

The Disappearing Hourglass – a quick and easy star pattern from Missouri Star Quilting Company.

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You will need: 10 1/2 inch squares in contrasting colors.

1. Align contrasting 10 1/2 inch squares, right-sides together, and sew all the way around, 1/4" from the edge.
2. Cut diagonally, twice. Press resulting half-square triangles toward the darker fabric.
3. Arrange in an hourglass, with two dark triangles and two light triangles pointing toward the center. Sew together as a four-patch.
4. Cut this block in even thirds, both directions. (Example: If your block measures 12 3/4" x 12 3/4", each third will measure 4 1/4".)
5. Rotate the middle blocks, all the way around.
6. Rotate the center square (optional).
7. Rotate the corner squares.
8. Sew your 4 1/4" x 4 1/4" blocks together in their new order as you would sew any 9-patch block.
Also works with 5-inch squares!
What other designs can you create by rearranging the blocks?