

Barbara Brackman's Civil War Sampler

Month 2 (Blocks 5-8)

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 or $4\frac{1}{2}$ block (See note) (2" or 4" 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 #5 Hovering Hawks (Parenthesis shows what used in example)

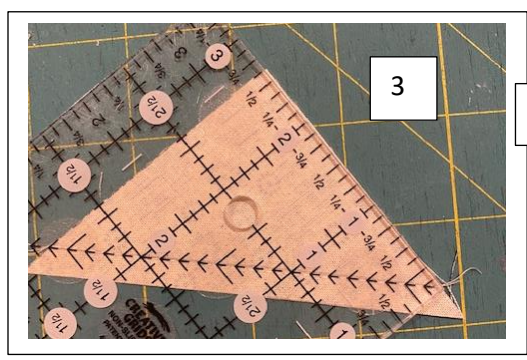
Cutting blocks	Based on pattern	Based on trimming
Gold squares (Red in example)	(2) $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$	(2) $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$
Gold HST (Gold in example)	(1) $2\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{7}{8}$ cut diagonally	(1) 3×3
Light Gold (Red checkerboard)	(2) $2\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{7}{8}$ cut diagonally	(2) 3×3
White (White w/ Light Blue)	(3) $2\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{7}{8}$ cut diagonally	(3) 3×3
Gray Squares (Dark Blue)	(4) $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$	(4) $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$
Gray HST strips (Med Blue)	(2) $2\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{7}{8}$ cut diagonally	(2) 3×3
Gray HST non-strip (White w/ Med Blue)	(2) $2\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{7}{8}$ cut diagonally	(2) 3×3

For the HST according to the pattern:

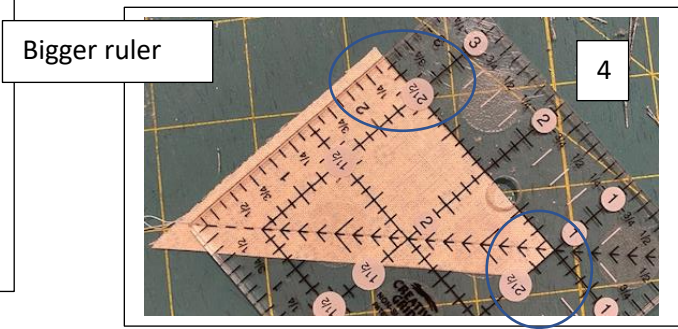
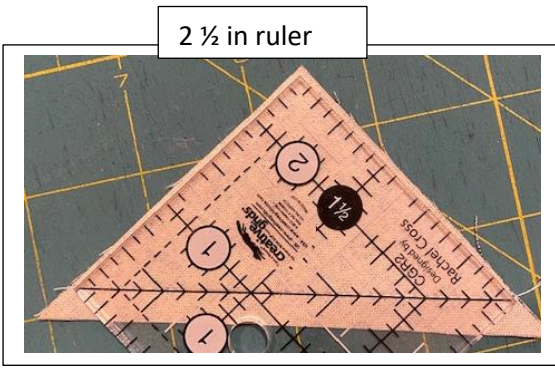
1. Take (2) White triangle and (2) Gold triangle and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the diagonal line.
2. Take (4) White triangles and (4) Gray HST strips triangles and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the diagonal line.
3. Take (4) Light Gold triangles and (4) Gray HST non-strip triangles and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the diagonal line.
4. Each 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

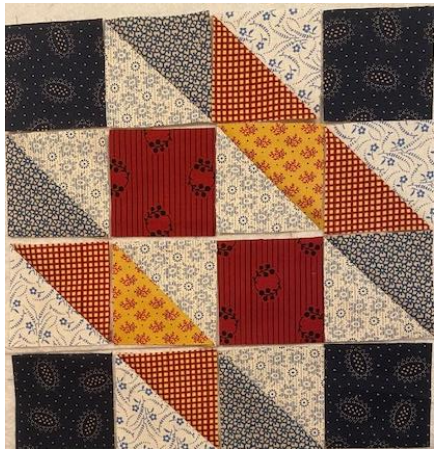
See next page for alternative option.

Alternate method of cutting block bigger and trimming down.



1. Take (1) 3 x 3 White and (1) Gold; (2) White 3 x 3 and (2) Gray HST strip; and (2) Light Gold and (2) Gray HST non-strip 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 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 without moving the ruler.





