# WEEKEND SAMPLER

Quick & Easy Machine Piecing Techniques



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Finished Size: 52½" x 63"

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## WEEKEND SAMPLER

Read all instructions carefully before starting. Prewash and iron fabrics.

All Units are  $4^{1}/2$ " x  $4^{1}/2$ " finished with the exception of Unit 6 which is  $6^{3}/4$ " x  $2^{1}/4$ " finished.

All strips are cut on the crosswise grain of the fabric unless directions specify otherwise. Press seams in the direction of the arrows.

## PREPARING TO SEW

Using an **Ultimate Seam Guide** will give you a smoother sewing surface and longer, easy to see seam allowance markings for more accurate piecing. It covers the uneven surface between the needle plate and sewing machine cabinet or tray so your fabric will feed smoothly and evenly.

Place the **Seam Guide** on the sewing machine. (Follow instructions to cut opening for needle and feed dogs.) Make sure the needle lines up with the red sewing line on the **Seam Guide** and tape in place. The Extension is no longer available, but you can easily make your own if the line in front of the needle is not long enough for all of the block units. Simply draw a red line down the center of a ruled index card. Laminate the card or cover it with clear packaging tape. Line it up with the red sewing line on the Seam Guide and tape in place.

Set sewing machine stitch length to 12-15 stitches per inch (2.0 on some sewing machines).

If you aren't using a **Seam Guide**, you can still make this quilt the traditional way by marking your sewing lines, making narrow strip sets, or cutting and sewing small squares and triangles.

## **CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### ASSORTED PRINTS

Cutting sizes are given with each block Unit. Cut as needed; or if you prefer to do all of your cutting first, skip ahead and cut the pieces, placing them on paper plates or in plastic bags labeled with the Unit number.

#### BACKGROUND FABRIC

For faster cutting, precut background fabric pieces. Refer to the block Unit cutting sizes to separate the pieces, placing them on paper plates or in plastic bags labeled with the Unit number.

#### **Block Units**

• Cut 1 strip 51/2" x wof (width of fabric). From this strip, cut:

1 strip 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 21" 3 squares 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"

- Cut 1 strip 4" x wof. From this strip, cut: 2 strips 4" x 21"
- Cut 1 strip 2" x wof. From this strip, cut: 2 strips 2" x 21"
- Cut 1 strip 5" x wof. From this strip, cut: 6 squares 5" x 5"
- Cut 3 strips 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x wof. From these strips, cut:

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2 strips 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 21"

4 rectangles 5" x 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"

18 squares 23/4" x 23/4"

- Cut 1 strip 6" x wof. From this strip, cut: 7 squares 6" x 6"
- Cut 1 strip 7¹/4" x wof. From this strip, cut:
   1 strip 7¹/4" x 21"
   1 rectangle 7¹/4" x 27/8"

#### Sashing

- Cut 1 strip  $12^{1/2}$ " x wof. From this strip, cut: 4 rectangles  $9^{1/2}$ " x  $12^{1/2}$ "
- Cut 7 strips 2" x wof. From these strips, cut:  $25 \text{ rectangles } 9^{1}/2$ " x 2"

#### CORNERSTONE FABRIC

• Cut 5 rectangles 2" x 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" on lengthwise grain of fabric

#### BORDER AND BINDING FABRIC

- Cut 4 strips 5" x length of fabric for border
- Cut 5 strips 21/4" x length of fabric for binding

Note: For some of the block Units you may not need the full 21" width of the strips which does not include the selvage. So if some of your fabrics are less than 21" wide they may still work.

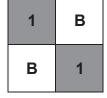
## **BLOCK PIECING INSTRUCTIONS**

## UNIT 1 (make 7)

Technique: Strip-Pieced Blocks **Cutting** 

Print 1 - 5<sup>1</sup>/2" x 21" Background - 5<sup>1</sup>/2" x 21" For a different block size: Cut strips 1" wider than finished block.

