

April BOM - Solomon's Star

Our April block is quick and easy. It consists of squares, flying geese and non-mirrored combo units. You could also use HST for the Flying Geese. A minimum of 3 colors is suggested but 4 or 5 will work too.



These instructions will be for a 3-color block. Cutting directions will be for Flying Geese as the side units. If you would rather construct them with HST, please see *****Notes*****

Cutting Info

Color 1 - Pink

four 6" squares
one 6.25" square

Color 2 - Background
one 6.25" square

Color 3 - Blue

four 5" squares
two 6" squares
one 11" square



Notes

Eliminate blue 11" and pink 6" squares.

You will need a total of 8 HST. Use one of the following methods:

For 8 at a time HST, cut one 11.5" square of blue and pink

For 4 at a time HST, cut two 8.5" squares of blue and pink

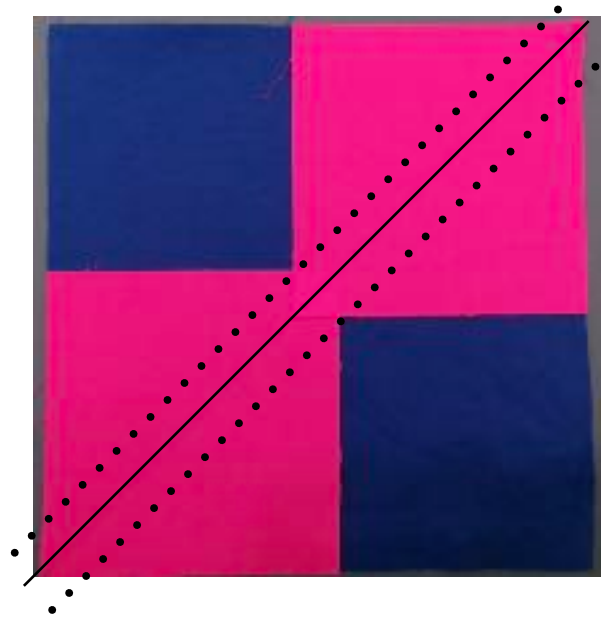
For 2 at a time HST, cut four 5.5" squares of blue and pink

Step 1 - Flying Geese

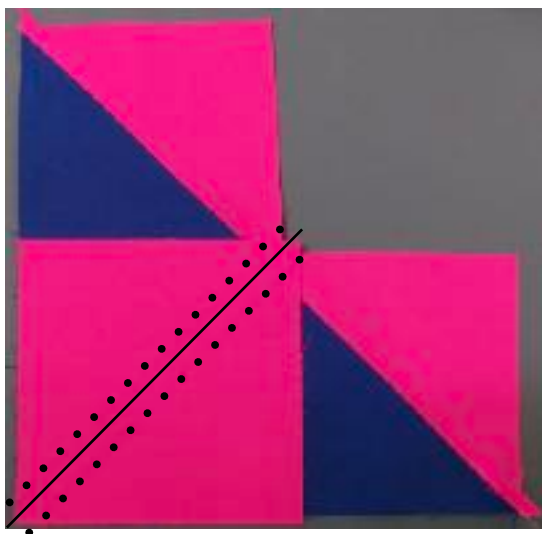
Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 4 pink 6" squares.
Place a square on opposite corners of the 11" blue square and sew 1/4" on both sides of the diagonal line.

Cut apart on the diagonal line.

