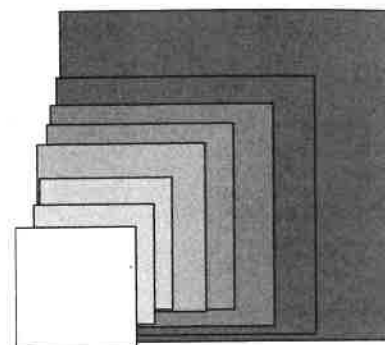
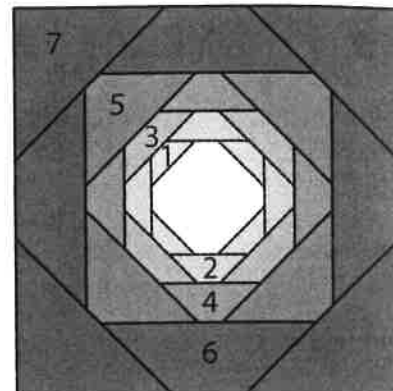


# Exploding Pineapples

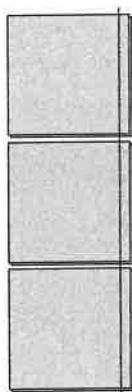
Below is a cutting chart. Decide on the size of the centre square and follow the appropriate line when cutting fabric squares. 1st, 2nd etc. refer to the layers of pineapple radiating out from the centre square.

The table gives you an idea of finished sizes when starting with different centre squares and dependent on how many pineapple layers you wish to add. Even the largest block can be cut from a fat quarter yard of fabric.

Centre & 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
2½"	2¾"	3⅛"	3⅝"	4⅜"	5⅜"	6¾"	8⅝"
3½"	4⅛"	5"	6¼"	8"	10⅜"		
4½"	5½"	7"	9"	11⅞"			

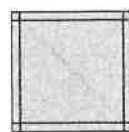
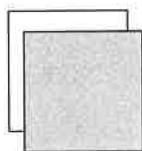


Make one pineapple square to check fabric placement and finished size are as desired. Then pre-cut all the fabric squares, using the above chart.



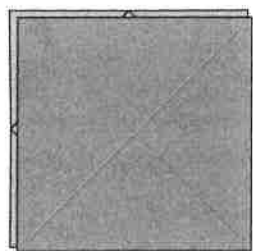
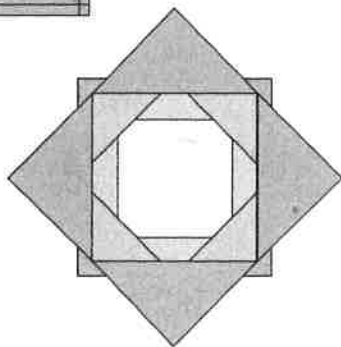
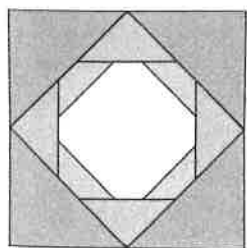
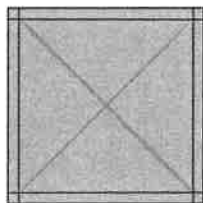
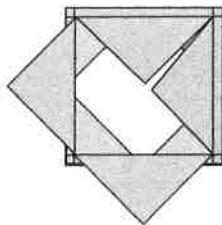
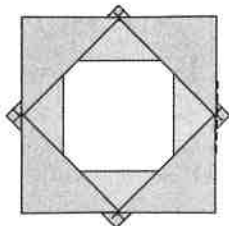
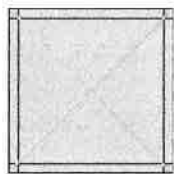
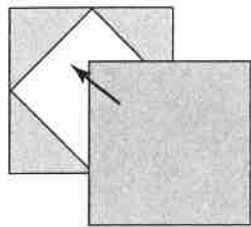
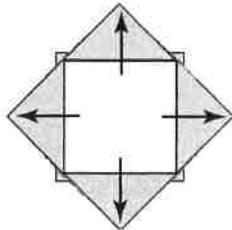
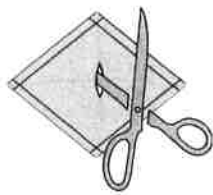
To maintain accuracy, stitch all the remaining blocks at the same time so that all the squares are finished at the same stage before moving on. Use the chain stitching technique described on page 4.

- 1 Iron squares right sides together and stitch a ¼" seam around all four sides of the square.
- 2 On one side (not the centre fabric) draw two diagonal lines from corner to corner.



Detail of Peek a Moo by Teresa Wardlaw, showing the Exploding Pineapple block





**3** Pull the two squares apart at the centre. Finger crease the top square in the centre along one marked line. Make a small cut through the marked square along a marked line. Insert scissors between the squares and carefully cut along the marked lines to each corner. Please make sure you only cut the marked square!

**4** Gently press the triangles away from the centre square. Trim away 'fabric ears'.

**5** Lay the next square right side down and repeat steps 1-4. Always stitch with the new square uppermost, as the newly cut square is more accurate than the stitched one underneath. The square underneath does sometimes 'peep out'.

**6** Continue adding pineapple layers until the block has reached your chosen size.

**7** Join the blocks together to make the quilt.

**8** Use a 1/2" seam allowance to join the pineapple blocks; press seams open.

### QH tip

**P**lace the new square right side down onto the previous sewn square and iron well. This temporarily adheres the two cotton fabrics together to eliminate pinning.

