

Bedford Stone Block



You will need:

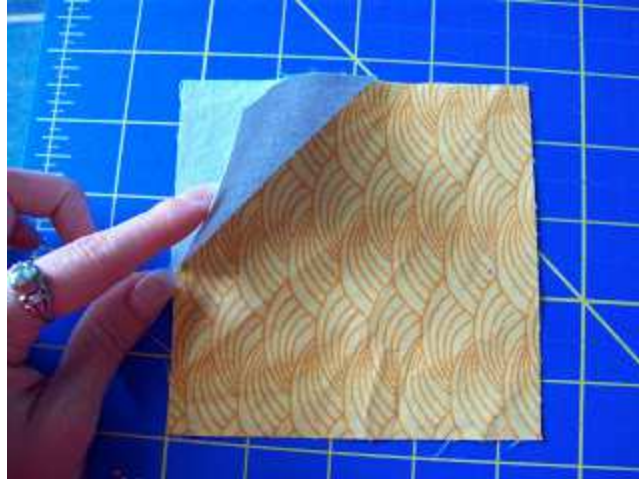
- 16 2.5 inch squares of background fabric (grey)
- 4 4.5 x 2.5 inch rectangles of background fabric (grey)
- 4 4.5 x 2.5 inch rectangles of focus fabric (orange)
- 5 4.5 inch squares of focus fabric (orange)
- marking pencil or hera



Start by matching each background rectangle with a focus fabric rectangle. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam along one 4.5 inch side. Press seams open.



With your marking pencil, draw a diagonal line across the center of each 2.5 inch square. Align 1 of these with a corner of 1 of the 4.5 inch squares. Stitch along these marked lines. Repeat with 3 other 4.5 inch squares.



Press along the stitched line, flipping the background fabric up so it aligns with your original square.



Trim off the excess background fabric and focus fabric, leaving about 1/4 inch seam allowance.



Repeat with 4 more background squares, sewing onto the corners across from the initial corners.



Repeat with remaining 8 background squares. The photo above demonstrates the order in which you attach your 2.5 inch squares (clockwise from top left). Once all 4 background squares are attached, precision dictates to be sure your piece is still 4.5 inches square. (Clearly, some of mine are not, but clearly, I care not.)



Lay out your pieces so the background fabrics form a "ring" around your remaining 4.5 inch square.



Stitch rows using a 1/4 inch seam. Press top and bottom row seams towards center, and press middle row seams away from center. This will help "lock" your block and make it easier to keep your corners aligned.



Stitch top to middle to bottom using 1/4 inch seams, then press these seams open.

