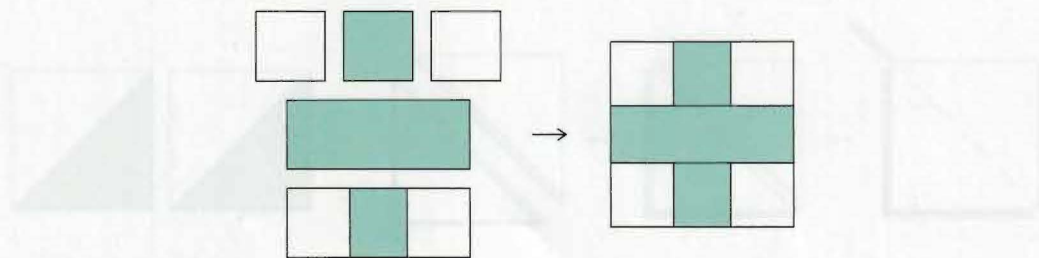


PLUS SIGN

These little plus sign units are a great way to add a modern feel to a block. They're quick and easy to make, and let's face it—just plain cute. Stitch the first and third rows together as you would the 9-patch (see page 155). Replace the second row with a rectangle, join the three rows together and press seams toward the darker fabric.



QUARTER-SQUARE TRIANGLE (QSTs)

Another quilt-making basic, these units are quick and easy to make using the draw, stitch & flip method (see page 149). Stitch a pair of squares together as you would the half-square triangle (see page 155). Press the two resulting half-square triangle units open but don't trim yet. Arrange the pair right sides together, so that like colors are opposite one another and the seams are parallel. Repeat the process by drawing a diagonal line on the wrong side of the top unit, perpendicular to the seam. Stitch on both sides, and cut in half on the drawn line. Press and trim the units to size.