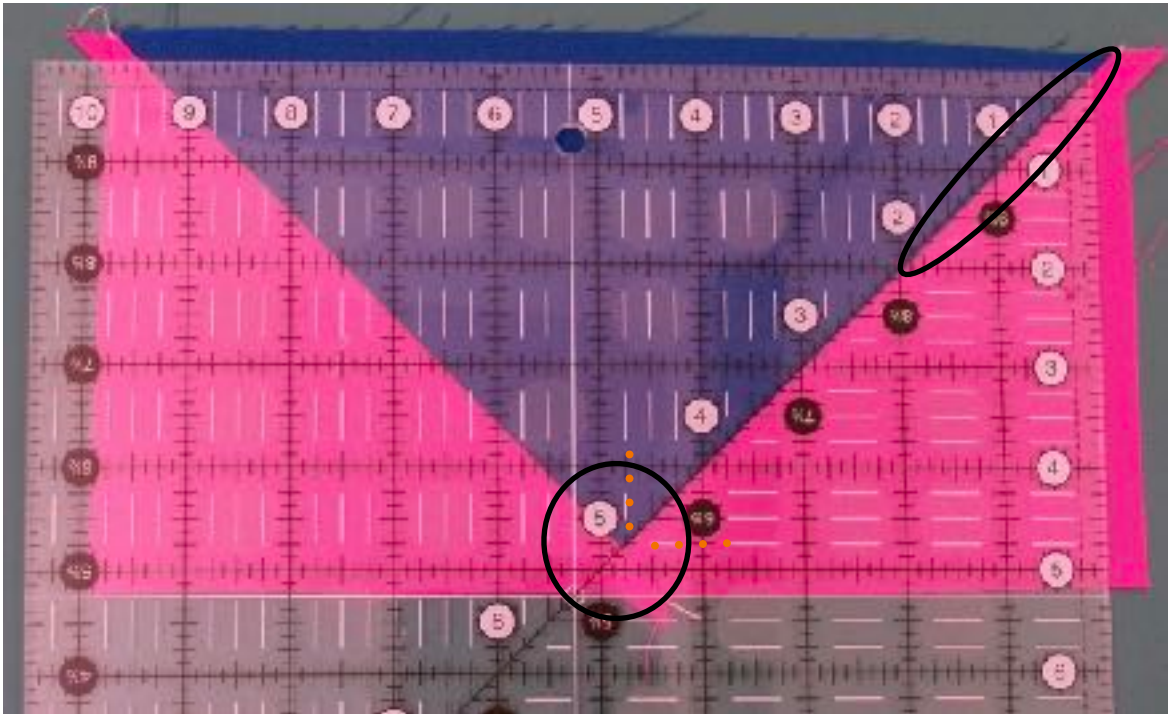
Press CAREFULLY towards the pink triangles.



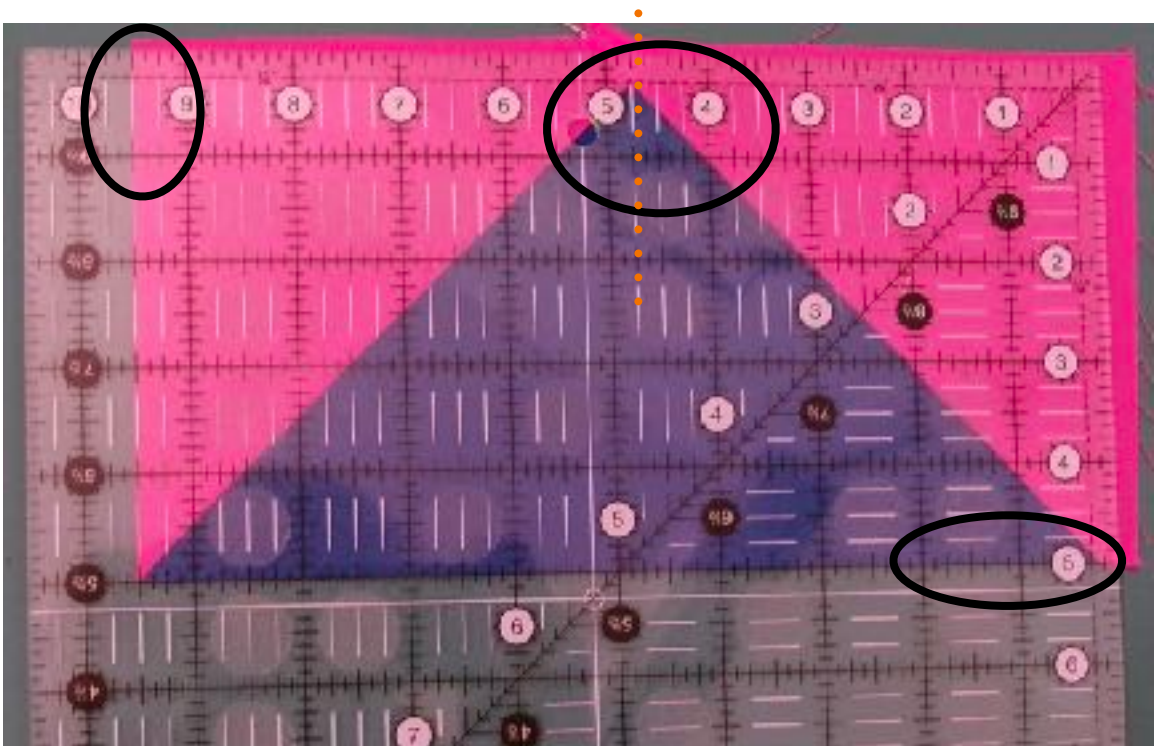
Place pink square on the blue corner & again sew 1/4" on both sides of the diagonal line. Cut on diagonal line. Repeat with remaining piece. Press towards pink triangle. You will have 4 FG units.