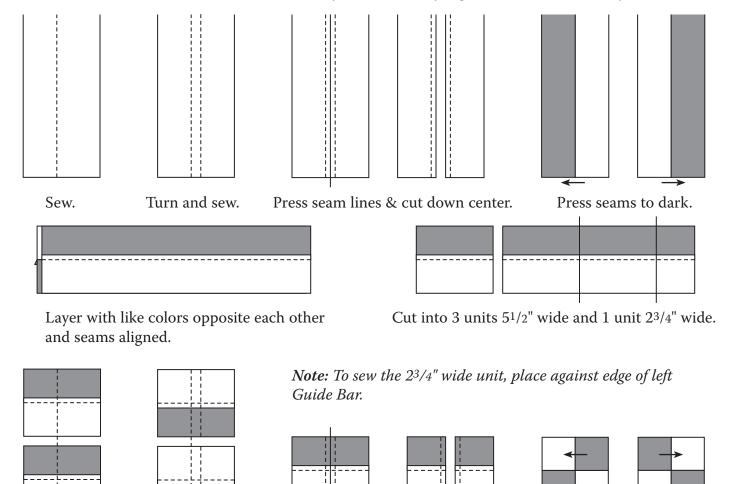
Unit 1 (make 7)



Place Guide Bars slightly to left of  $5^{1/2}$ " lines on Seam Guide (black numbers on Guide). For example, the left Guide Bar should be positioned  $^{1/4}$ " to the left of the 5" line on the left side of the Seam Guide and the right Guide Bar  $^{1/4}$ " to the right of the 5" line on the right side ( $2^{3/4}$ " from the Center Line).

Note: Make a test block first using two 51/2" squares of fabric. Adjust Guide Bars if necessary.

Layer fabrics, right sides together, and place between Guide Bars to sew. The left Guide Bar is the one that determines the seam allowance. Make sure the layered fabric stays against the Guide Bar as you sew.



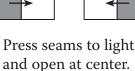
Tip: If the adhesive on the guide bars does not stick well to the seam guide, add a strip of 3M Poster Tape and trim excess width with an x-acto knife.

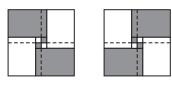
Chain sew.

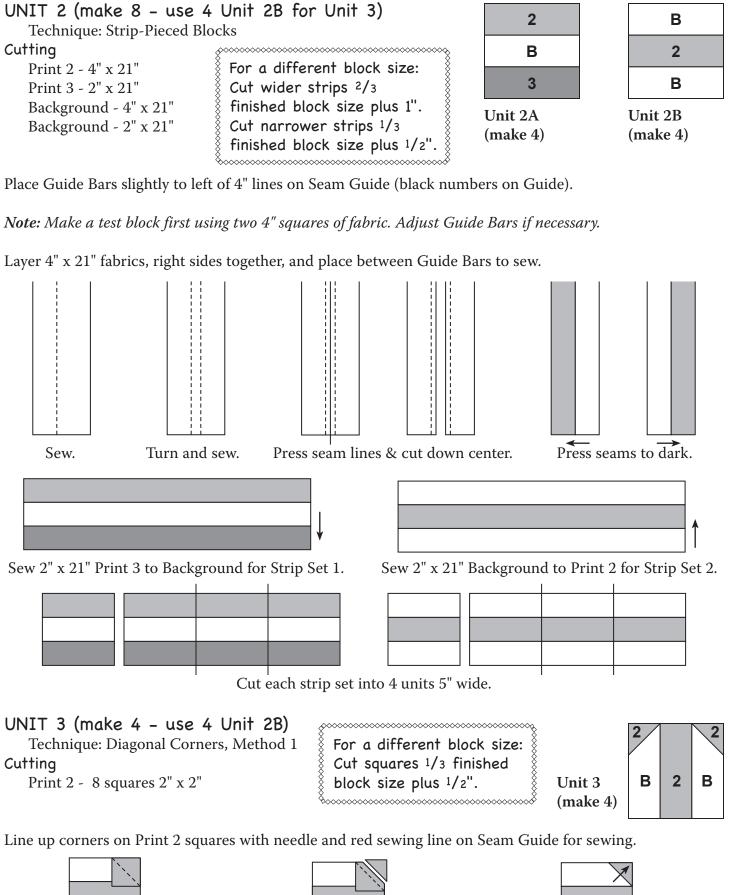
Turn and sew.

Note: Half of the blocks will be mirror images with seams rotating in opposite directions.

Press seam lines & cut down center.









Sew diagonally.

