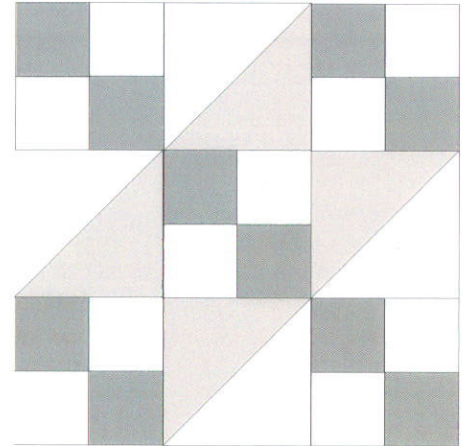


Block of the Month Nine

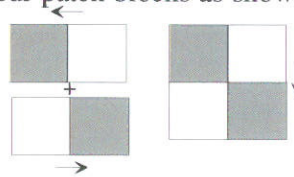
It is extremely important that your seam allowance is a perfect $\frac{1}{4}$ ". It's the secret to getting any quilt to fit together properly. You can check this on your machine by gently lowering your needle onto a ruler, set on the throat plate of your machine. Measure the $\frac{1}{4}$ " mark from there. It may not be the edge of your foot. You can mark this perfect $\frac{1}{4}$ " with a piece of masking tape on the plate of your machine if necessary. Your block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " after it is sewn together. This will give you a "finished size" of 12" when the quilt top is sewn together.



Jacobs Ladder



1. Sew the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of dark and light together to make four patch blocks as shown. Always press the seam allowances toward the darker color.

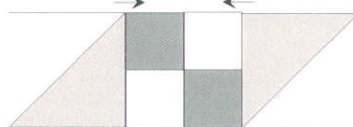


2. Sew the 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " triangles together along their longest sides to form half square triangles as shown: Press the seam allowances toward the medium color.



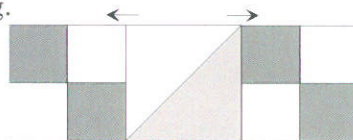
3. Sew two of the half square triangles to one of the four patches as shown. Check the color placement on all blocks to be sure that they match this drawing.

Make one like this:



4. Sew two of the four patches to one of the half square triangles as shown: Again, check the color placement against this drawing.

Make two like this:



5. Pin and sew the top row to the center row. Pin and sew the center row to the bottom row.