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 5 – Hovering Hawks



Block #6 Port and Starboard (Parenthesis shows what used in example)

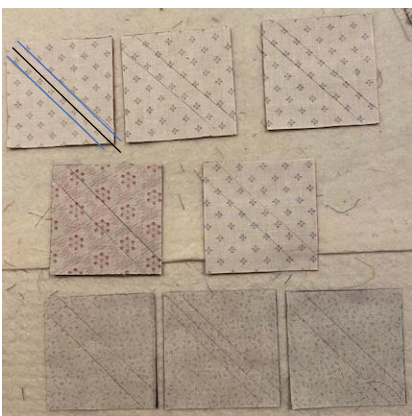
Cutting blocks	Based on pattern	Based on trimming
White Center Block (White w/Red)	(1) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(1) 3 x 3
Gold Center Block (Red w/White)	(1) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(1) 3 x 3
Gold All except for center (Red)	(3) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(3) 3 x 3
White outer edge (White small design)	(3) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(3) 3 x 3
White (Not edge or center) (White w/Blue)	(4) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(4) 3 x 3
Gray (Blue)	(4) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(4) 3 x 3

For the HST according to the pattern:

1. Take (2) White (Center) triangle and (2) Gray triangle and sew ¼" along the diagonal line.
2. Take (2) Gold (Center) triangles and (2) White (Not edge or center) triangles and sew ¼" along the diagonal line.
3. Take (6) Gray triangles and (6) White outer edge triangles and sew ¼" along the diagonal line.
4. Take (6) Gold triangles and (6) White (Not edge or center) triangles and sew ¼" along the diagonal line.
5. Each block should be 2 ½ x 2 ½. If it is not 2 ½ x 2 ½, check to make sure the seam allowance is ¼".

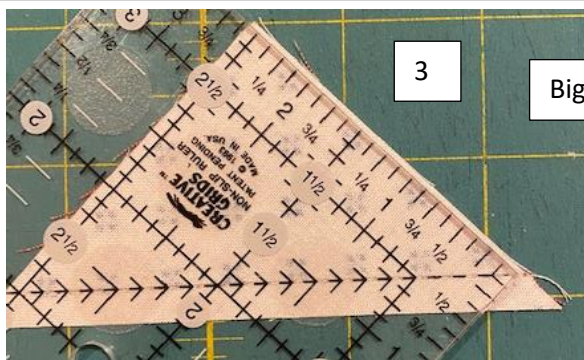
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Alternative option of cutting block bigger and trimming down:

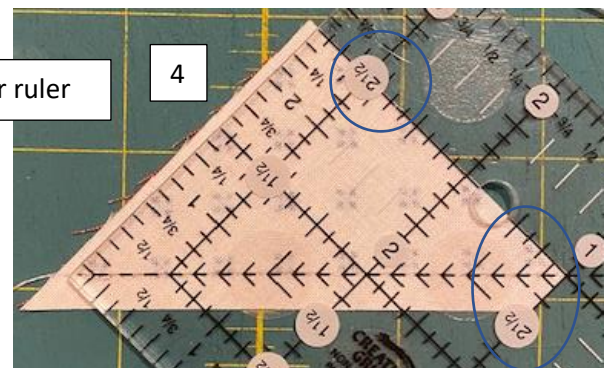


1. Take (1) 3 x 3 White (Center) and (1) 3 x 3 Gray and put right sides together; (1) 3 x 3 Gold (Center) and (1) White (not edge or center); (3) 3 x 3 Gray and (3) 3 x 3 White outer edge; and (3) Gold and and put right sides together.
2. On one side, draw a diagonal line and than $\frac{1}{4}$ " on 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.

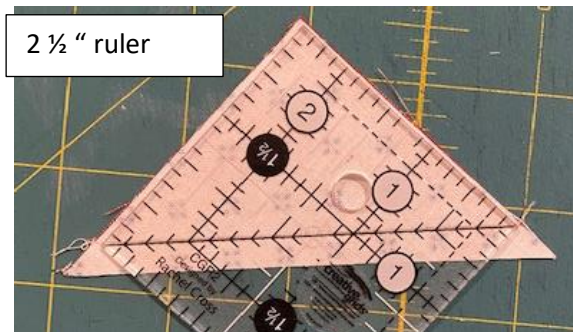
If you have a 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 square, you can line up the sew line on the diagonal line and trim both sides at



