

Y-SEAM CONSTRUCTION by Deonn Stott

Learn just how easy it is to stitch a beautiful Y-Seam. This gentle 60-degree angle is your gateway introduction to Y-seams to start creating complex-looking quilts that turn out to be oh, so easy!

YPSILON BLOCK CONSTRUCTION:

To sew a triangle block comprised of three half-hexagon (trapezoid) units, You will need to stitch a Y-seam, so named because the final seam has a pivot point and resembles the letter Y.

- 1) LAY OUT blocks as diagrammed, with the print side up. →
- 2) FLIP the upper right piece over, aligning the adjoining edges together. MARK 1/4-inch seam allowance lines in the LOWER RIGHT corner of the unit on top, then place a PIN through the center of the cross-hatch mark to mark the point to stop stitching.
- 3) PIN the remaining edge to secure. STITCH the seam to (but not through) the cross-hatch mark, using 1/4" seam allowance. Back-stitch once, then remove from the sewing machine and clip the threads.
- 4) Flatten the unit but don't press, yet. Check to ensure the last unit is in the correct position to finish the triangle-shaped block. Move the first unit out of the way and PIN the last unit's upper edge to the first unit's left edge. TURN the unit over and begin sewing where the previous seam ended at the center, then sew out to the edge. Clip threads.
- 5) Last seam: PIN then STITCH the last two edges together. Move fabric out of the way so you have a clear shot to the cross-hatch mark. STITCH from the center seam to the outer edge.
- 6) PRESS seams to one side, counter-clockwise. The intersecting seams should spin and fan out as pictured. → Use the nose of the iron to press the intersection flat, then turn the block right side up to press the full seams. Smile! You did it!