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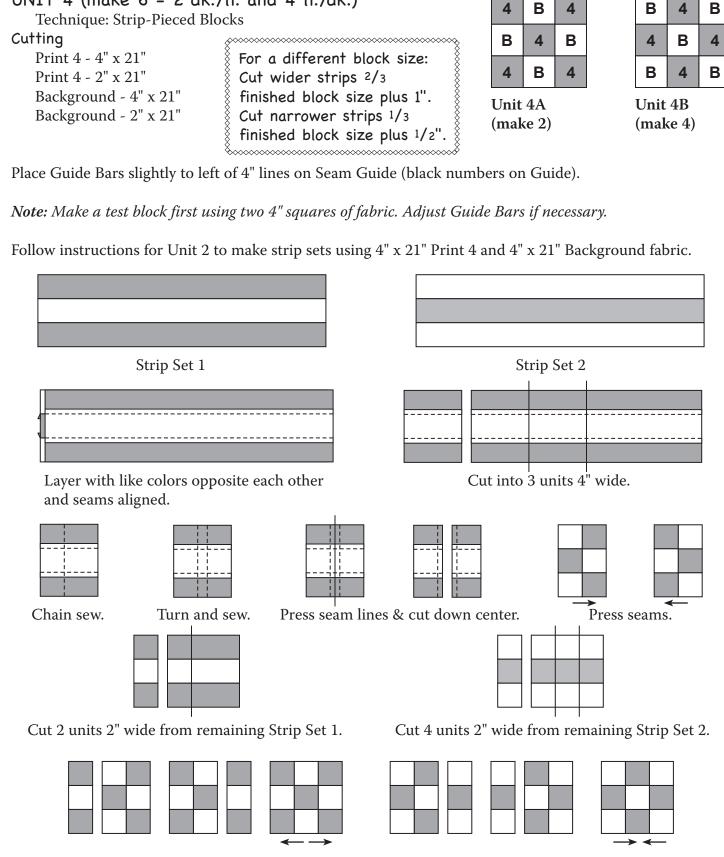
Trim seams to 1/4".

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Press seams to dark.

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UNIT 4 (make 6 - 2 dk./lt. and 4 lt./dk.)

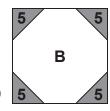
Sew to left or right side of previous units to make 2 Unit 4A and 4 Unit 4B. Press seams.

#### UNIT 5 (make 2)

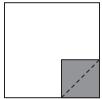
Technique: Diagonal Corners, Method 1
Cutting

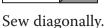
Print 5 - 8 squares 2" x 2" Background - 2 squares 5" x 5" For a different block size: Cut larger squares finished block size plus 1/2". Cut smaller squares 1/3 finished block size plus 1/2".

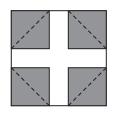
Unit 5 (make 2)



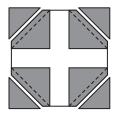
Line up corners on Print 5 squares with needle and red sewing line on Seam Guide for sewing.



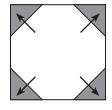




Repeat for each corner.



Trim seams to 1/4".



Press seams to dark.

## UNIT 6 (make 4 - 2 right and 2 left)

Technique: Diagonal Corners, Method 1

Cutting

Print 3 - 8 squares 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" Background - 4 rectangles 5" x 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" For a different block size: Cut squares 1/3 width plus 1/2". Cut rectangles 2/3 width x 1/3 width plus 1/2". Unit 6A (make 2)



Unit 6B (make 2)



Line up corners on Print 3 squares with

needle and red sewing line on Seam Guide for sewing.

**Note:** If you don't want to do partial seam piecing, wait to sew the Print 3 squares to the diagonal pieced units until final block assembly.



Sew 2.



Trim seams to 1/4".



Press seams to dark.



Sew and press.



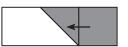
Sew 2.



Trim seams to 1/4".



Press seams to light.



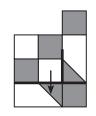
Sew and press.

#### PARTIAL SEAM PIECING

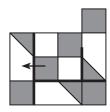
A partial seam is one that is sewn part way, then completed after additional units are sewn in place. Seams are shown with a heavy line. Press all seams to outside units.



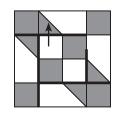
Sew leaving first 11/2" unsewn. Press.



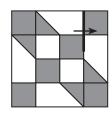
Sew and press.



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Sew, overlapping first seam for a few stitches and backstitch. Press.

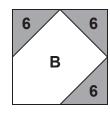
#### UNIT 7 (make 4)

Technique: Diagonal Corners, Method 1 \$ Cutting

Print 6 - 12 squares 23/4" x 23/4" Background - 4 squares 5" x 5"

For a different block size: Cut larger squares finished block size plus 1/2". Cut smaller squares 1/2 finished block size plus 1/2".

