



A QUILTPLAN PIECING REFERENCE

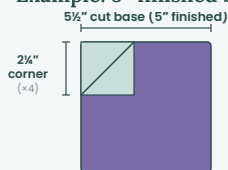
SNOWBALL BLOCK

clipped corners, no half-square triangles needed

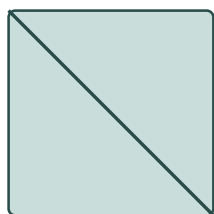
A Snowball trades a square's sharp corners for small triangles of a second fabric: sewn and flipped in place rather than pieced from HSTs, so it goes together fast and reads as an octagon once the corners are clipped.

- + Base square: finished size + $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- + Corner squares: finished size $\div 3$, + $\frac{1}{2}$ ", rounded up to the nearest $\frac{1}{8}$ ".

Example: 5" finished block

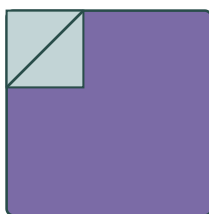


A 5" finished block needs one 5½" base square and four 2¼" corner squares. Read straight off the chart below for any other size.



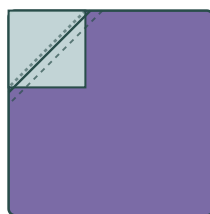
1 · Mark

Draw a diagonal on the wrong side of each corner square, or crease it in half.



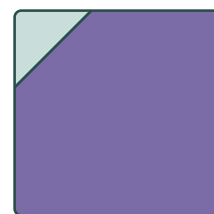
2 · Position

Right sides together, lay one on each corner of the base square.



3 · Sew & trim

Sew a thread's width outside the line. Trim ¼" beyond the seam.



4 · Press

Press the corner open. Don't stretch the bias edge.

FINISHED	BASE SQ.	CORNER SQ.
2"	2½"	1¼"
3"	3½"	1½"
4"	4½"	1⅞"
5"	5½"	2¼"
6"	6½"	2½"

FINISHED	BASE SQ.	CORNER SQ.
7"	7½"	2⅞"
8"	8½"	3¼"
9"	9½"	3⅝"
10"	10½"	3⅞"
12"	12½"	4½"

How many corners?



One



Two,
adjacent



Three



Four,
classic

Clipping two **opposite** corners instead of adjacent ones is a different block: that's Bow Tie, not Snowball.



Fabric A — main



Fabric B — corners

Snowball blocks tile into a secondary grid of octagons and squares: a classic quilt-as-you-go layout.

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