

Green Hills Quilt Collection
Cozy Cuddling

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Finished Block: 12" x 12" | Unfinished Block: 12.5" x 12.5"

Perhaps cozy cuddling means a lazy day on the couch with a good book or spending time with a great love.

Maybe snuggling reminds you of when your babies were small and napped in your lap. The visions and memories are different for everyone, and they're wonderful for all!

When I think of nestling-in, a whole list of treasures come to mind...

- ◇ warm hugs
- ◇ heavy quilts
- ◇ super soft fabrics
- ◇ well-worn t-shirts
- ◇ cable knit sweaters
- ◇ oversized sweatshirts
- ◇ earmuffs and headbands
- ◇ mittens and scarves
- ◇ turning pages
- ◇ fictional adventures
- ◇ dreamy naps



These treats and my grandmother's hand-crocheted afghan inspired the Cozy Cuddling quilt block. I hope it encourages you to indulge in some cozy cuddling, too!

As you plan this block, first decide if you'll go scrappy like I did, or if you'd rather a more traditional chevron pattern with two (or just a few) fabrics aligned in repeating order in each column. If you choose the latter, you can assemble the block with strip piecing, cut on the bias at 45° and 135° to create the V-shapes.

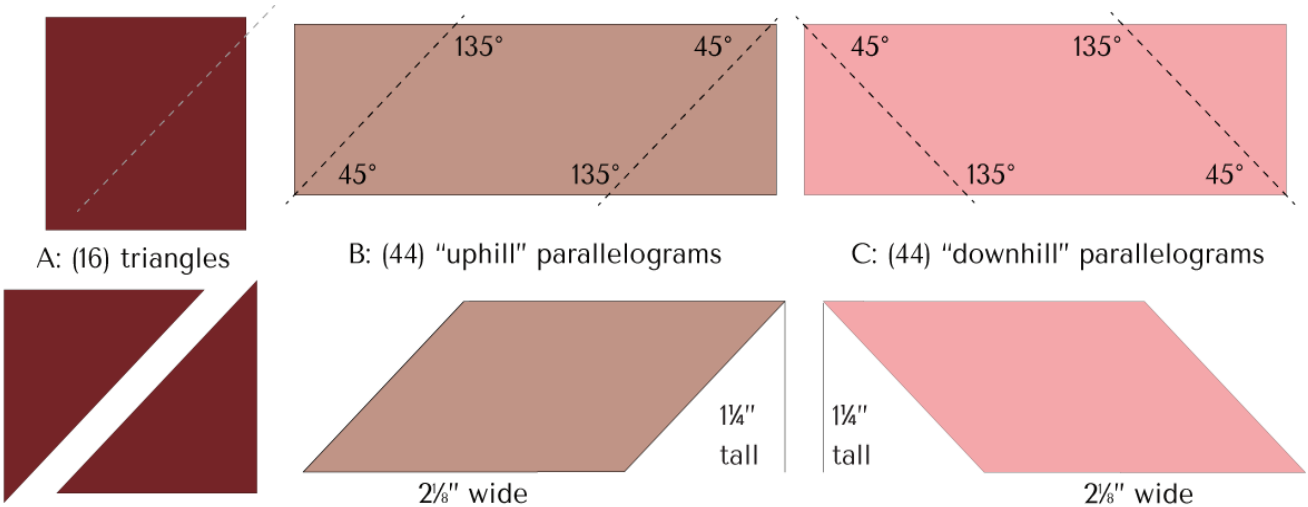
If you choose to follow my lead and go scrappy, give yourself grace...and remember, the difference in a sixteenth or thirty-secondth of an inch is often forgiven between stitching, pressing, quilting, washing, and drying. Just have fun, and when you square-up your block in the final step, it's going to look AMAZING.

The good news? Once you get the hang of the 45° cuts, the most challenging part of this de-stashing quilt block is deciding which scrap to use next. One way to alleviate that stress is to stack your fabrics into groups of lights, mediums, and darks. Then put each stack in a paper bag. Select a scrap without peeking. Then draw from another bag for your next piece. In the end, you'll construct a truly randomized layout. Enjoy the process and embrace your beautiful creation when it's done!



Use a scant ¼" seam allowance throughout. | Stitch right sides together.