Trim the Flying Geese to 5" x 9.5". Start with the point of "goose" facing you. Align the diagonal line of the ruler along the diagonal seam line and the 4.75" vertical ruler line with the "beak". Trim the top and side of the fabric.



Rotate unit 180 degrees. Again, align the 4.75" vertical ruler line with the "beak". The trimmed sides of the fabric should line up with the 9.5" vertical ruler line and the 5" horizontal ruler line. Trim top & side. Trim to make 4 FlyingGeese.

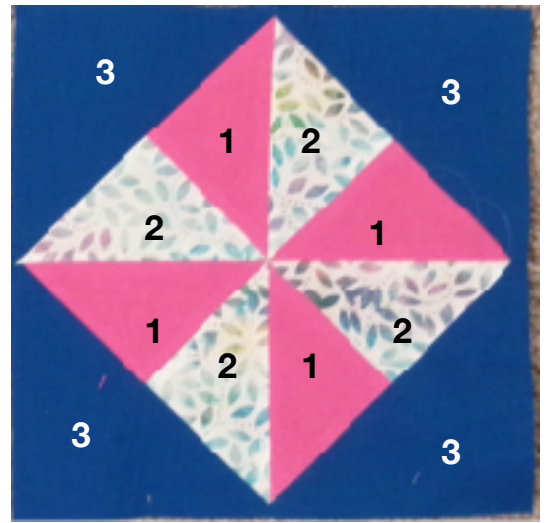


Step 2 - Non-Mirrored Combo Units

Think about your color placement for this unit. It can be tricky when you go to sew.