Unit 7 (make 4)



Line up corners on Print 6 squares with needle and red sewing line on Seam Guide for sewing.







Press to dark.





*Note:* It is important to use a scant 1/4" seam (slightly more than 3/16") so the seam will not show on the



Sew.

Trim seams to 1/4".

Sew. Trim seams to 1/4".

Press to dark.

## UNIT 8 (make 8)

Technique: Diagonal Corners, Method 2 Cutting

Print 7 - 5" x 21"

Print 7 - 5" x 23/4"

Background - 2 strips 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 21"

Background - 2 squares 23/4" x 23/4"

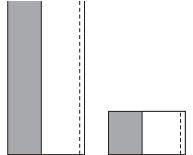
For a different block size: Cut wider strips wider width of block plus 1/2". Cut narrower strips narrower width of block plus 1/2".

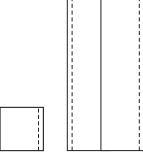
finished block. **Do not** press seams open.

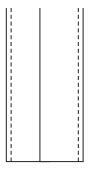
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Unit 8 (make 8)











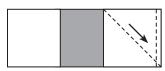


Sew Background to Print 7 with scant 1/4" seam.

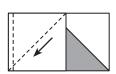
Repeat for other side. Press seam lines.

Cut 21" strip into 7 units 23/4" wide.

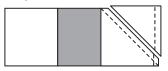
Line up corners on Background fabric with needle and red sewing line on Seam Guide for sewing. Use index card extension if necessary.



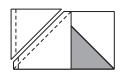




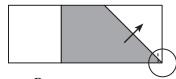
Sew diagonally.



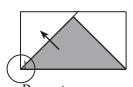
Press seam lines. Trim seams to 1/4".



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Press to corner.



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Pull fabric B slightly at corners to remove stitches from previous seam before pressing.

To prevent corners from being pulled into feed dogs, sew from inside corner to outside corner.

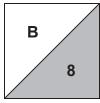
#### UNIT 9 (make 6 - use 4 for Unit 10)

Technique: Triangle-Squares

Cutting

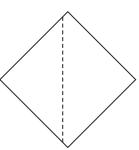
Print 8 - 3 squares 51/2" x 51/2" Background - 3 squares 51/2" x 51/2" For a different block size: Cut squares 1" larger than finished block.

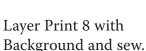
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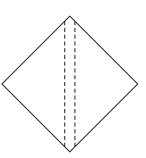


Unit 9 (make 6)

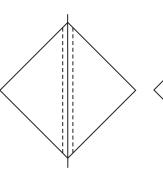
Follow instructions on Page 1 to make an index card extension if needed for these blocks. Line up corners on square with edge of 1/4" foot and 1/4" line on Seam Guide for sewing.



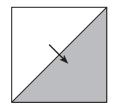




Turn and sew.



Press seam lines & cut down center.



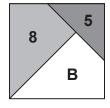
Press seams to dark. Trim to 5" square.

## UNIT 10 (make 4 - use 4 Unit 9)

Technique: Diagonal Corners, Method 1
Cutting

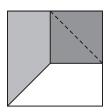
Print 5 - 4 squares 23/4" x 23/4"

For a different block size: Cut squares 1/2 finished block size plus 1/2".

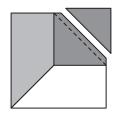


Unit 10 (make 4)

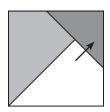
Line up corners on Print 5 squares with needle and red sewing line on Seam Guide for sewing.



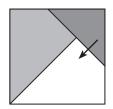
Sew diagonally.



Trim seams to 1/4".



Press 2 to dark.



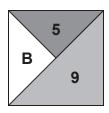
Press 2 to light.

## UNIT 11 (make 8 - 4 left hand and 4 right hand)

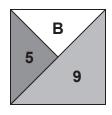
Technique: Triangle-Squares

#### Cutting

Print 5 - 2 squares 6" x 6" Background - 2 squares 6" x 6" Print 9 - 4 squares 55/8" x 55/8"

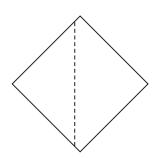


Unit 11A (make 4)

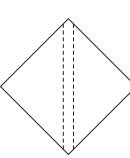


Unit 11B (make 4)

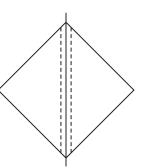
Use index card extension if needed. Line up corners on square with edge of 1/4" foot and 1/4" line on Seam Guide for sewing.



