

Barbara Brackman's Civil War Sampler

Month 1 (Blocks 1-4)

General Tips:

1. Cutting instructions for each block is on Page 6 of the pattern book. The instructions does not give room to trim and will give a $2\frac{1}{2}$ block (See note) (2" after entire block is completed).
2. The cutting instructions in the book is based on the diagonal cuts and $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam being accurate. Due to this, I have added instructions to cut slightly bigger and trim as an optional alternative. If you have trouble with points, I suggest cutting bigger and trimming. It will take longer, but I think you will be happier with the results.
3. If you follow the instructions in the book, you are cutting on a bias edge. I suggest using spray starch to reduce the stretching.

Block #1 White House

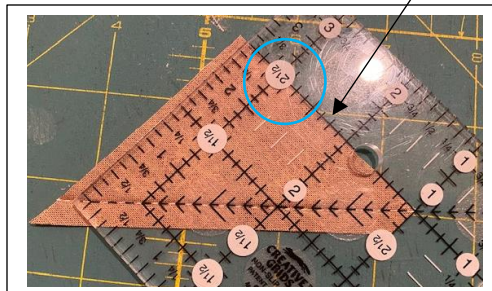
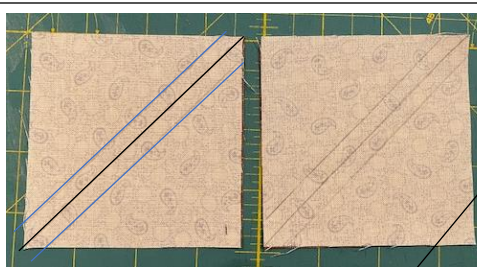
Cutting blocks	Based on pattern	Based on trimming
Medium Blue	(4) $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$	(4) $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$
Light Blue	(4) $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$	(4) $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$
Gold	(4) $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ (2) $2\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{7}{8}$ cut diagonally	(4) $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ (2) 3×3
Light Yellow	(2) $2\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{7}{8}$ cut diagonally	(2) 3×3

For the HST according to the pattern:



1. Sew (4) Gold Triangles and (4) Light Yellow Triangles together along the diagonal side.
2. Block should be $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$. If it is not $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$, check to make sure the seam allowance is $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Alternate method of cutting block bigger and trimming down.



1. Take (2) 3 x 3 Gold and Light Yellow and put right sides together.
2. On one side, draw a diagonal line and then $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the diagonal line. The middle line (black) is the cut line and the two lines $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the middle line is the sew lines (blue).
3. To trim, place the diagonal on the sew line. Make sure the piece is within the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " line. Trim the first side.
4. Move the ruler so that the diagonal line is on the sew line and the previously trimmed edge is on the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " line.



1. Iron the HST open and place the blocks in the pattern shown.
2. Sew the blocks into rows.
3. Sew the rows together.



Final Block 1 – White House



Block #2 Star of the West

Cutting blocks	Based on pattern	Based on trimming
Medium Pink HST in center pinwheel	(2) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(2) 3 x 3
Medium Pink HST in outer edge	(2) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(2) 3 x 3
Blue HST in center pinwheel	(2) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(2) 3 x 3
Light Pink HST in outer edge	(2) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(2) 3 x 3
Light Pink Square (Corners)	(4) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2	(4) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2
Light Pink Square (Squares in Side)	(4) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2	(4) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2