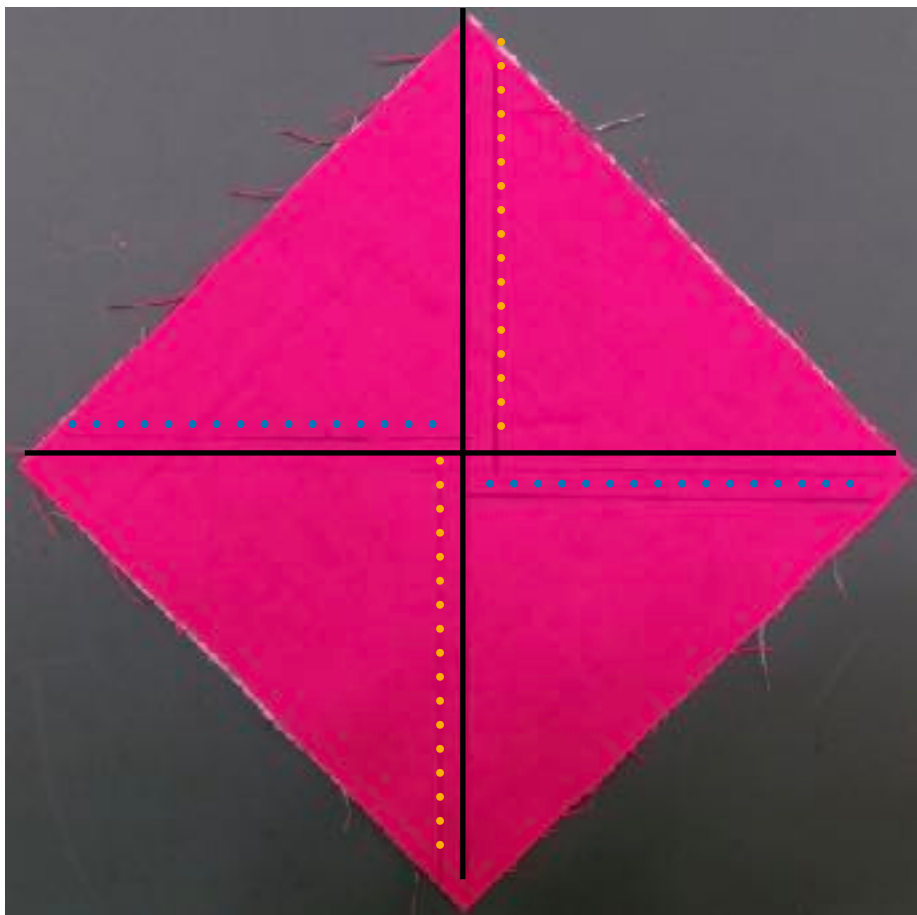
I wanted the dark color of the center pinwheel (pink) to be going counter-clockwise. So it is fabric #1.

The background is Fabric #2. The large blue corner triangles are Fabric #3.



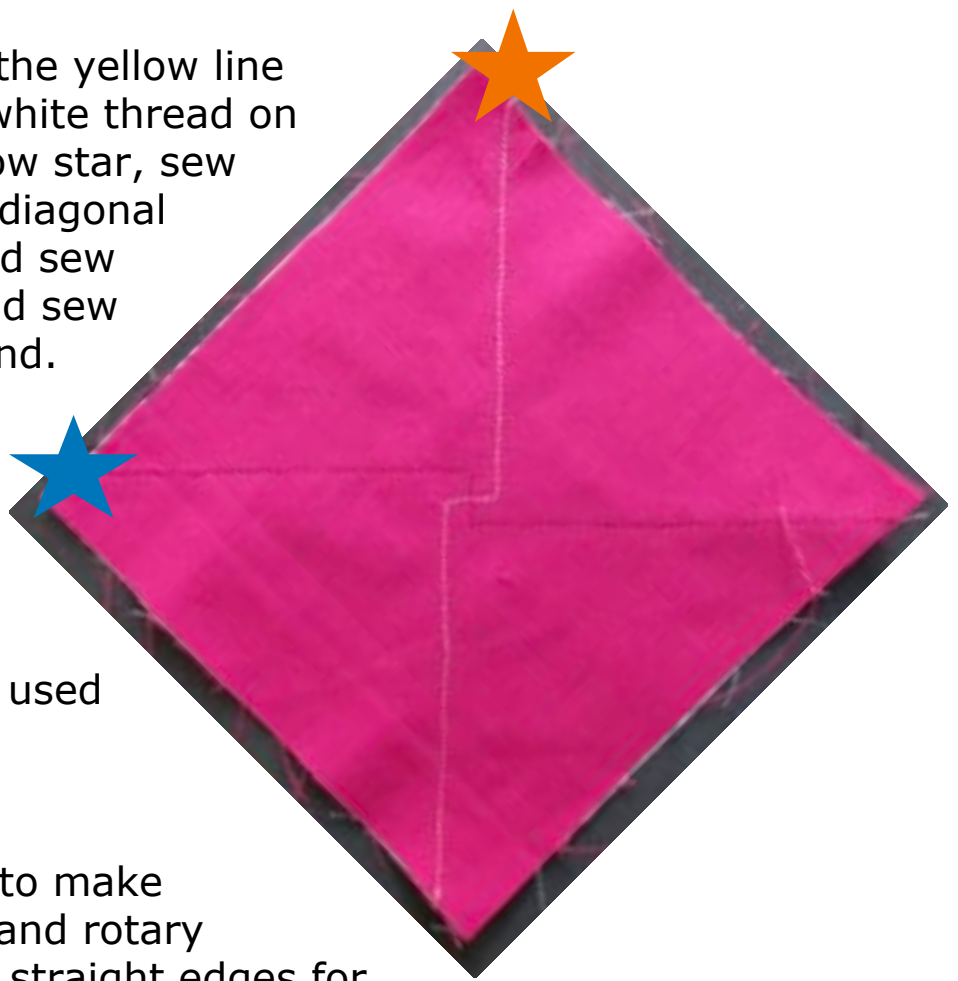
Draw 2 diagonal lines on the wrong side of Fabric #1 6.25" square. These will be your cutting lines after sewing. Then draw a stitching line 1/4" away from the diagonal as shown below.