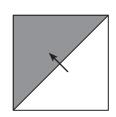
Layer Print 5 with Background and sew.



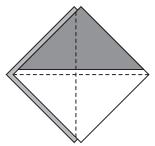
Turn and sew.



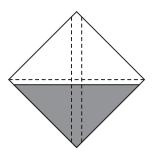
Press seam lines & cut down center.



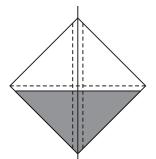
Press seams to dark.



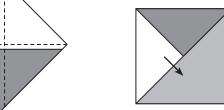
Layer with Print 9 and sew.

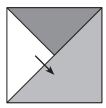


Turn and sew.



Press seam lines & cut down center.





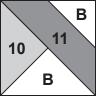
Press seams to dark. Each unit makes 2 blocks -1 right hand and 1 left hand. Trim to 5" square.

For a different block size: Cut larger squares 11/2" larger than finished block. Cut smaller squares 11/8" larger than finished block.

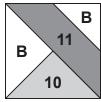
## UNIT 12 (make 8 - 4 left hand and 4 right hand)

Technique: Triangle-Squares; Diagonal Corners, Method 1
Cutting

Print 10 - 2 squares 6" x 6" Background - 2 squares 6" x 6" Print 11 - 4 squares 5<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 5<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" Background - 8 squares 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"

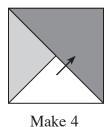


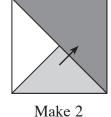


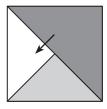


Unit 12B (make 4)

Follow instructions for Unit 11 to make 3 piece triangle-squares using Print 10, 6" Background squares and Print 11.



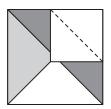


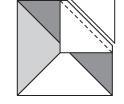


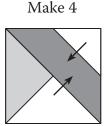
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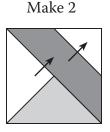
For a different block size: Cut larger squares 1½2" larger than finished block. Cut medium squares 1½8" larger than finished block. Cut small squares ½2 finished block size plus ½".

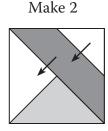
Line up corners on  $2^{3}/4^{"}$  Background squares with needle and red sewing line on Seam Guide for sewing. Use index card extension if needed.











Sew diagonally.

Trim seams to 1/4".

Press seams as shown.

TIP: The presewn triangle cut-offs from Unit 8 can be sewn together in matching groups of 4 to make bonus blocks to be used in a different project.







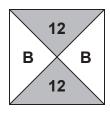


UNIT 13 (make 4)

Technique: Triangle-Squares

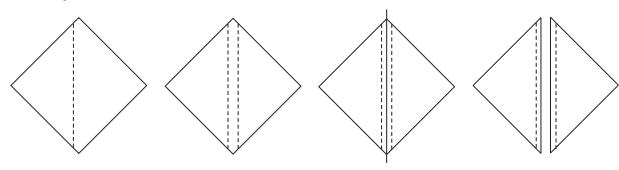
Cutting

Print 12 - 2 squares 6" x 6" Background - 2 squares 6" x 6" For a different block size: Cut squares 11/2" larger than finished block.



Unit 13 (make 4)

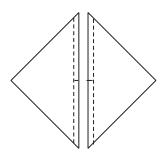
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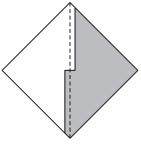
Layer Print 12 and Background and sew.

Turn and sew.

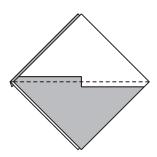
Press seam lines & cut down center.



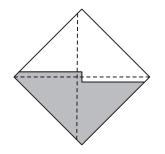
Clip seam at center. (Fold in half to find center.)



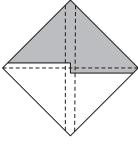
Press top half to dark and bottom half to light.



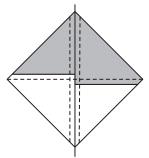
Layer with like colors and seams opposite each other.



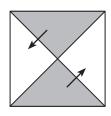
Sew.



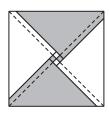
Turn and sew.



Press seam lines & cut down center.



Press all seams counterclockwise and open at center. Trim to 5" square.



