

# The Carpenter's Apprentice Accordion Sewn HSTs

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**A word on fabric selection:** This project will use my Accordion Sewn HST method for making scrappy HSTs with no waste. *Scrappy* is the key word. 12 fabrics of one color family should be 12 different fabrics. Borrow from friends, head to the quilt shop if you need to, but you will want and need 12 different ones. Note that you don't need much of each, so don't let 12 scare you!

I recommend a fat eighth or similar of each scrappy fabric. In all honesty, if you are a really careful cutter, you can get away with even a 10" square; I use the fat eighth as a guide so that everyone can make a mistake. Use what works for you. If you can get the cuts you need out of smaller pieces (and you probably can), then go for it.

Any two-color combination will do. Try to keep most of your fabrics in the same value, with your background fabric being a good contrast.

## Supply List:

- 12 fat eighths or similar size of FIRST color family
- 12 fat eighths or similar size of a SECOND color family
- 1 1/2 yards background fabric (Thought – some of the most striking finished quilts use unexpected backgrounds!)
- Thread for piecing - if you can, please have one spool each of the color families you chose as your print colors (for example, if I was using red and green as my prints, I would bring a red and a green)
- Rotary cutter and small mat
- Safety pin, one small
- pencil
- Fabric Scissors
- Basic Sewing Supplies
- Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmers – optional, and also available in class or on my website. If you own this tool, though, bring them!
- If not using Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmers, bring your favorite tool for trimming half square triangles up to 6"



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### Cutting:

Please be sure to complete all cutting homework before class. You will be glad you did!

From **ALL 12** fat eighths of Color One:

- Cut one 6" square
- Cut one 3 1/2" square

**NOW: \*From your favorite four fat eighths of Color One:**

- Cut *another* 3 1/2" square\*

From **ALL 12** fat eighths of Color Two:

- Cut one 6" square
- Cut one 3 1/2" square

**NOW: \*From your favorite four fat eighths of Color Two:**

- Cut *another* 3 1/2" square\*

From Background:

- Cut 8 3" squares
- Cut 16 3 1/2" squares
- Cut 4 5 1/2" squares
- Cut 12 6" squares
- Cut 4 3" x 5 1/2"
- Cut 4 5 1/2" x 10 1/2"

\*Place these cut squares (there should be eight total) in a bag labeled "To be Taken Out When Beth Asks." Sounds odd, but trust me.

Virtual (Zoom) students:

Please cut 6 random squares for practice. Any size 2" – 3". Just make sure they are all the SAME size.



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