

# 1-2-3 Soft Blocks

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**Pattern Level:** Easy, some sewing experience helpful.

**Finished Size:** 3 blocks, 4", 6" & 8"

**Seam Allowance:** 1/2" used throughout and has been added.

Press carefully step-by-step and read instructions before beginning.

## Materials needed:

3/8 yard solid yellow

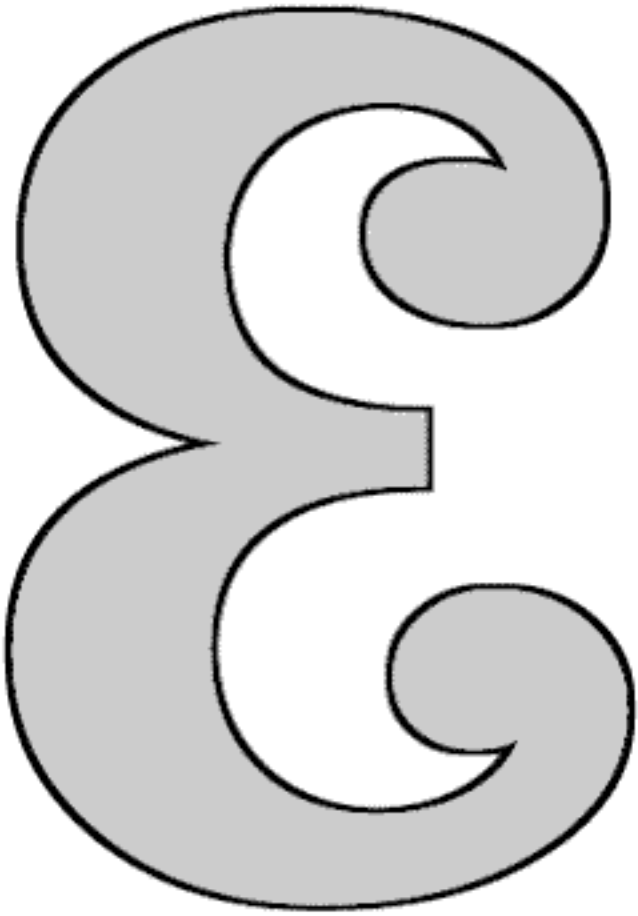
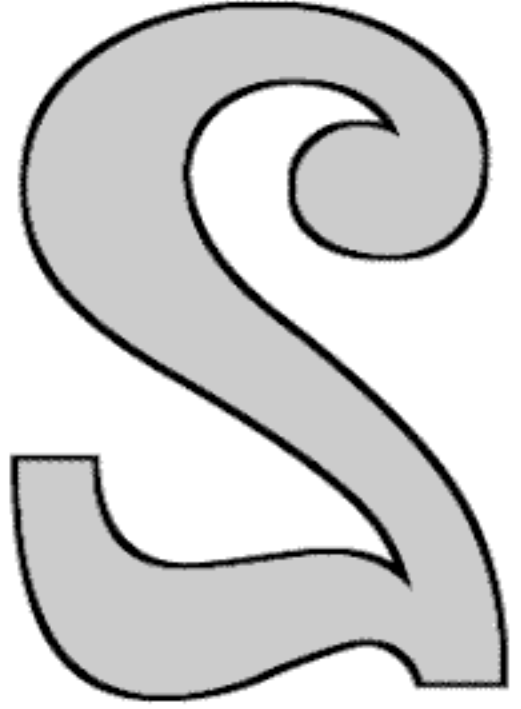
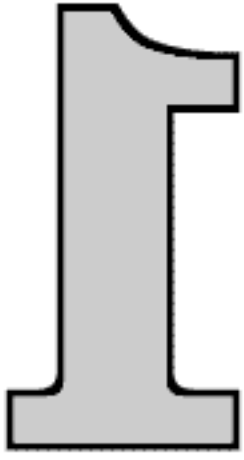
3/8 yard each of the following: medium blue print, red print, and navy print

3 packages of pre-made piping, polyester stuffing, matching thread, paper backed fusible web (wonder under).



## Cutting and Assembly:

- 1) For the 4" block cut: 1 - 5" square of solid yellow and a total of 5 - 5" squares from other prints. 4 pieces of piping 5" long, 2 pieces 22" long. For the 6" block cut: 1 - 7" square of solid yellow and a total of 5 - 7" squares from the other prints. 4 pieces of piping 7" long, 2 pieces 30" long. For 8" block cut: 1 - 9" square of solid yellow and a total of 5 - 9" squares from other prints. 4 pieces of piping 9" long, 2 pieces 38" long.
- 2) Trace the numbers onto the paper side of the fusible web allowing 1/4" space around each number. Numbers are reversed and ready to trace. Cut out numbers roughly around edges and following manufacturer's instructions fuse the #1 to the wrong side of the red print, the #2 to the wrong side of the navy print and the #3 to the wrong side of the medium-blue print. Cut out numbers along drawn lines; peel paper and fuse, centering on yellow background squares. Stitch around edges of appliqués using contrasting thread and a satin stitch.
- 3) Note: Use a zipper foot on your sewing machine to sew piping. To make one block, sew a row of 4 squares, sewing squares right sides facing and sandwiching a piece of piping into each seam. Raw edges of piping should be aligned with the raw edges of squares as they are sewn. See fig. 1.
- 4) To form sides of block, sew beginning of row to end of row right sides facing, sandwiching a piece of piping in the seam line as you sew.
- 5) For top of block, baste a piece of piping to the right side of 1 square around all outer edges, having raw edges of piping even with raw edges of square. Taper beginning and end of piping into seam line overlapping ends. See fig 2. Repeat for bottom of block. Sew top and bottom squares to sides of block, right sides facing and matching corners on top and bottom to seam lines on sides. Stitch, pivoting at corners and leaving an opening for turning and stuffing. When both top and bottom are sewn to block, turn right side out and stuff firmly. Slipstitch opening closed. Repeat steps to make other blocks.



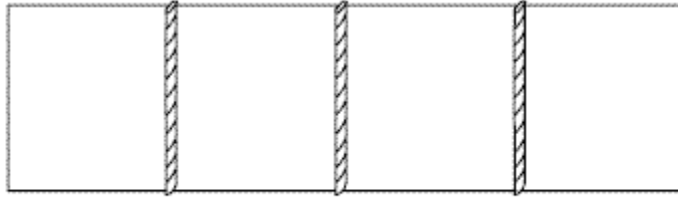


Fig. 1

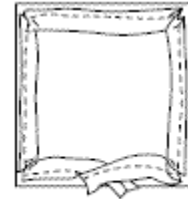


Fig. 2

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