

## Barbara Brackman's Civil War Sampler

## Month 9 (Blocks 33-36)

## General Tips:

1. When following the book, an accurate  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam is needed. Check your seams to make sure they are  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". For blocks with a lot of seams, a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam work even better.
2. The blocks this month are not easily trimmed down. Make sure the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam is accurate.
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 #33 Twin Sisters (Parenthesis shows what used in example)

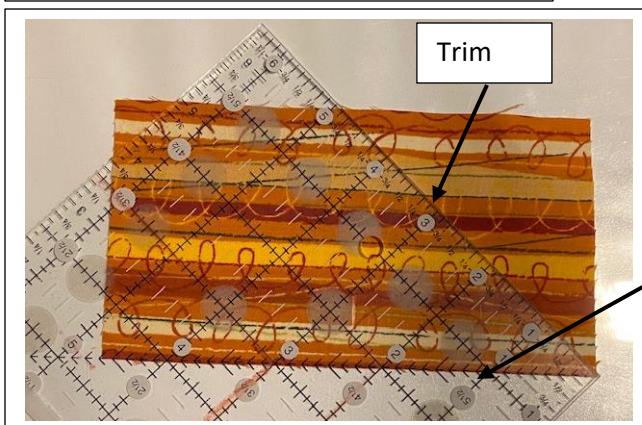
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| <b>Cutting blocks</b> | Based on pattern   |
| Blue & Tan (Red)      | (4) $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ "                      |
| Yellow (Cream)        | (1) $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " cut diagonally twice |



Placement of pieces.

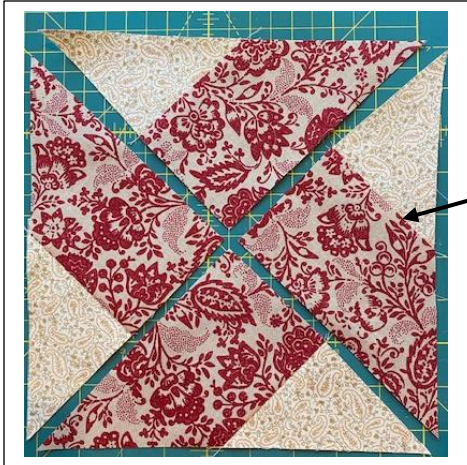
Place pieces as shown.

To get the red pieces, line up the diagonal line so that the 45 degree diagonal line is lined up on the bottom of the piece and the corner it at the corner of the piece of fabric. Trim on line shown.



45 degree diagonal line

Note: Your fabric will be different.



1. Sew the small triangle to the trim rectangle block along the side shown.
2. Sew the triangles created in step 2 together.
3. Sew the triangles created in step 2 to finish the block.



**Final Block  
33 – Twin  
Sisters**



## Block #34 Union Square (Parenthesis shows what used in example)

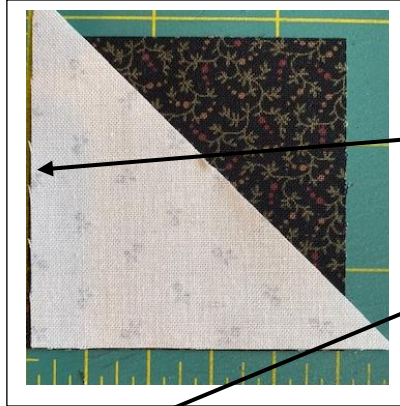
| Cutting blocks  | Based on pattern                   |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Red (Blue)      | (4) 2 3/8" x 2 3/8"                |
| Yellow (Waves)  | (5) 2 3/8" x 2 3/8"                |
| Lt Blue (White) | (4) 2 7/8" x 2 7/8" cut diagonally |
| Dk Blue (Black) | (4) 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"                |



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1. Sew the Red (Blue) and Yellow (Waves) into a 9 patch shown.
2. Sew into 3 rows.
3. Sew the rows together to get the center.



4. Take a Light Blue (White) triangle and sew it to a Dark Blue (Black) square along the side shown.

5. Sew the light blue (White) triangle along an adjacent side of the dark blue (Black) square.

6. Take the piece created in step 5 and center it to the 9-patch created in step 3.







7. Continue adding the sides until the block is complete. There should be about 1/4" overhang.

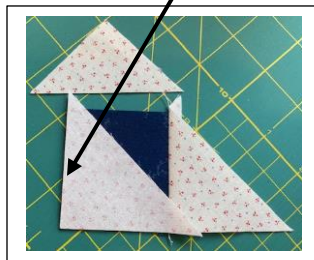
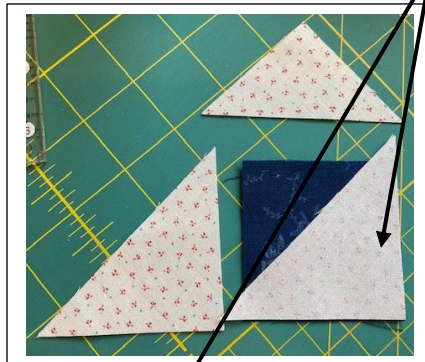
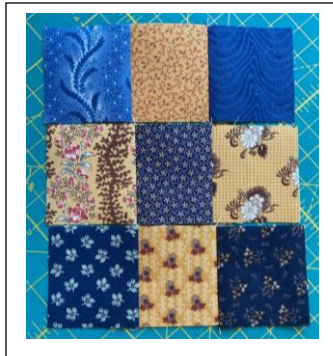
1/4" overhang