UNIT 14 (make 4)

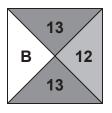
Technique: Triangle-Squares

Cutting

Print 12 - 1 square 6" x 6" Print 13 - 2 squares 6" x 6"

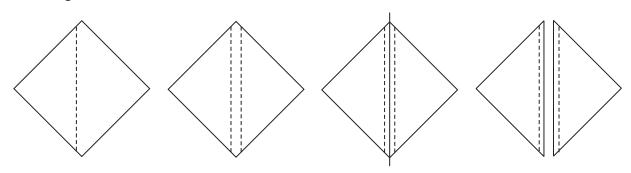
Background - 1 square 6" x 6"

For a different block size: Cut squares  $1^1/2''$  larger than finished block.



Unit 14 (make 4)

Use index card extension if needed. Line up corners on square with edge of 1/4" foot and 1/4" line on Seam Guide for sewing.

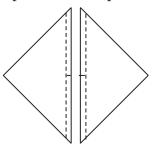


Layer Print 13 and Background and sew.

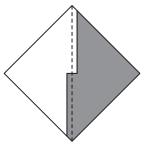
Turn and sew.

Press seam lines & cut down center.

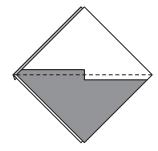
Repeat above steps for Print 12 and Print 13.



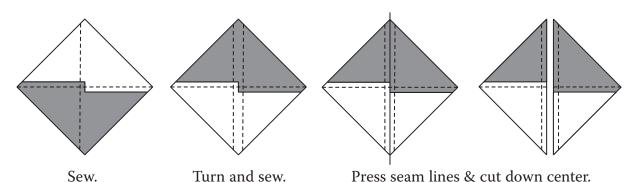
Clip seam at center. (Fold in half to find center.)

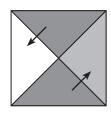


Press top half to dark and bottom half to light.



Layer 2 different block units with dark colors opposite each other.





Press all seams counterclockwise and open at center. Trim to 5" square.

## UNIT 15 (make 16 - use 4 Unit 15B for Unit 16)

Technique: Strip-Pieced Blocks; Triangle-Squares

Cutting

Print 14 - 53/4" x 21"

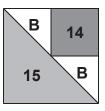
Print 14 - 53/4" x 27/8"

Background - 71/4" x 21"

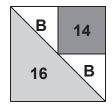
Background - 71/4" x 27/8"

Print 15 - 4 rectangles 51/4" x 6"

Print 16 - 4 rectangles 51/4" x 6"

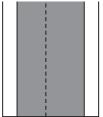


Unit 15A (make 8)

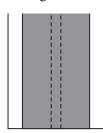


Unit 15B (make 8)

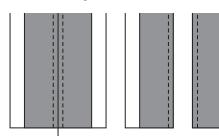
Place Guide Bars slightly to left of  $7^{1}/4^{"}$  lines on Seam Guide (black numbers on Guide). For example, the left Guide Bar should be positioned  $1/8^{"}$  to the left of the 7" line on the left side of the Seam Guide and the right Guide Bar  $1/8^{"}$  to the right of the 7" line on the right side ( $3^{5}/8^{"}$  from the Center Line).



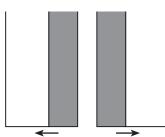
Center Print 14 on Background and sew.



Turn and sew.

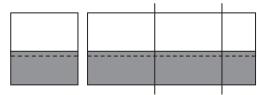


Press seam lines & cut down center.



Press seams to light.





Layer with like colors opposite each other and cut 21" strips into 3 units  $5^{3}/4$ " wide and 1 unit  $2^{7}/8$ " wide. Sew  $2^{7}/8$ " wide units with a 1/4" seam.

Reposition Guide Bars slightly to left of 53/4" lines on Seam Guide (27/8" from center line).



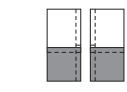
Chain sew.



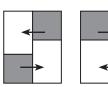
Turn and sew.



Press seam lines & cut down center.



Clip seams at center. (Fold in half to find center.)



Press seams to light.





Cut a 6" square of gridded template plastic. Cut in half diagonally. Turn 4-patch units to wrong side and use the triangle template to mark sewing lines by lining up the grid with the seam lines. The lines should intersect the seam at the inside corner of the Print 14 squares.



Layer 4-patch units with Print 15 and 16 rectangles and sew on marked lines.



Press seam lines & cut down center.