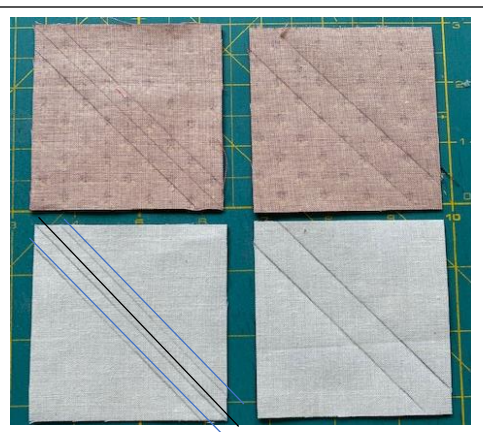
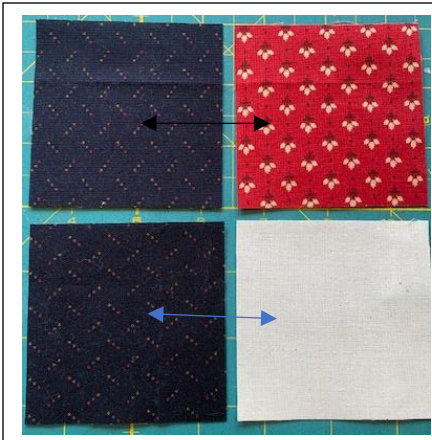
My block of the month used the same fabric for the Medium Pink in the outer edge and the Blue in the pinwheel.

For the HST according to the pattern:



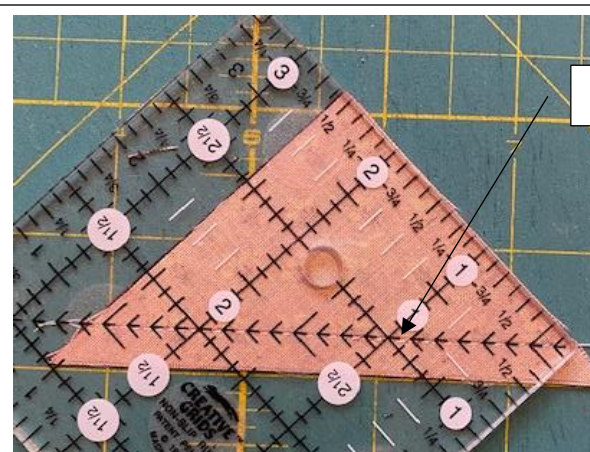
1. Sew (4) Medium Pink and (4) Blue Triangles together along the diagonal side and (4) Medium Pink and (4) Light Pink Triangles together along the diagonal side.
2. Block should be 2 1/2 x 2 1/2. If it is not 2 1/2 x 2 1/2, check to make sure the seam allowance is 1/4".

Alternative option of cutting block bigger and trimming down:

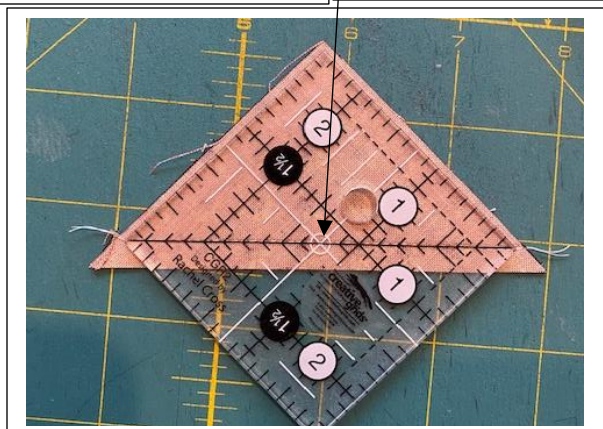
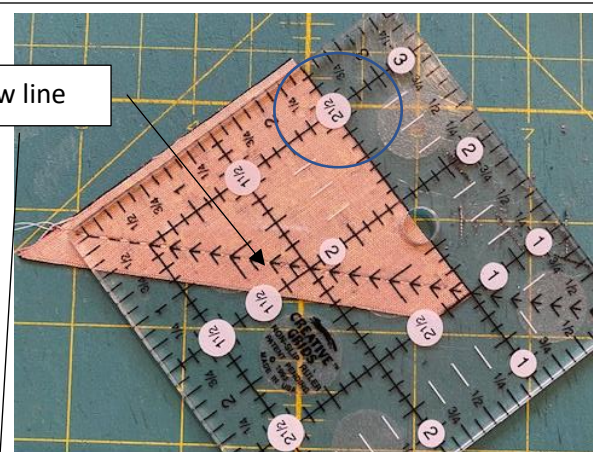