***Where** you draw your stitching lines will matter so double check before sewing.*



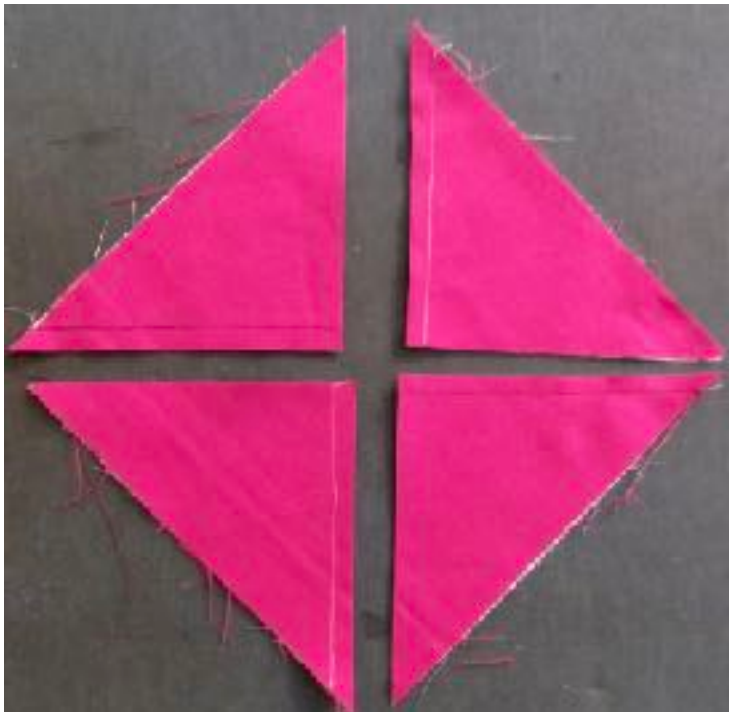
Now place this piece on top of Fabric 2 6.25" square, RST. Add a couple pins so it doesn't shift around.

Your first seam will follow the yellow line path we drew. I'm using white thread on mine. Starting at the yellow star, sew down the right side of the diagonal line to the center, pivot and sew across the center, pivot and sew down the left side to the end.



Now turn the unit so that the blue star is at the top. Again, sew long your drawn blue sewing lines (I used red thread).

Cut along 2 diagonal lines to make 4 sections. I used a ruler and rotary cutter so I could get even, straight edges for the next step.



Carefully press seams open.





Cut both Fabric 3 (blue) 6" squares on the diagonal to make a total of 4 large triangles.

