

Hidden Star

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Cutting:

For the 4-patches: cut 1 piece of each fabric 21" x 2" (light and dark pinks)

For the ½ square triangles: cut 2 squares of each fabric 3 7/8" * (striped and floral)

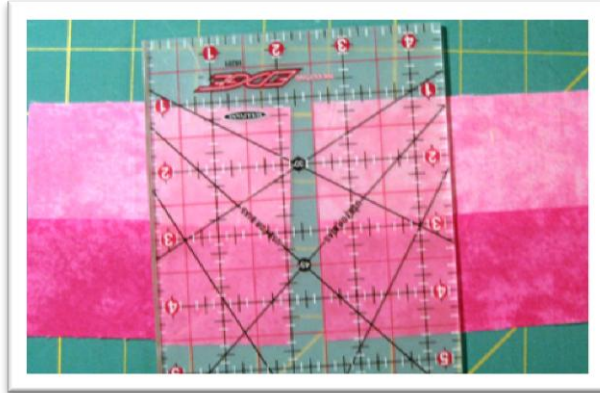


* I prefer to round-up the cutting size of the squares and then trim the ½ square triangles to the desired unfinished size. Round-up your cutting measurement to 4" if you wish to do the same.

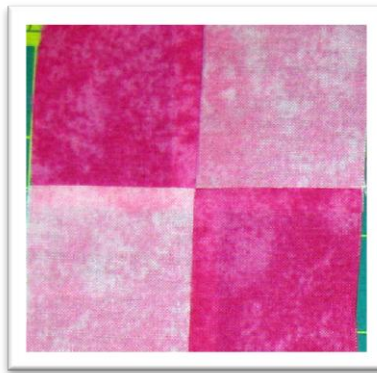


Piecing:

Make five 4-patch blocks. Sew the two pink strips together. Press towards the darker colour. Sub-cut into 10 - 2" strips.



Matching your seams, piece together the 5 4-patch units.



Make four $\frac{1}{2}$ -square triangles. Mark a line diagonally on the background of your lightest $3\frac{7}{8}$ " square (or 4" square if you've cut them over-sized). Put the squares right sides together and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the marked line. I prefer to mark my sewing lines, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " ruler (see photo).



Cut apart and press towards the darker triangle. Trim if needed. Your $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles should measure 3.5".



Lay out your block pieces, careful it's easy to get them in the wrong order. Ask how I know!



Stitch your rows together first, pressing the seams towards the four-patch units. Nest your seams when assembling the rows together.

Enjoy your pretty block!

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