

Tradition with a Twist

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Aurifil Designer Block of the Month*

Unfinished Block: 12½" x 12½"
Finished Block: 12" x 12"

Materials Needed

- Assorted Low Volume/White Scraps
- Assorted Red Scraps
- 4 pieces of Letter-size Foundation Paper
- Aurifil 50wt Thread
- *optional*: Add-a-Quarter Ruler

Cutting Instructions

The beauty of foundation paper-piecing is your cutting doesn't have to be precise, because all the excess will get trimmed! Just make sure your pieces are larger than the measurements below.

From the Low Volume/White Scraps, cut:

- (2) 1½" squares - A1
- (2) 1" x 2½" rectangles - A4
- (2) 1" x 2¾" rectangles - A5
- (2) 1" x 3¼" rectangles - A8
- (2) 1" x 4" rectangles - A9
- (2) 1" x 4¾" rectangles - A12
- (2) 1" x 5½" rectangles - A13
- (2) 1½" x 6" rectangles - A16
- (2) 1½" x 6¾" rectangles - A17
- (2) 1½" squares - B2
- (2) 1½" x 2¼" rectangles - B3
- (2) 1½" x 2¾" rectangles - B6
- (2) 1½" x 3½" rectangles - B7
- (2) 1½" x 3¾" rectangles - B10
- (2) 1½" x 4¾" rectangles - B11
- (2) 1½" x 5¼" rectangles - B14
- (2) 1½" x 6" rectangles - B15

From the Red Scraps, cut:

- (2) 1½" squares - B1
- (2) 1" x 2½" rectangles - B4
- (2) 1" x 2¾" rectangles - B5
- (2) 1" x 3¼" rectangles - B8
- (2) 1" x 4" rectangles - B9
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Paper-piecing Instructions

Before you start sewing:

- New to foundation paper-piecing? Check out our tutorial at www.sassafras-lane.com.
- Gather what you will need: Add-A-Quarter Ruler™, template plastic or index card, and small rotary cutter.
- Make 2 copies of the paper-piecing foundations at actual size (pages 3 & 4). Make all of your copies from the same original, use the same copy machine/printer and use a light weight paper such as foundation paper.
- Trim each pattern leaving ⅛" to ¼" on all sides. Do not trim on the line... yet!
- Set the stitch length on your sewing machine to 18-20 stitches per inch. On some machines that will be a 1.5.

Paper-piecing Instructions Continued

(The smaller stitches make it easier to rip off the paper, without ripping out your stitches.)

- Place a piece of muslin or scrap fabric on your ironing board. When you press the pieces, the ink from the copies may transfer onto your ironing board cover. We also recommend not stacking your foundations while ironing so the ink doesn't transfer onto your fabrics.

The lines on the Foundations indicate where to sew and the numbers indicate the sequence in which to sew. The only seam allowances that are shown are the ones that go around the foundation. The lines and numbers are printed on the front of the pattern. This is the side to sew on. The back of the pattern is the blank side. This is where the fabric will be placed. Let the paper-piecing begin!

- Place a low volume/white square right side up on the blank side of Foundation A, covering Section 1. Pin in place. Turn the foundation pattern over, look through the paper towards your light source and make sure the fabric extends beyond the lines on each side by at least ¼".
- Place your template plastic or an index card on the sewing line between Sections 1 and 2. Fold back the foundation pattern over the edge of the template plastic. You will see the excess fabric from Section 1. Place the Add-A-Quarter ruler up against the fold of the foundation paper with the lip side down. Use the rotary cutter to trim the extra fabric from Section 1. You will now have a straight line to help you place your next fabric.
- Position a red square on the trimmed edge of the first strip RST. Turn the foundation paper over and stitch on the line between Sections 1 and 2. Sew a few stitches before the line begins and a few stitches after the line ends. Flip the paper over and open the red fabric. Press.
- Place your template plastic or an index card on the sewing line between Sections 1 and 3. Fold the paper back along the line. You will see the excess fabric from Sections 1 and 2. Butt the ruler up against the paper and trim the excess fabric.
- Turn the foundation over and position another red rectangle. Flip the paper over and sew on the line between Sections 1/2 and 3. Flip the paper over and open the rectangle. Press.
- Continue until you have covered entire foundation.
- Trim pieces, leaving the included ¼" seam around all edges.

Sewing Instructions

Sew the two Foundation A pieces together creating a half circle of red. Press the seams to the right side. Sew the two Foundation B pieces together creating a half circle of low volume/white. Press the seams to the right side. *(diagram 1)* Sew the two halves together, nestling the center seams up to one another. Press the final seam open. *(diagram 2)* Rotate the block 90° counterclockwise and gently remove the paper. *(diagram 3)*

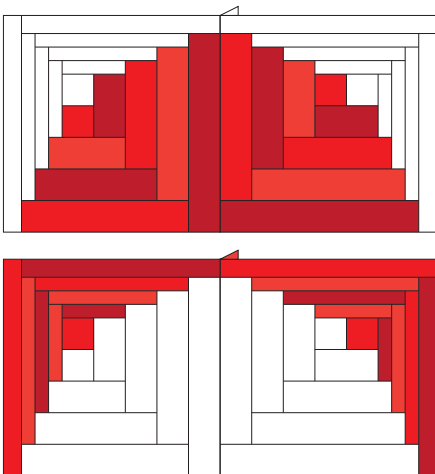


diagram 1

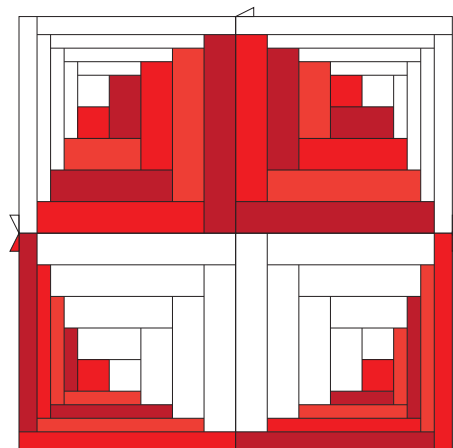


diagram 2

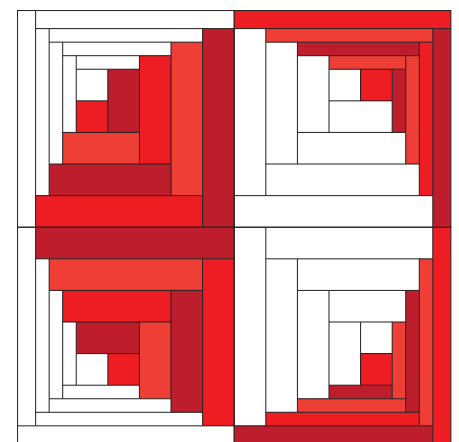


diagram 3

