

## Cute Facing Mice

These mice appeared as a paper pieced pattern along with a cat block in the May 2007 issue of Quilter's Newsletter Magazine.



Because I felt I could chain piece the mice faster, I came up with these directions. Using only square blocks, I found I could avoid having to deal with bias edges for the most part.

This pattern will enable you to make TWO Mouse Blocks, facing each other. The finished size of each will be 2" by 6" ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ", unfinished). Use a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam for all seams unless noted. You can make a pair of mice out of two 6" squares of fabric.

### Fabric Requirements and Cutting


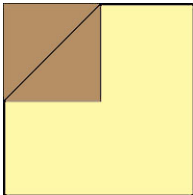
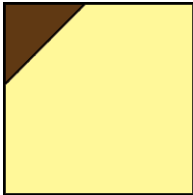
Mouse Fabric (shown in brown):

- 2 –  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square for mouse body
- 1 –  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " square for mouse head
- 1 – 2" square for mouse ears

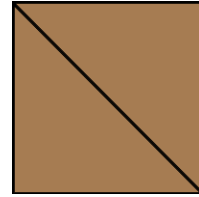
Background Fabric (shown in yellow):

- 2 –  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square for tail/space between mice
- 1 –  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " square for mouse head

### Construction

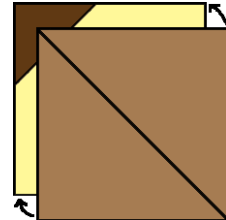
1. Draw a diagonal line across the back of mouse ear square. 
2. Place background square for mouse head on work surface, facing up.
3. Place mouse ear square on top of background mouse head square, facing down, aligning the top left corners. (Be sure that the diagonal line you drew is going edge to edge, NOT down the middle of the square.) 
4. Sew along the diagonal line.
5. Cut  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the sewn line (in the direction of the corner.) This will reduce bulk in the final block. 
6. Open and press towards the corner.

7. Draw a diagonal line across the back of mouse head square of mouse fabric.



8. Place the background/mouse ear unit face up, with the mouse ear in the top, left corner.

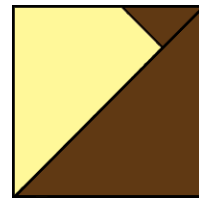
9. Place mouse fabric mouse head square face down on top of the mouse ear unit with the diagonal line going from the corner with the mouse ear to the opposite corner.



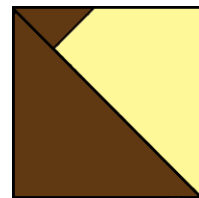
10. Sew a (scant)  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on either side of the drawn line.

11. Cut along the drawn line.

12. Open both units and press.

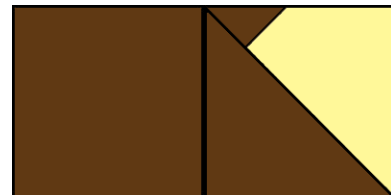


13. Trim to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



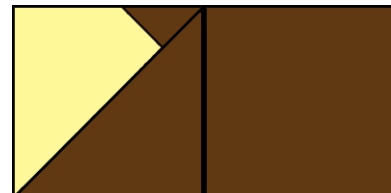
You will end up with two  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square units which look like mouse heads.

14. Sew one of the mouse head units to one of the mouse body squares. (Be sure to sew with the edges of mouse fabrics together!)



15. Open and press.

16. Repeat with second mouse body.



17. Add remaining square of background fabric to the other side of the mouse body.



18. Open and press.

19. Repeat with second mouse.



20. Add eye and tail.

(You may either draw them on, or embroider them by hand or machine.

If you have tiny buttons, they would also look cute as the mouse's eyes. Don't feel limited to only using the spiral tail as shown.)