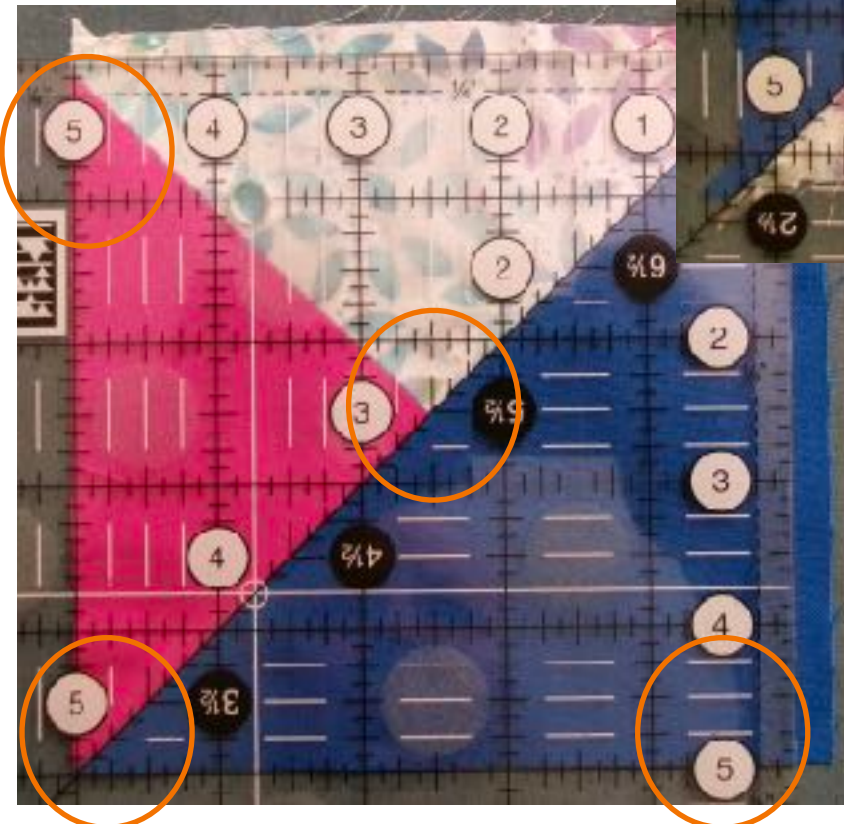
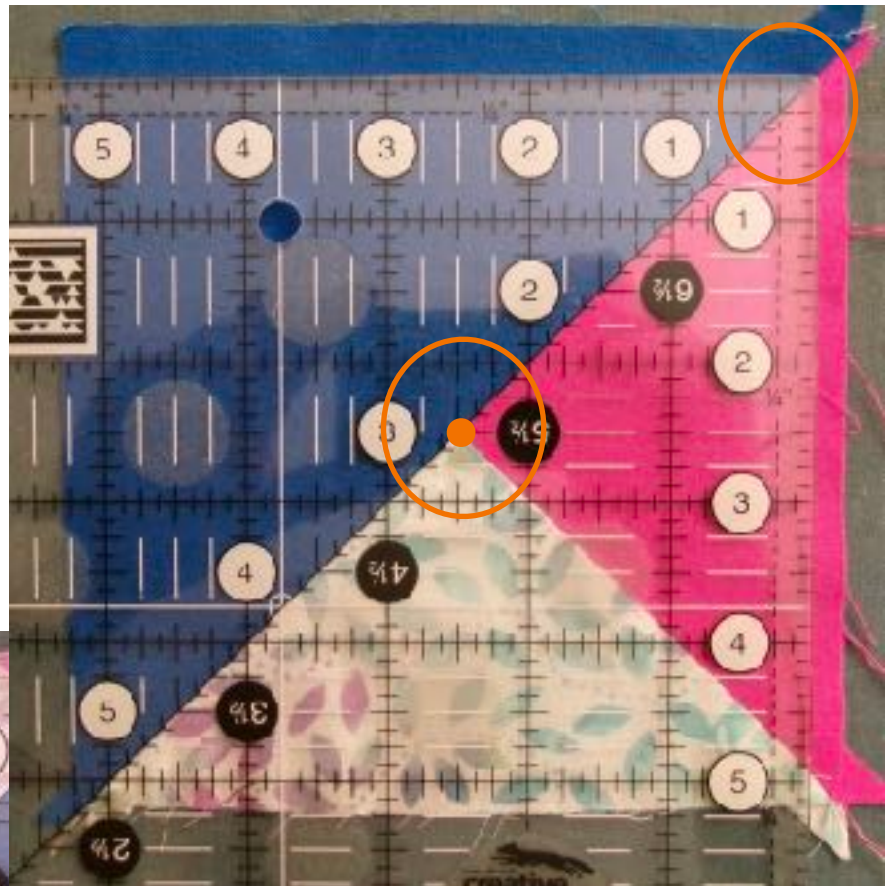
Center a 2-color triangle on the blue triangle. (Blue may be a bit larger.) Sew together along diagonal. Press 2 units to large triangle and 2 units to small triangles. Make 4 combo units.

