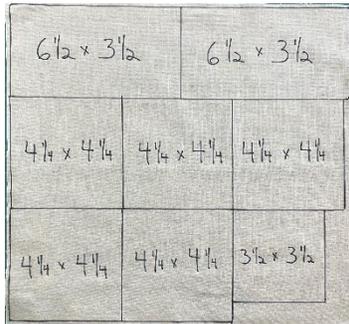


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Materials Needed:

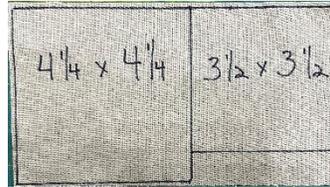
Fabric 1. White or Cream (cutting diagram below):

- A Five 4 ¼ inch squares, cut in half on the diagonal to form triangles
- B Two 6 ½ x 3 ½ inch rectangles
- C One 3 ½ inch square



Fabric 2A. Blue (cutting diagram below):

- D One 3 ½ inch square
- E One 4 ¼ inch square, cut in half on the diagonal to form triangles



Fabric 2B. Blue (Correct size provided to you)

- F One 4 ¼ inch square, cut in half on the diagonal to form triangles

Fabric 3 (Your choice – the example used two shades of the same color)

- G Three to four 4 ¼ inch squares, cut in half on the diagonal (if you use two different colors, cut two squares of each color)

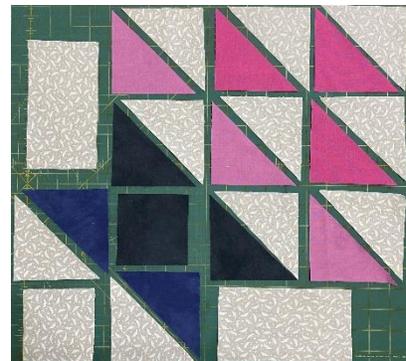


Note: Squares will be made from the 4 ¼ inch triangles, and will be trimmed to 3 ½ inch squares

Step 1: Make the squares

Lay out all pieces as shown to the right. Select all of the A, E, F and G triangles and pair each of the A (white or cream) triangles with one of the other triangles. Stitch each set of triangles, and press each seam toward the color.

The squares must be trimmed to 3 ½ inch squares. To do so, align the square on your cutting mat at the junction of the 45 degree angle and horizontal and vertical lines forming a right angle, with all the raw edges of the square beyond the right angle lines, as shown below left. Using your ruler, cut the top and right sides to slightly more than 3 ½ inches using your ruler to measure, so that you have fabric left to trim on the other two sides. Then rotate the square 180 degrees, and cut what are now the new upper and right sides to 3 ½ inches (below center). Be sure to always keep the diagonal seam line on the 45 degree angle line on your cutting board. The result should be a 3 ½ inch square, as shown below right.



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Step 2: Combine the squares

Arrange the pieces as shown below left. Stitch together the three squares on the top row. Press the seams in one direction. Stitch together the three squares on the second row; press the seams in the opposite direction from the top row. Stitch together all four squares in the third row; press the seams in the opposite direction from row two. Stitch together the two squares in the bottom row; press the seams in the opposite direction from row three. See the photo below center.

Next stitch the two top rows of three squares together; press the seam to one side. Nest the seams so that they match neatly. Stitch the white rectangle to the two seamed rows. Press the seam to the opposite direction from the seam directly below.

Next stitch the bottom rectangle to the two seamed squares; press the seam in the same direction as the other seam. Stitch the bottom two rows together. Nest the seams so that they match neatly. Press the seam to one side.

To finish, stitch the top and bottom rectangles together. Press the seam to one side.

