### #ModaBlockHeads

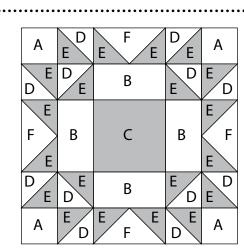
# BH4 Block 3 – Kouign Amann

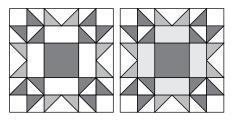
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Color/shading options.

#### Piecing & Cutting Notes:

- To trim the HTSs to size, add <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" to <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" to the B and C squares. Trim to the size of the A square.
- The Flying Geese units for the 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" block are made with connector/flip-and-sew corners.

### **Cutting Instructions:**

9" Finished Block:

- A (4) squares 2" x 2"
- B (4) rectangles 2" x 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"
- C (1) square 3½" x 3½"
- D (6) squares 2%" x 2%"
- E (10) squares 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"
- F (1) square  $4\frac{1}{4}x 4\frac{1}{4}$
- F (1) square 4¼ x 4¼

- 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" Finished Block:
- A (4) squares 11/4" x 11/4" (+8 squares for E.)
- B (4) rectangles 11/4" x 2"
- C (1) square 2" x 2"
- D (6) squares 1<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 1<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"
- E (6) squares 1<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 1<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"
- F -( 4) rectangles 11/4" x 2"
- F -( 8) squares 11/4" x 11/4"

#### All seams are a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ unless specified otherwise.

#### Assembly

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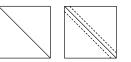
- 1. On the wrong side of 6 D squares, draw a line from one corner to the opposing corner.
  - Or use Diagonal Seam Tape as a guide.
- 2. With right sides together, align the D squares to the E squares and stitch a scant <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" on both sides of the drawn line. Cut the square apart on the drawn line. Press the seam to the darker triangle.

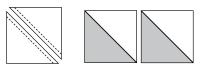
The HTSs will measure 2" x 2" or 11/4" x 11/4".

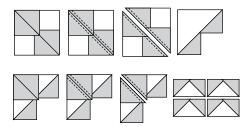
- 3. Using the (4) remaining E squares and the F square, make the flying geese units per the instructions on the General Techniques.
  - For the 4½" block, use the connector/flip-andsew corner technique to make the flying geese units.

Flying Geese units will measure 2" x 3½" or 1¼" x 2"





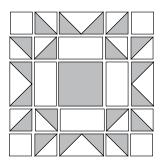


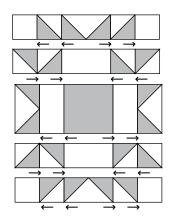


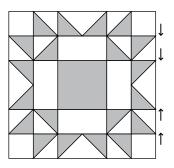
4. Lay out the pieces as shown.

5. Join the pieces to make rows. Press the seams in the direction of the arrows - or press them open.

- 6. Join the rows to complate the block. Press the seams in the direction of the arrows or press them open.
  - 9" block block will measure 9½" x 9½".
  - 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" block block will measure 5" x 5".







## Stitching with Laurie...

- The name of the block comes from the the sweet Breton cake, kouign-amann. (Pronounced "queen a-mahn".)
- The quilting tip I wish I'd learned first started is... GIGO. Use the best sewing notions and fabrics that you can find. (GIGO "gargabe in, garbage out.")
- My best advice to new quilters is to... forget perfection. If you're insisting on the perfect stitch or perfect quilt you will never finish anything.
- When it comes to quilting/sewing tools, don't get between me and my... Thimble and hand-quilting hoop.
- Don't tell anyone, but when I'm sewing, I don't worry about... much of anything.
- My rock-star stitch group" includes... Ella Fitzgerald for the tunes. Ina Garten for the nibbles. Jane Austen - she always has a good story or two. Midge Maisel and her manager Suzie - for the laughs.

#### Keeping up with Laurie...

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