## Shadow Boxes

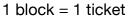
This block uses a spring inspired print. The shadow fabric is a very dark version of the print's background. If the background is light (undefinable), use a dark grey for the shadow.

The shadow is the hue + black added. It is called a <u>'shade'</u>. White is the other fabric used.

- Cut: 7" square of a spring inspired cotton print. 13½" by 1½" strip of very dark shadow fabric. Two 1½" squares of white. 17" by 1½" strip of white.
- 1. Stitch a white square to each end of the dark shadow strip. Finger press toward the dark.
- Position this strip, beginning with a white end, to the printed square as shown. Stitch one side. Use ¼" seams. Press seam toward the print. Cut the end of the strip.
- 3. Add this strip across the lower edge, as shown. Trim off excess shadow fabric to make the block square.

Press seams toward the printed centre square all the way around. This prevents any colour showing through the white areas.

- 4. Stitch a white strip to each of the other two sides.
- 5. Press seams toward the printed square. This will produce a 9" square.



Feel free to make more than one. I find that I can 'chain' the steps together if I make two or more at a time. It is surprisingly quick to make.