1. Take (2) 3 x 3 Medium Pink and Blue and put right sides together and (2) 3 x 3 Medium Pink and Light Pink and put right sides together.
2. On one side, draw a diagonal line and then $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the diagonal line. The middle line is the cut line (black) and the two lines $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the middle line is the sew lines (blue).
3. Place the diagonal on the sew line. Make sure the piece is within the 2 1/2" line. Trim the first side.
4. Move the ruler so that the diagonal line is on the sew line and the previously trimmed edge is on the 2 1/2" line.

If you have a 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 square, you can line up the sew line on the diagonal line and trim both sides at the same time.



Sew line





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3. Sew the rows together.



Final Block 2 – Star of the West



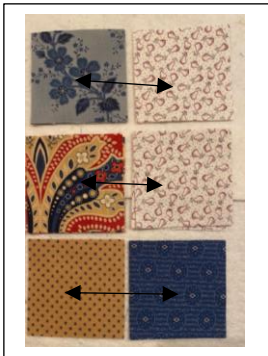
Block #3 Barbara Fretchie Star

Cutting blocks	Based on pattern	Based on trimming
Light Yellow	(6) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(6) 3 x 3
Light gray	(2) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(2) 3 x 3
Red	(4) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(4) 3 x 3
Blue	(2) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(2) 3 x 3
Gold	(2) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(2) 3 x 3

For the HST according to the pattern:

1. Take (8) Light Yellow triangles and Red triangles and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the diagonal line.
2. Take (4) Light Yellow triangles and Light gray triangles and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the diagonal line.
3. Take (4) Gold triangles and Blue triangles and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the diagonal line.
4. Block should be $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$. If it is not $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$, check to make sure the seam allowance is $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

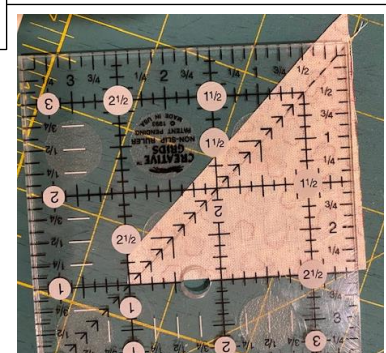
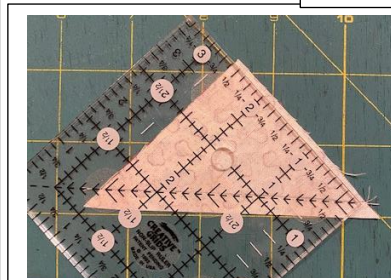
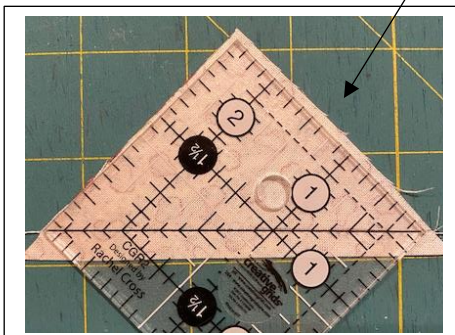
For the alternative method of cutting the blocks bigger and trimming down, follow these steps:



1. Take (4) 3 x 3 Light Yellow and (4) Red and put right sides together; (2) Gold and (2) Blue and put right sides together and (2) 3 x 3 Light Yellow and (2) Light gray and put right sides together.
2. On one side, draw a diagonal line and then $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the diagonal line. The middle line is the cut line (black) and the two lines $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the middle line is the sew lines (blue).
3. Place the diagonal on the sew line. Make sure the piece is within the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " line. Trim the first side.
4. Move the ruler so that the diagonal line is on the sew line and the previously trimmed edge is on the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " line.