Trim these to 5" square.

With blue triangle on top, align the diagonal ruler line along the long seam line.

Where the 2.5" ruler lines intersect should match up where the 3 triangles meet.

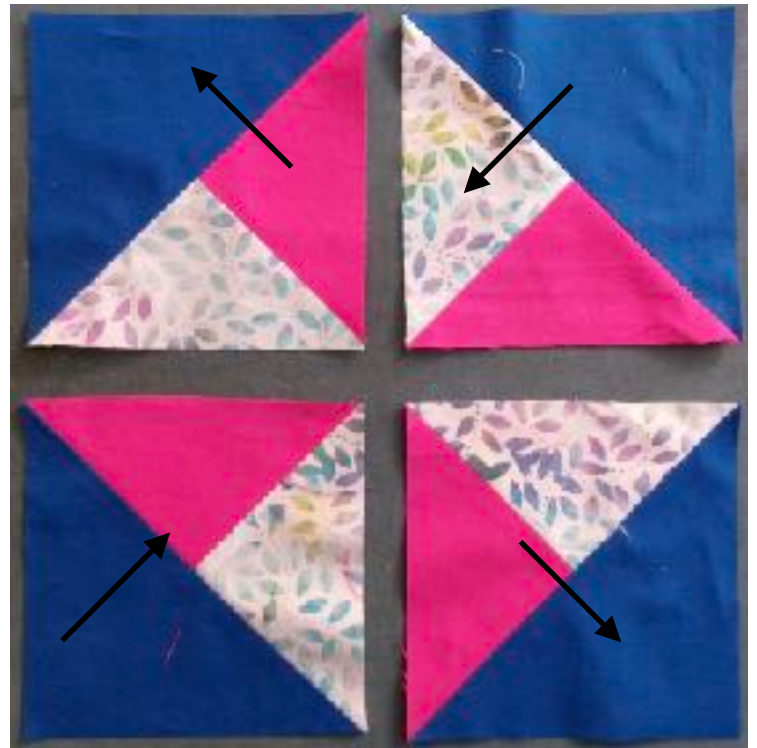
Trim top and side.



Rotate unit, align ruler lines as before. Fabric edges will match the 5" ruler lines. Trim top and sides.

Lay out 4 units as shown. The blue triangle seams should nest with each other as shown by pressing arrows

Sew together as a 4-patch. Use a pin or two to match center points. Press seams open.



Step 3 - Put It All Together

Lay out pieces as shown. Geese should point to the center.





Sew 5" blue squares onto sides of 2 Flying Geese. Press toward squares.

Now sew 2 remaining Flying Geese to Center pinwheel unit. Use a pin or 2 to match up the points. Press open or towards center.



Now sew the rows together. Again, use a couple of pins to match up your seams and points.

Give it all a final press then send a picture to me or Joey Strait.

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