Bigger ruler



2 1/2" ruler





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

Final Block 6 – Port and Starboard



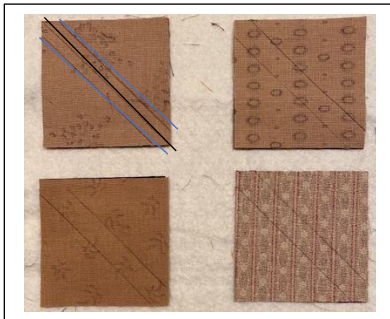
Block #7 Strength in Union

Cutting blocks	Based on pattern	Based on trimming
White	(8) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2	(8) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2
Red	(1) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally each color 4 colors used	(1) 3 x 3 each color 4 colors used
Purple	(1) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally each color 4 colors used	(1) 3 x 3 each color 4 colors used

For the HST according to the pattern:

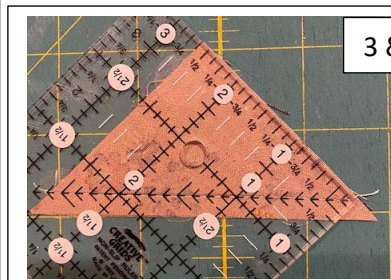
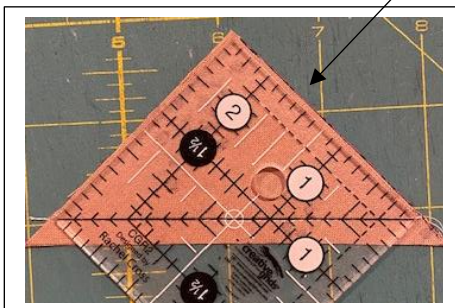
1. Take (8) Purple triangles and (8) Red triangles and sew 1/4" along the diagonal line.
2. Block should be 2 1/2 x 2 1/2. If it is not 2 1/2 x 2 1/2, check to make sure the seam allowance is 1/4".

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

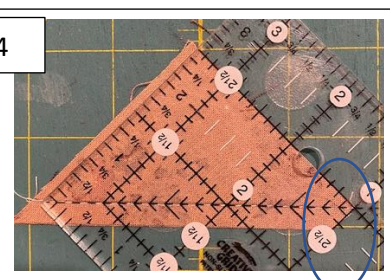


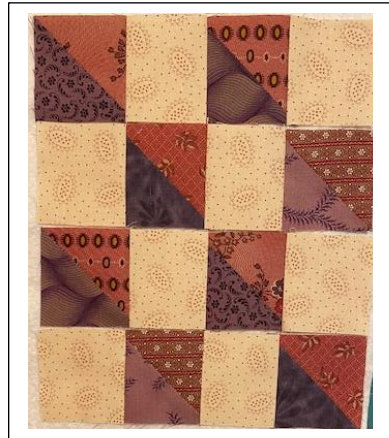
1. Take (4) 3 x 3 Light Purple and (4) Red and put right sides together.
2. On one side, draw a diagonal line and then 1/4" on each side of the diagonal line. The middle line is the cut line (black) and the two lines 1/4" from the middle line is the sew lines (blue).
3. Place the diagonal on the sew 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.



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.

**Final Block 7 –
Strength in Union**

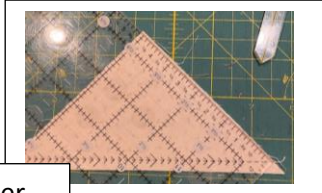
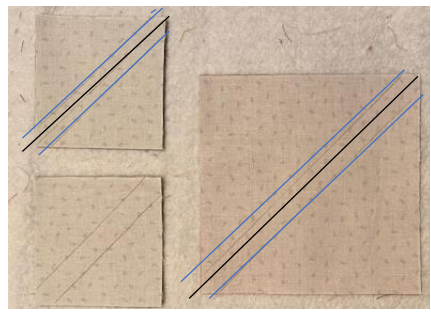


Block #8 – Fox and Geese

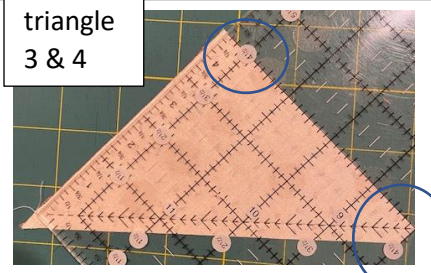
Cutting blocks	Based on pattern	Based on trimming
Gold	(1) 4 7/8 x 4 7/8 cut diagonally	(1) 5 1/8 x 5 1/8
Light yellow	(1) 4 7/8 x 4 7/8 cut diagonally (2) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(1) 5 1/8 x 5 1/8 (3) 3 x 3
Blue	(4) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 (2) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 cut diagonally	(4) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 (2) 3 x 3