If you have a $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ square, you can line up the sew line on the diagonal line and trim both sides at the same time.

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2. Sew the blocks into rows.
3. Sew the rows together.



**Final Block 3 –
Barbara Fretchie
Star**

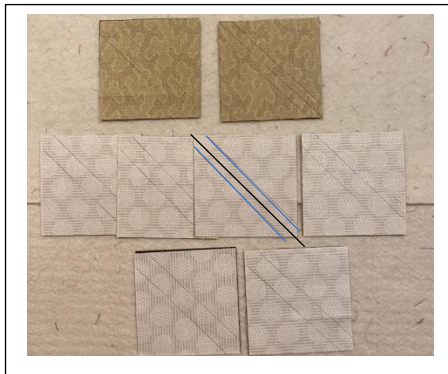
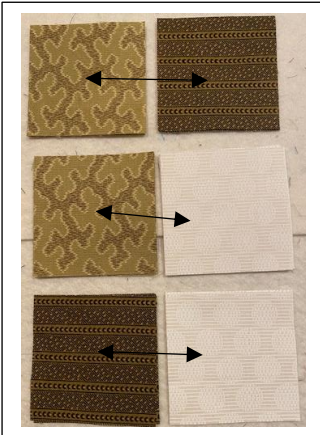


Block #4 Catch Me If You Can

Cutting blocks	Based on pattern	Based on trimming
Gold	(4) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8	(4) 3 x 3
White	(6) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8	(6) 3 x 3
Light Grey	(6) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8	(6) 3 x 3

For the HST according to the pattern:

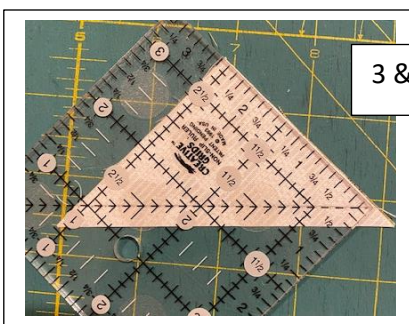
1. Take (8) Light grey triangles and White triangles and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the diagonal line.
2. Take (4) Gold triangles and White triangles and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the diagonal line.
3. Take (4) Gold triangles and Light grey triangles and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the diagonal line.
4. Block should be $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$. If it is not $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$, check to make sure the seam allowance is $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



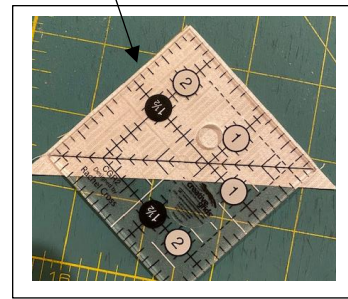
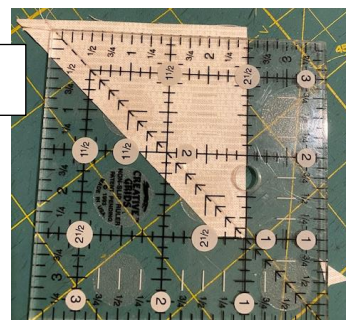
For the alternative method of cutting the blocks bigger and trimming down, follow these steps:

1. Take (4) 3 x 3 Light grey and White and put right sides together; (2) 3 x 3 Gold and White and put right sides together and (2) 3 x 3 Gold and Light grey and put right sides together.
2. On one side, draw a diagonal line and then $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the diagonal line. The middle line is the cut line (black) and the two lines $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the middle line is the sew lines (blue).
3. Place the diagonal on the sew line. Make sure the piece is within the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " line. Trim the first side.
4. Move the ruler so that the diagonal line is on the sew line and the previously trimmed edge is on the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " line.

If you have a $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ square, you can line up the sew line on the diagonal line and trim both sides at the same time.



3 & 4





1. Iron the HST open and place the blocks in the pattern shown.
2. Sew the blocks into rows.
3. Sew the rows together.



Block 4 – Catch Me If You Can

