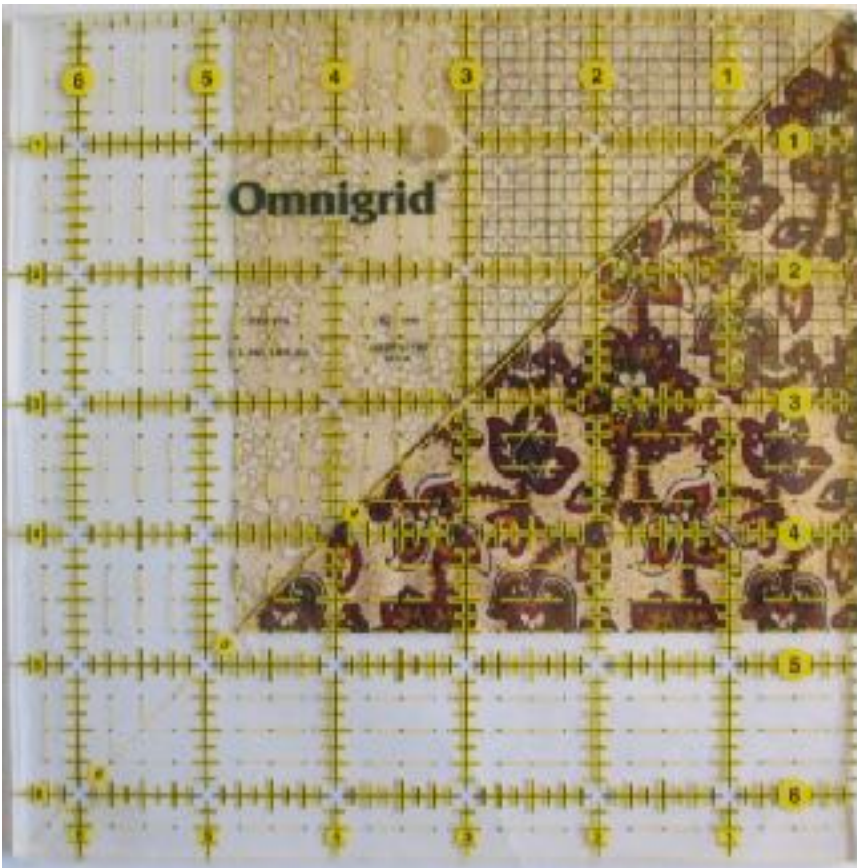# MAY BOM - SPOOLS

As we reach our last block of the year, remember we'll be drawing names for prizes at our May General Meeting. This month you will need to make 2 blocks to create the Spool block; a light and a dark "spool".   I've set them on-point here so they are a little easier to envision.

We'll start with 2 Grecian Squares, a light (negative) and a dark (positive). Once cut up, we'll mix up the pieces then reassemble to make 2 Spools.

Step 1 - HST

Make 8 HST that measure 4.75 inches.
Press to dark.

Pick your favorite method. Feel free to contact me if you need help.

Step 2 - Bar Units

Cut 2 dark and 2 light strips
that each measure
2 & 5/8" wide x 20 " long.

Sew a light and a dark together.
Make 2 strip sets & press open.

Sub-cut into 8 sections that
measure 4.75 x 4.75 ".

Step 3

Cut 1 dark square and 1 light square
that each measure 4.75 inches.

These will be the center squares.
You will need 4 HST, 4 Bar units, and 1 center square for each block.
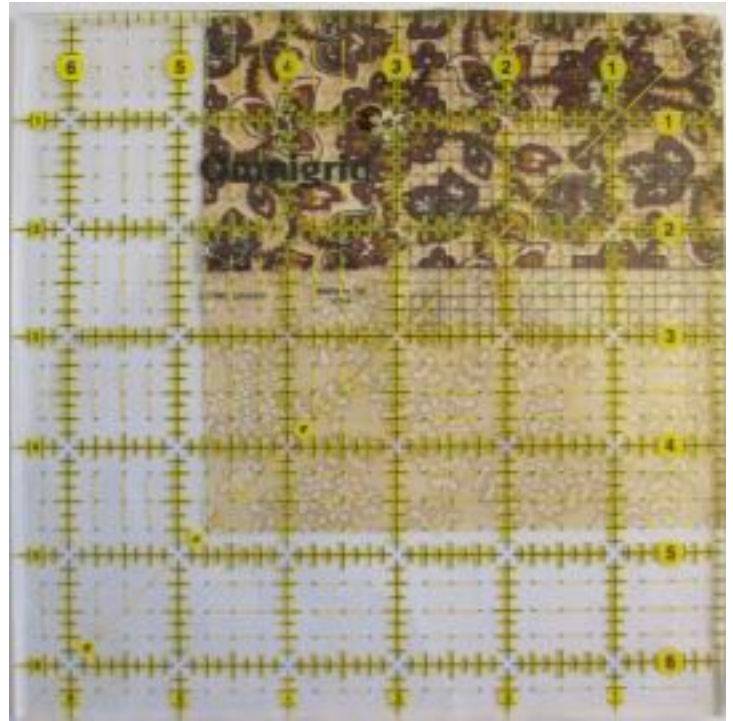I suggest sewing together one at a time to avoid confusion.

