

3-D Blues Block Lotto – 2026  
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8" Block  
 1 Block Lotto ticket for each block

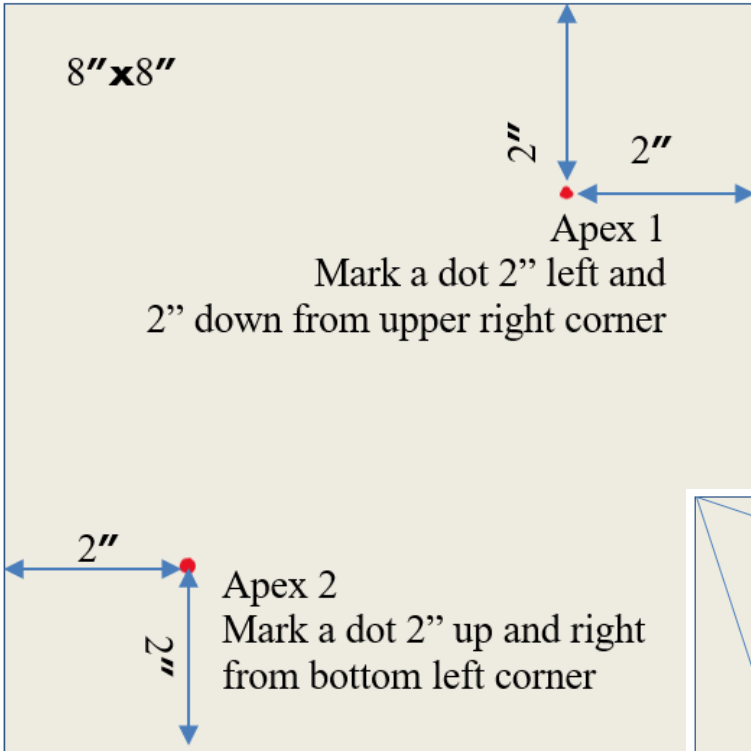
### STEP 1

Choose fabrics:

- Primary shape (rhombus) is an interesting patterned fabric in predominantly BLUE. Needs to fit a square 8.5 inches or more.
- Light triangles read as WHITE (may be solid, grunge or tone on tone)
- Dark triangles read as NAVY BLUE (may be solid, grunge or tone on tone)

### STEP 2

Create the pattern pieces on paper



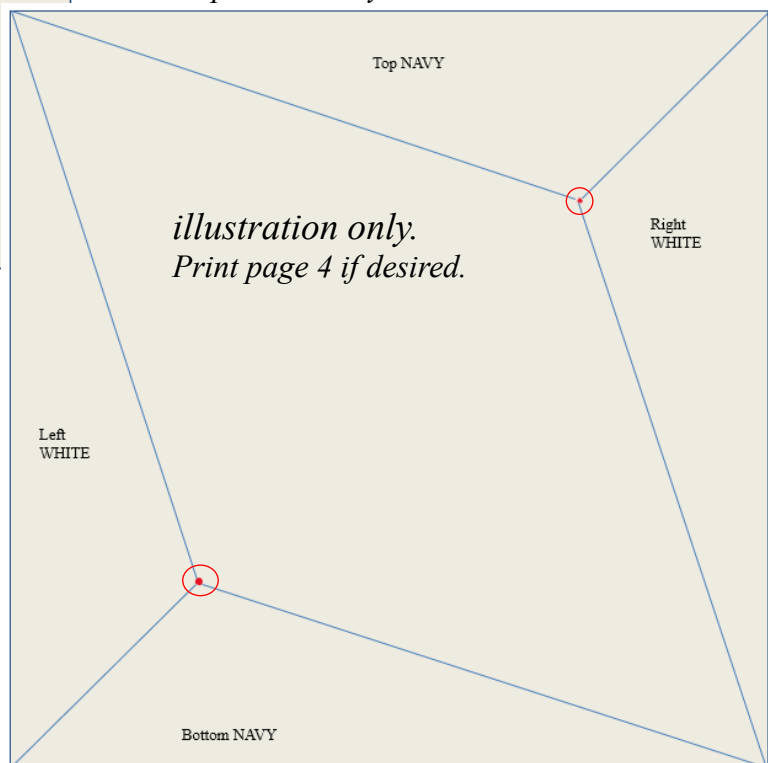
Draw an 8" square on **paper**.

Draw a fine mark at "Apex 1" and "Apex 2" as shown in red:

Mark a dot 2" left and 2" down from upper right corner.

