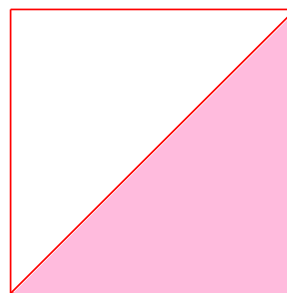
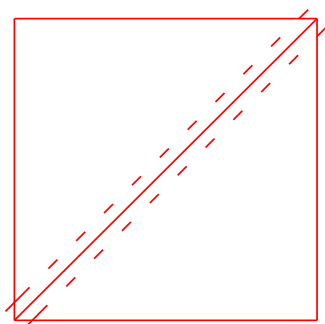


Week 2

QGSA PICK-A-BOX MYSTERY 2020

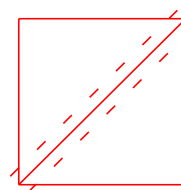
INSTRUCTIONS for 6" squares. (small scrap version)

*Place a background and contrast fabric right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light fabric from corner to corner. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam each side. Cut on the line and **press all seams open**. Trim block to $5\frac{1}{2}$ ", keeping 45°.diagonal line of the ruler along seamline. Remember to trim off the dog ears when trimming blocks. (Make 64 blocks for large quilt, and 36 blocks for the small quilt.)*



Instructions for $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

*For the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Place a background and contrast fabric right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light fabric from corner to corner. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam each side. Cut on the line and again **press all seams open**. Trim to 3". (Make 320 for the large quilt and 180 for the small quilt)*

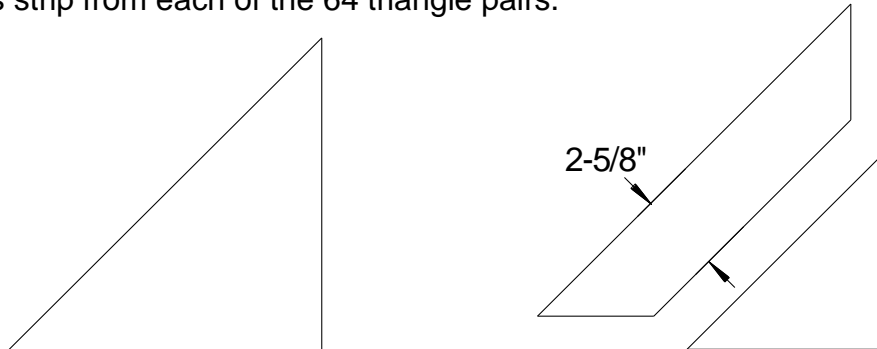


When all this has been completed, all is in readiness for the next stage.

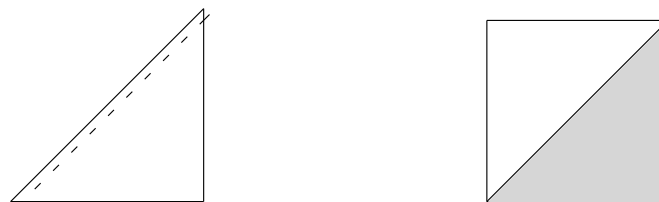
INSTRUCTIONS for 10" squares

Using rotary cutter and ruler cut a $2\frac{5}{8}$ " strip from the diagonal edge of the paired triangles. Be careful to be accurate with this step.

Cut this strip from each of the 64 triangle pairs.



Using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, stitch along the long (diagonal) edge of the triangle pairs.

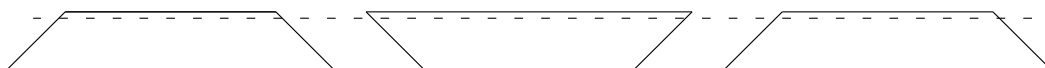


As you will be picking different boxes along the way I would suggest **pressing all seams open**. Trim block to $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square keeping 45° diagonal line of ruler along seamline. Trim off dogs ears. (64 blocks for large quilt, 36 blocks for the small quilt.)

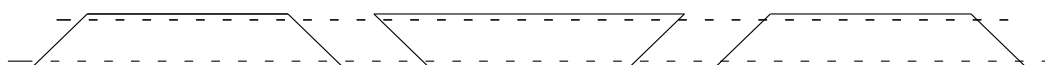
For the 10" squares

Keeping the $2\frac{5}{8}$ " strips in pairs, right side together, one light and one dark, sandwich piece. Use a 'production line/chain piece' method to stitch along both edges of each pair as follows. Rather than use a perfectly matching thread I would suggest a thread so that you can see the stitching on the front and back when you get to the next stage. See photo on page 5.

Stitch along the short edge of one pair and then along the long edge of the next pair



Repeat, stitching along the other side of each strip pair. See below.



Press these sewn units before cutting into squares.

Place a piece of masking tape on a Bias Square Ruler in a diagonal position at 3". Place the ruler on the sewn fabric with the masking tape lined up on the row of stitching and cut across the strip on both edges of the ruler. See photo for demo. Your masking tape at 3" will give you a 3" square.

Turn the ruler around and again line up the masking tape with the stitching line and cut on both sides of the ruler. **Press all seams open.** Trim off points (3" block) If you have taken a slightly larger seam than $\frac{1}{4}$ " you can still cut accurate squares by cutting through the seam at the top and then just pulling out the one or two stitches at the point. (320 for large quilt and 180 for small quilt.)