Step 4

Lay out the pieces as shown and sew together as 9-patches.
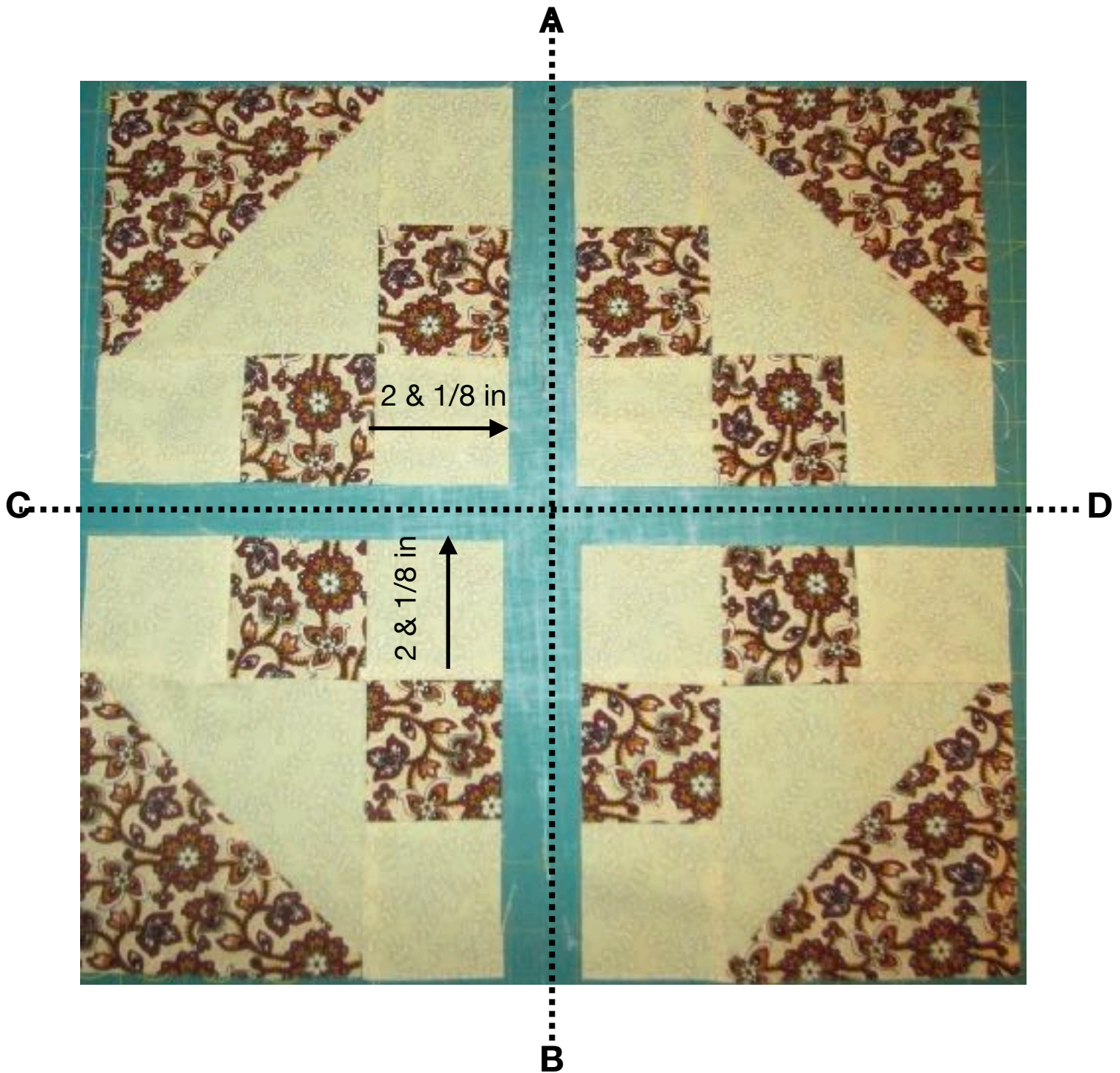**Watch the direction of the triangles.**

This is the negative block.   This is the positive block
Light triangles point to light center.   Dark triangles point to dark center.

Step 5
Measure 2 & 1/8 inch from the edge of the light center square and cut negative (light) block vertically. (Cut A-B)
Repeat to bisect the block horizontally. (Cut C-D)

A

2 & 1/8 in

C .... D

2 & 1/8 in

B

Step 6
Repeat cuts with positive (dark) block

Step 7

Each section should measure 6.5 inches. If you need to trim, do so from the sides with the small squares so you don't lose the HST points.

Step 8

Now to rearrange ! Take 2 pieces from the positive block and 2 from the negative block. Rearrange as shown and sew together. You can also make both Spool Blocks match and have 2 dark or 2 light Spools.

Step 9
Press flat and admire your work !

Here are a couple of color ideas to play with. Remember you need to make a positive block and a negative block to get a spool.