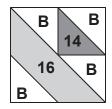
Press seams to large triangles and trim to 5" square.

#### UNIT 16 (make 4 - use 4 Unit 15B)

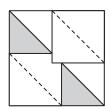
Technique: Diagonal Corners, Method 1

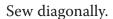
Cutting
Background - 8 squares 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"

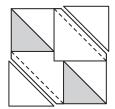
Unit 16 (make 4)



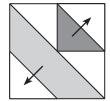
Line up corners on Background squares with needle and red sewing line on Seam Guide for sewing. Use index card extension if needed.







Trim seams to 1/4".



Press 2 each as shown.

For a different block size: Unit 15 and 16

Cut narrower strips  $1^1/4''$  wider than finished block. Cut wider strips  $2^3/4''$  wider than finished block. Cut rectangles 3/4'' wider and  $1^1/2''$  longer than finished block.

Unit 16

Cut squares for corner triangles 1/2 finished block size plus 1/2".

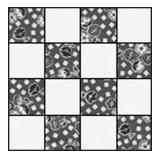
#### TRIMMING TRIANGLE-SQUARES

Place the 45° diagonal line of a 6" square ruler along the diagonal seam. The 5" marks on the ruler should line up with the opposite diagonal seam and the  $2^{1/2}$ " mark with the center of the Unit if applicable. Trim the fabric that extends past the ruler. Turn the Unit around and reposition the ruler on the diagonal seam and line up the 5" marks on the ruler with the cut edges. Trim the remaining 2 edges for a perfect square.

## **BLOCK ASSEMBLY**

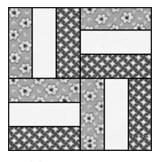
Referring to the cover photo and the diagrams below, sew the block Units together in groups of 4 (8 Units for Block 8). Partial seam piecing is required on Block 6 unless you left the Print 3 corner squares unsewn and 5 Units are needed. Press seams in a circular direction and open at center or in the direction that will give the least bulk. Press Block 7 seams open for less bulk.

#### BLOCK 1



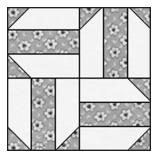
4 - Unit 1

BLOCK 2



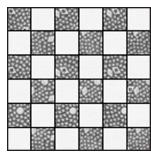
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BLOCK 3



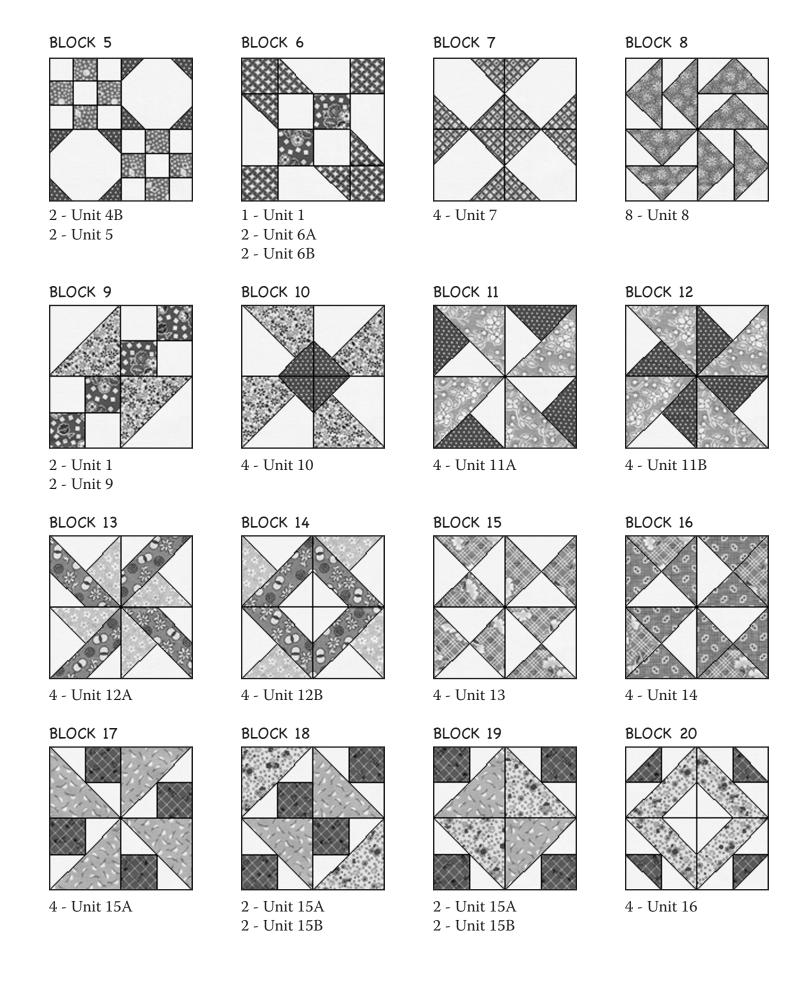
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BLOCK 4



