

Sunset Country Quilters' Guild
Miniature Block of the Month 2022

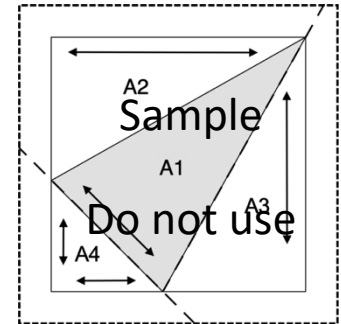
Block 1 Cross Canoes

General Paper Piecing Preparation documentation can be found on the introduction page of the 2022 Mini BOM tab at sunsetcountryquilters.org.

In the construction of our Cross Canoes block, we will be making one section 4 times: two in one colour combination (A & B), two in another (C & D). We only need the A section from which to cut templates.

Cut away the seam allowance of the paper pattern then along all seam lines separating each of the pieces of the block.

Refer to the chart below for the fabric to cut from each paper piece.



Piece	A&B Blocks		
	Light-1	Medium	Dark
A1		cut 2	
A2	cut 2		
A3	cut 2		
A4	cut 2		

Piece	C&D Blocks		
	Light-1	Medium	Dark
A1	cut 2		
A2		cut 2	
A3		cut 2	
A4			cut 2

Place the **fabric right side DOWN and the pattern piece right side UP** aligning straight grain arrows on the pattern with the grain of the fabric.

Rough cut around the template adding 3/8" – 1/2" seam allowance. You may cut several at once but stack all fabrics right side down unless the pieces are symmetrical such as right-angle triangles. They can be cut from fabrics folded right sides together.

Stack your precut fabric pieces in a way that seems most logical to you.

Paper piece the sections. (Step-by-step instructions are available in the Block 1 video starting at 18:00.) Press well, square up and remove the paper.

Once you have the 4 sections completed, reverse the press of the last seam sewn in blocks A & B flipping the seam allowance away from right-angle triangles. This will reduce bulk in assembly of the pairs of blocks. Sew A to C and B to D then press the seams in opposite directions so when sewn, the seam allowances will lay opposite each other. Press the left and right halves of the last seam sewn in opposite directions while consistent with the 'spin of the previously pressed seams. Encourage the very center to loosen a few stitches and allow a 'pinwheel' to open in the very middle. (Video at 50:45)

Square up the block to 4½" and celebrate your achievement!!