

## CUPID'S ARROW



This arrow block measures 4 ½ by 18 inches (finished size). It's a whimsical block that you might use for borders, sashing or the main block in a quilt design.

This block offers the opportunity to work on making Half Square Triangles (HSTs), using snowball corners to create angular shapes, and to work with long skinny strips.

### Fabric Guidelines for the Block Lotto

**SKY:** fabrics may be solids or tone-on-tone (TOT) prints.

**ARROW** (Head and Shaft): Black (solid or BOB), White (solid or WOW) or a Black & White print. Make sure you have good contrast with the other fabrics in the block

**FLETCHING:** 2 bright fabrics from the warm side of the color wheel (Yellow-Gold-Orange-Red) These may be solids, tone-on-tone (TOT) or multicolor prints that are predominately a warm color.

If you make multiple blocks, you may use the same blue **SKY** and black, white or black & white **ARROW** fabric in multiple blocks, but the 2-fabric combination for the arrow **FLETCHINGS** should be unique in each block.

### Cut Fabrics for One Block

**SKY:**

Four 2 ½ -inch squares

One 3 1/8-inch square\*

Two 2 ½ by 7 1/4-inch rectangles

**FLETCHING:**

One 2 ½ by 9 ½ inch rectangle from each fabric

**ARROW:**

One 3 1/8-inch square\*

One 1 by 16 ¼ inch strip

\*NOTE: I usually round up to 3 ¼ and trim after sewing these into Half-Square Triangles.



**Sewing the Block**



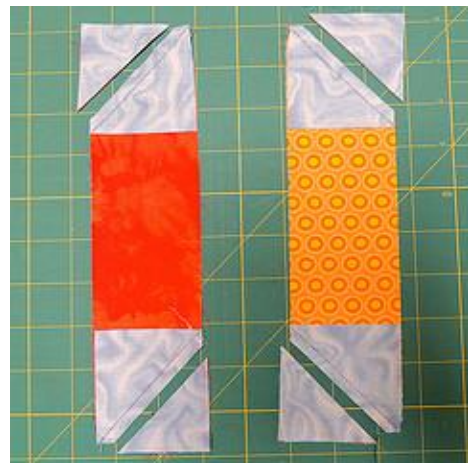
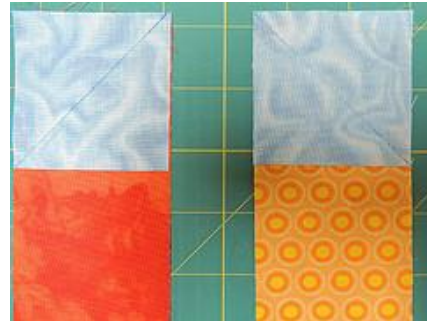
Make arrowhead unit:

1. Take the two larger squares (one SKY, one ARROW), right sides together and draw a diagonal line.
2. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch away from the line on each side.
3. Cut on the line and press. Trim to  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inch square.
4. Sew the two halves together to form the arrowhead (aka a Flying Geese unit).



Shape fletching for arrow:

1. Add the angles to the FLETCHING rectangles by adding the small SKY square, right sides together to each end of the rectangles and draw diagonal lines as shown. Remember that you are creating two pieces which are mirror images of one another.
2. Sew ON the drawn line.
3. Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the line. If you collect bonus triangle squares, sew the triangles you have just removed together.





Putting the arrow together:

1. Assemble the arrow block by sewing the short edge of the SKY rectangles to the pointy end of the FLETCHING units.
2. Sew each of the FLETCHING units + SKY to one long side of the ARROW shaft.
3. Then add the arrowhead unit to the end to complete your arrow. The blocks should measure 5 by 18 ½-inches (to finish as 4 ½ by 18 inches when sewn into a quilt.)

You're done!