Mark a dot 2" up and 2" right from bottom left corner.

*These are for illustration only, not for printing nor for use as a pattern. They will be too small!*



Draw a line from each dot to its nearest 3 corners.

Label each triangle oriented like the illustration:

Top Navy, Left White, Right White, and Bottom White

*Your PAPER should look like this illustration which is not the correct size!*

### STEP 3

Cut paper pieces apart along the lines.

(Option: cut only **one** triangle in paper. Write “WHITE” on correct side of paper and “NAVY” on the other side.)

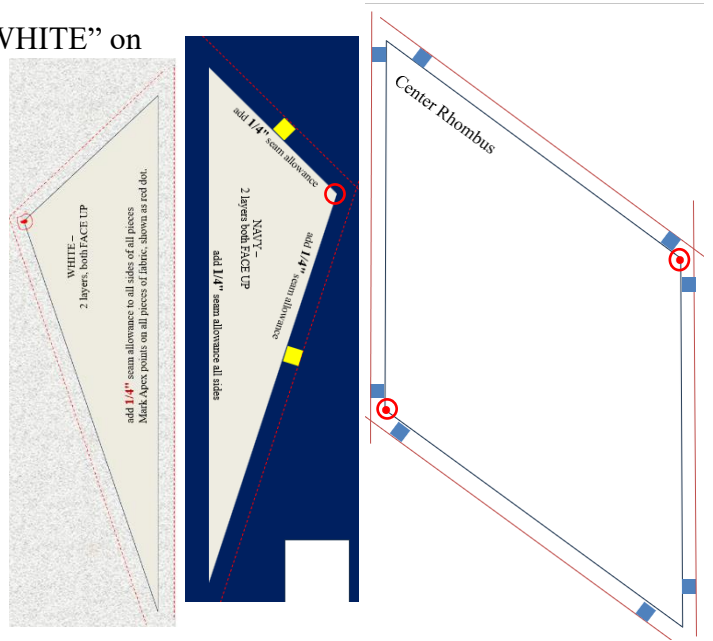
### STEP 4

Add seam allowances, either onto other pieces of paper or while cutting fabrics.

Lay paper pieces FACE UP on **right side** of your fabric selections.

Add **1/4"** seam allowance on the fabric on all sides of each triangle and all sides of the rhombus.

Mark a fine dot at each Apex on each fabric piece.



### STEP 5

Layout fabric pieces to recreate a square.

Rhombus should be pointing the correct direction.

NAVY & White should be in positions as shown.

### STEP 6

A **Y-seam** is where three pieces come together at one point, forming a “Y” shape. The key to success—especially with a **1/4-inch seam allowance**—is stopping and starting **exactly at the seam** intersection, not sewing through it.

Pin NAVY triangles onto rhombus, carefully matching the Apex dots for the Y-intersection.



Start sewing at Apex dot. Shorten first few stitches to lock them. Or back-tack, but without sewing into the seam allowance.

[White shown below for better viewing]

Always sew outward from the Apex dots toward the corners.

It's okay to sew fully to the outer corners at the long skinny outer points.



**STEP 7**

Repeat with both WHITE triangles.



**STEP 8**

Stitch the two remaining short seams last.

Voila!

**STEP 9**

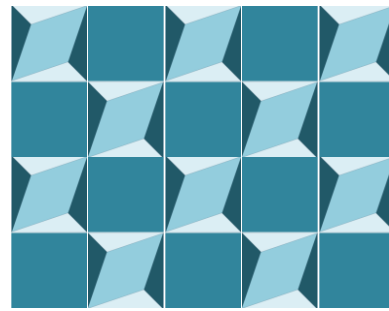
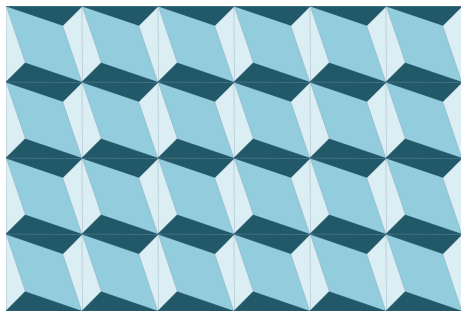
**Press and admire.**

Your block should be close to 8 inch square again. Trim if needed. Lotto winner might want to select precise size to trim to, as would I.

Make a few more to practice your Y-Seams.

1 ticket for each block.

Fun layout possibilities!



Add simple squares for cool effect.

Start with 8-inch square on paper. Cut apart. Add seam allowances to all sides of all pieces of fabric.

Center line