2 - Unit 4A

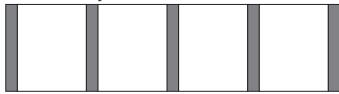
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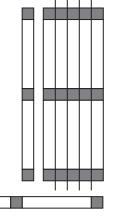
## SASHING AND CORNERSTONES

Note: Press all seams toward sashing.

1. Sew 4 - 9<sup>1</sup>/2" x 12<sup>1</sup>/2" sashing rectangles and 5 cornerstone rectangles together as shown to make a strip set.

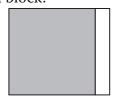


2. Fold strip set in half lengthwise, staggering seams, and cut into 6 strips 2" wide.



Unit A (make 6)

3. Sew a 91/2" x 2" sashing rectangle to the right side of each block.



4. Arrange blocks as shown in the Quilt Top Diagram or as desired and sew together in groups of 4. Sew a 91/2" x 2" sashing rectangle to the left side of each group.



Unit B (make 5)

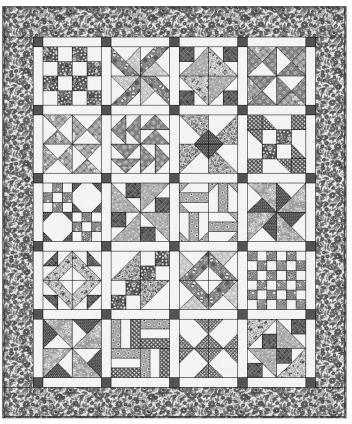
5. Sew 6 Unit A's and 5 Unit B's together as shown in the Quilt Top Diagram.

#### **FINISHING**

- 1. Measure the length of the quilt top through the center. Cut and add side borders. Press seams toward borders.
- 2. Measure the width of the quilt top including the borders just added. Cut and add top and bottom borders. Press seams toward borders. Stay stitch 1/8" from edge around quilt top.
- 3. Cut and piece the backing fabric, making it 3" larger than the quilt top on all sides for longarm quilting or 2" for hand or machine quilting.
- 4. For hand or machine quilting, layer quilt top with backing and batting. Baste and quilt as desired.
- 5. Diagonal piece the binding strips. Trim seams and press open. Fold binding in half lengthwise and press.
- 6. Add binding to quilt, mitering the corners.

  Trim excess batting and backing. Fold binding to back of quilt and blind stitch in place.
- 7. Sign and date your quilt.

## Quilt Top Diagram



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## P107 WEEKEND SAMPLER

Finished Size: 521/2" x 63" Block Size: 9" x 9"

#### NO TRIANGLES TO CUT + NO BIAS EDGES TO SEW + SAVE TIME MARKING AND PINNING

From four-patch blocks to triangle-squares, your lap size sampler quilt will be finished in no time by using these quick and easy block piecing techniques. Make twice as many blocks for a larger quilt. Or choose your favorite block or two and make them all the same using a variety of fabrics for an even faster quilt.

Step-by-step illustrated instructions guide you through the piecing and assembly of 16 different block units that can be combined in many different ways in addition to the ones shown. Instructions are also included for figuring the cutting dimensions for a different block size.

#### FABRIC AND SUPPLIES

Yardage is based on 42" usable fabric width.

16 assorted prints (6" x 21" or 6" x 26" will work for most blocks) 17/8 yds background fabric

11" x 13" dark solid for cornerstones

15/8 yds **print** for border and binding (cut on lengthwise grain) 31/2 yds backing fabric (pieced crosswise)

60" x 70" quilt batting

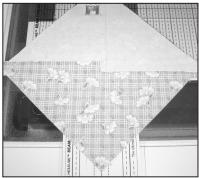
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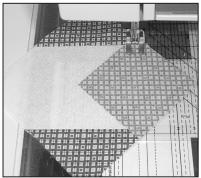
Diagonal Corners, Method 2

Triangle-Squares

Strip-Pieced Blocks







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