "}$ unfinished ( $6^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ finished)
c. $8 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times 81 / 2 "$ unfinished ( $8 " \times 8$ " finished)
d. $121 / 2 " \times 121 / 2 "$ unfinished ( $12 " \times 12$ " finished)

## DESJGNER JNFO

New Collection: Harbor Springs hits stores August 2020! It features Laurie's signature red, blue and cream pallette with a hint of pink. Patterns featuring this line are "Victorious" and "Hawthorne" which provide very different, but equally as beautiful, ways to display these fabrics.

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