For the HST according to the pattern:

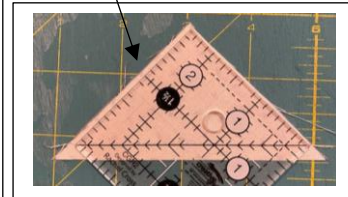
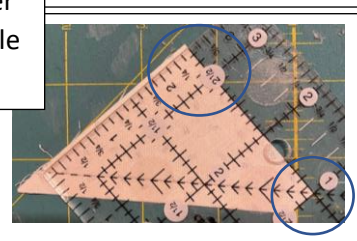
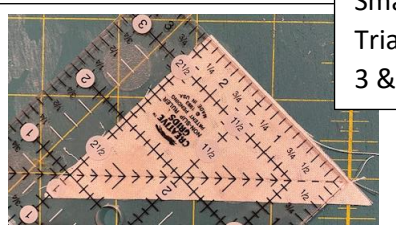
1. From 4 7/8 square, take (2) Gold triangles and (2) Light yellow triangles and sew 1/4" along the diagonal line. Block should measure 4 1/2" square. If it is off, check your seam allowance.
2. From 2 7/8 square, take (4) Light yellow triangles and (4) Blue triangles and sew 1/4" along the diagonal line. Block should measure 2 1/2" square. If it is off, check your seam allowance.



Larger triangle
3 & 4



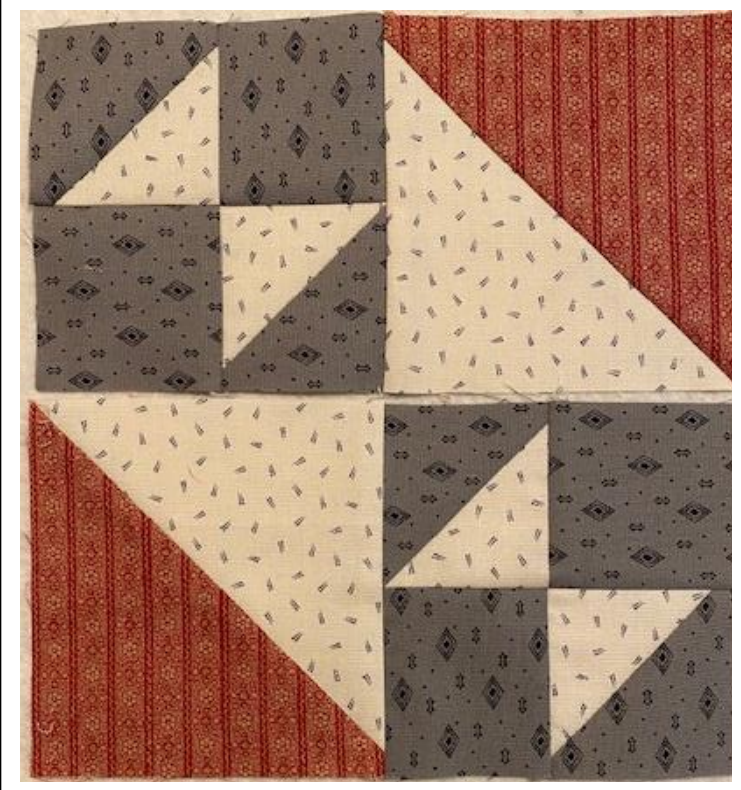
Smaller Triangle
3 & 4



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

1. Take (1) 5 1/8 x 5 1/8 Gold and (1) 5 1/8 x 5 1/8 Light yellow and (2) 3 x 3 Light yellow and (2) 3 x 3 Blue and put right sides together.
2. On one side, draw a diagonal line and then 1/4" on each side of the diagonal line. The middle line is the cut line (black) and the two lines 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 for small triangles and 4 1/2" line for larger triangles. 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 for smaller triangle and 4 1/2" line for larger triangle.

If you have a 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 square or 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 square, you can line up the sew line on the diagonal line and trim both sides at the same time. Smaller triangle is shown.



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 8 – Fox and Geese

