

Elegant Oasis Quilt

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Cutting Instructions for 1 block
(repeat if making multiple blocks)

Focus Fabric – Cut (4) $13 \frac{7}{8}$ “ x $4 \frac{3}{4}$ ”
rectangles

Accent Fabric – Cut (6) $4 \frac{1}{4}$ ” x $4 \frac{1}{4}$ ” squares
(sq’s)

Background Fabric (BG) –
Cut (14) $4 \frac{1}{4}$ ” x $4 \frac{1}{4}$ ” sq’s

SUBCUT (8) BG sq’s diagonally once



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- Cut (4) focus fabric rectangles on the 45 degree angle at each end.

*Be sure to flip your rectangles wrong side up so you get the correct cut. Your rectangle should become a trapezoid.



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Making Half Square Triangles (HSTs):

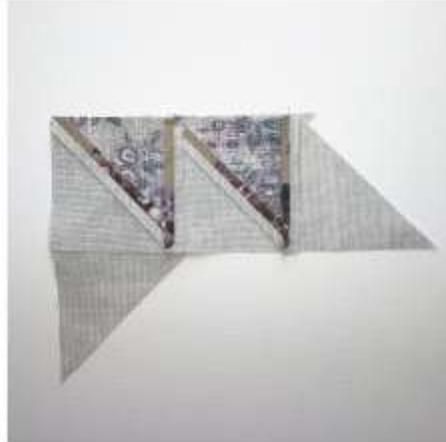
- Draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of all (6) BG 4 ¼” squares.
- Place a BG square right side together on an accent square.
 - *Pin on each side of the diagonal line, placing pins in opposite directions. This helps prevent any fabric slipping while stitching.
- Assembly line stitch a ¼” seam along one side of drawn line, trim apart HSTs, and repeat along the other side.
- Slice each square on the drawn line, creating (12) Half Square Triangles (HSTs).
- Press seams open and trim HST’s down to 3 ½” square.



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Making (4) HST Units per block:

1.
 - Lay out (2) HSTs and (1) triangle as shown.
 - Stitch each unit together and press seams open.
Repeat to make (4) total per block.
2.
 - Lay out (1) HST and (1) triangle as shown.
 - Stitch each unit together and press seams open.
Repeat to make (4) total per block.
3.
 - Stitch (1) triangle to the bottom of the (1) HST unit.
 - Press seam open. Repeat to make (4).
4.
 - Stitch each row together and press seams open.
 - Repeat to make (4) HST units.



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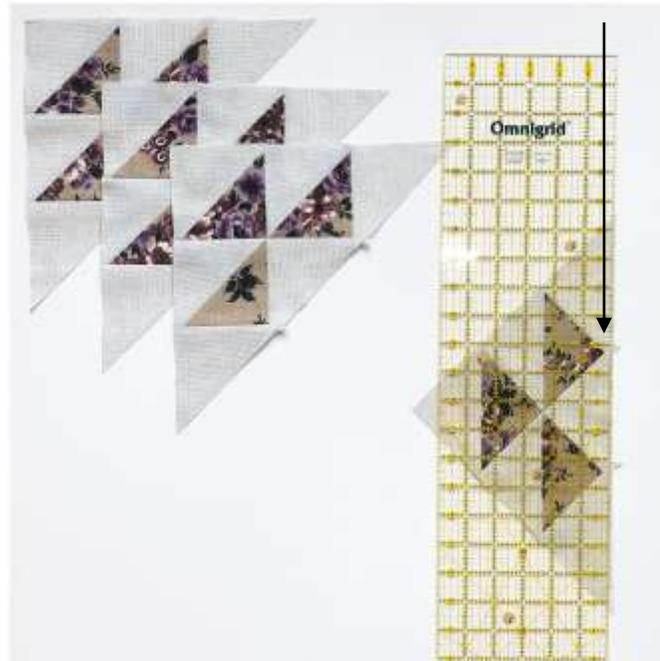
Making the Focus Fabric Units:

1. Lay out (4) focus fabric trapezoids and (4) BG triangles. Find the center of each edge on both units, where the arrows are shown, and finger press that center point. Repeat.
2. Pin at center and stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Repeat.
3. Press seams open.
4. Looking at the image shown, line the corner along the corner of the BG triangle, and trim any excess fabric so you end up with a clean corner flush with the focus fabric edge.



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- Each HST Unit will have to be trimmed before sewing to the Focus Fabric Unit.
- Taking a long marked ruler, I'm using a 6" x 24" ruler, lay the ruler along the longest edge of a HST Unit. Making sure to lay the farthest 1/4" line on the right of your ruler along the points of the two farthest HST on the right, measure twice and cut once to create a 1/4" seam.
- Repeat on the three remaining HST Units.



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Assembling (4) Quadrant Blocks:

1. Find the center of both units and finger press.

2. Laying the HST Unit right side together with the Focus Fabric Unit, be sure to have the HST Unit laying on top as shown.

*It's very important to pin at this stage to avoid any unnecessary shift of fabric.

3. Because you can see the points of the HSTs, carefully stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam while making sure not to stitch into the accent fabric.

* Keep the machine needle just slightly to the right of the HST points so you don't lose them when pressing you seams.

4. Press seams open.



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Assembling Final Block:

- Each Quadrant Block should measure to 9 ½” unfinished. Carefully trim each quadrant to this.

*If you find that you’re slightly under or over, be sure that all four quadrants are consistent to each other. Seam allowances, steam and starch while pressing, and blending substrates can result in unforeseen issues. I believe that as long as you are consistent every step of the way, and you have that ¼” seam from the points each HST and the edge of each quadrant block, you will have a nice assembly of the final block. You shouldn’t be too far off the mark when squaring up, but all in all, you should have nice and even quadrants.

- Laying out all (4) Quadrant Blocks, match up each Focus Fabric/BG point (as shown), pin at this point and along the edge of two Quadrant Blocks right sides together, and stitch a ¼” seam.



- Press seams open.

- Sew top and bottom units together in same fashion. Press seam open.

- Elegant Oasis Block measures 18 ½” unfinished.

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Now you have all the instructions you'll need to make one, four, nine, etc. Elegant Oasis quilt blocks. I have some tips and tricks over on my blog, www.LadyKQuiltsDesigns.com, that I hope you will check out. They're things I discovered as I designed and been making my blocks for this.

I will be posting finishing instructions for both the wall hanging and 60" x 60" quilt on Instagram and my blog next Monday, February 26th.

Please use the #ElegantOasisQAL on your Instagram posts so I can see all your beautiful work. Thank you so much for joining me & Happy Making!

XO-K