**Final Block 34 – Union Square**

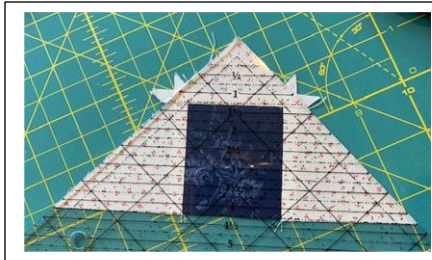
## Block #35 Courthouse Square

| Cutting blocks | Based on pattern  |
|----------------|---|
| Blue (Blues)   | (9) 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" (1 of each color)   |
| Green (Yellow) | (4) 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" (1 of each color)   |
| White (Cream)  | (2) 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" cut diagonally and (2) 3 7/8" x 3 7/8" cut diagonally twice |



1. Sew the Blue (Blue) and Green (Yellow) into a 9 patch shown. Reserve 4 blue blocks for the corners.
2. Sew into 3 rows.
3. Sew the rows together to get the center.
4. Take a Large White (Cream) triangle and sew it to a Blue square along the side shown.
5. Sew the Large White (Cream) triangle along the opposite side of the Blue square.
6. Take the smaller white triangle to the top of the blue square. I like to fold each piece in half and iron a crease into each piece to center.





I used the corner pop ruler to check for accuracy and trim dog ears.



7. Take the piece created in step 6 and center it to the 9-patch created in step 3. I did 2 opposites at a time.

8. Continue adding the sides until the block is complete. There should be about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " overhang.



**Block #35 – Courthouse Square**

## Block #36 Right Hand of Friendship (Parenthesis shows what used in example)

| Cutting blocks                       | Based on pattern                         |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Large Pink triangles (White)         | (1) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" cut diagonally       |
| Large Blue triangles (Dk w/ flowers) | (1) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" cut diagonally       |
| Small Pink triangles (Red)           | (1) 3 7/8" x 3 7/8" cut diagonally twice |
| Small Blue triangles (Black)         | (1) 3 7/8" x 3 7/8" cut diagonally twice |
| Yellow triangles (White/Blue)        | (1) 3 7/8" x 3 7/8" cut diagonally twice |
| Yellow squares (Cream)               | (4) 3 1/8" x 3 1/8"                      |



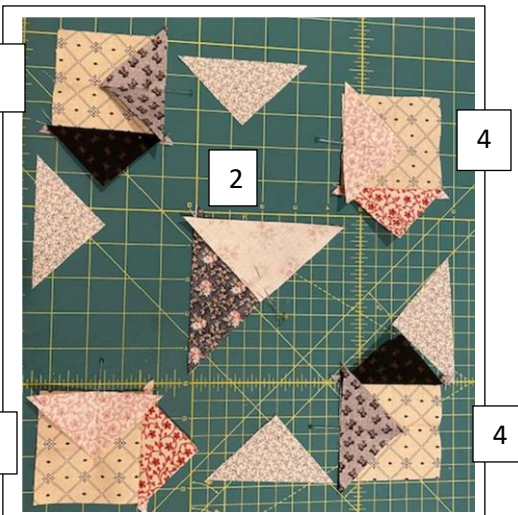
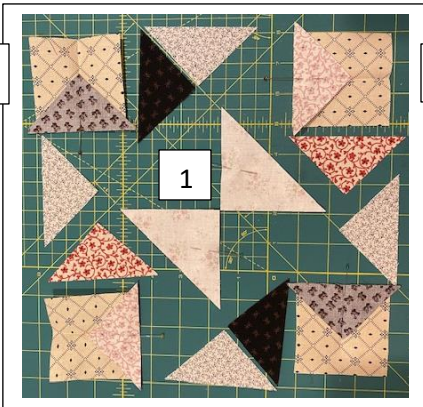
1. Sew (2) Large Pink triangles (White) to (2) Large Blue triangles (Dk w/ flowers) along the side shown.

2. Sew the pieces created in step 1 to create the center square shown.

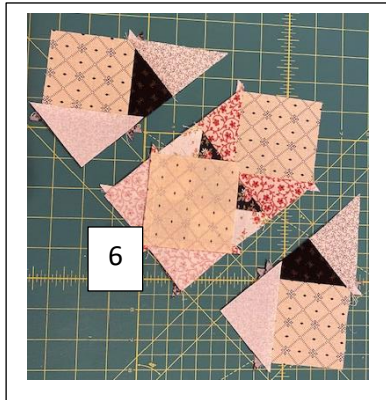
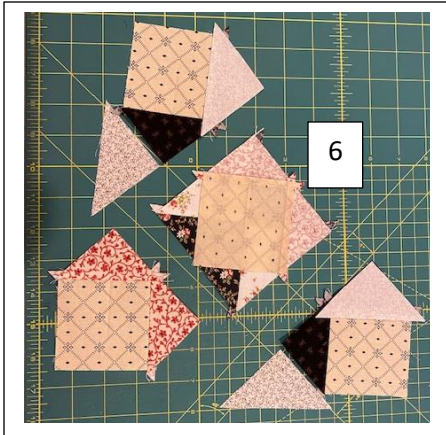
3. Center Small Pink triangle (Red) or Small Blue triangle (Black) based on placement to side of yellow (Cream) square. Press.

4. Take pieces from step 3 and repeat with an adjoining side of the yellow (Cream) square.

5. For the pieces with the Small Blue (Black) triangles, add a yellow (cream) triangle matching the right triangles of each piece.







6. Take the center piece and add the two pieces created in step 4 (pieces with the small pink triangles).

7. Using the 3 rows (diagonally), sew the rows together to complete the block.



**Block 36 – Right  
Hand of Friendship**