MATERIALS & CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS	
Shape A	(8), 1⅞" x 1⅞" squares, subcut into (16) triangles
Shape B	(44) 3¼" x 1¼" rectangles subcut into (44) "uphill" parallelograms
Shape C	(44) 3¼" x 1¼" rectangles subcut into (44) "downhill" parallelograms
Shape D	(4) 1½" x 12½" rectangles in a color that contrasts the chevrons



D: (4) 1½" x 12½" rectangles

Assemble the Cozy Cuddling Block

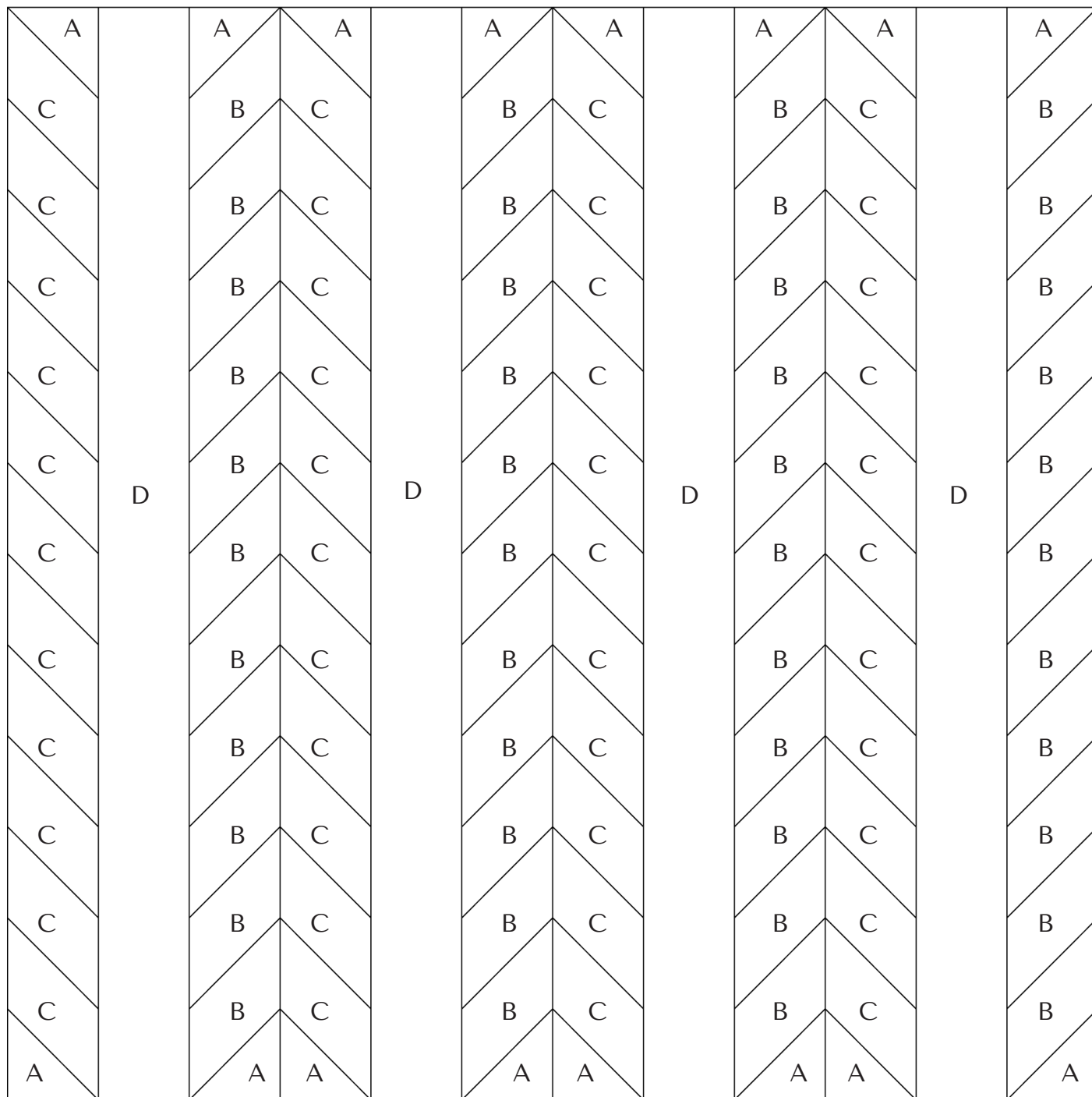
- 1. Using (2) A-shaped triangles and (11) B-shaped parallelograms, create a column as shown on page 4. Repeat to make a total of (4) "uphill" columns.
- 2. Using (2) A-shaped triangles and (11) C-shaped parallelograms, create a column as shown on page 4. Repeat to make a total of (4) "downhill" columns.
- 3. Use (4) "uphill" columns, (4) "downhill" columns, and (4) D-shaped rectangles to complete the block.
- 4. Trim block to 12½" x 12½" square.

Forever on a mission to deplete my stash of Christmas, I chose to make my Cozy Cuddling quilt block using fabrics that fade or deepen to red. They vary in design from Santas to solids and candy canes to abstracts to geometrics to dots. My lights, mediums, and darks fill a wide range from pale pinks to snowy whites to deep, ruby reds and everything in between.

I love that the sewing challenged me to think outside the box, and I absolutely adore how the block turned out. More than anything, I'm eager to see yours!



Coloring Page



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