

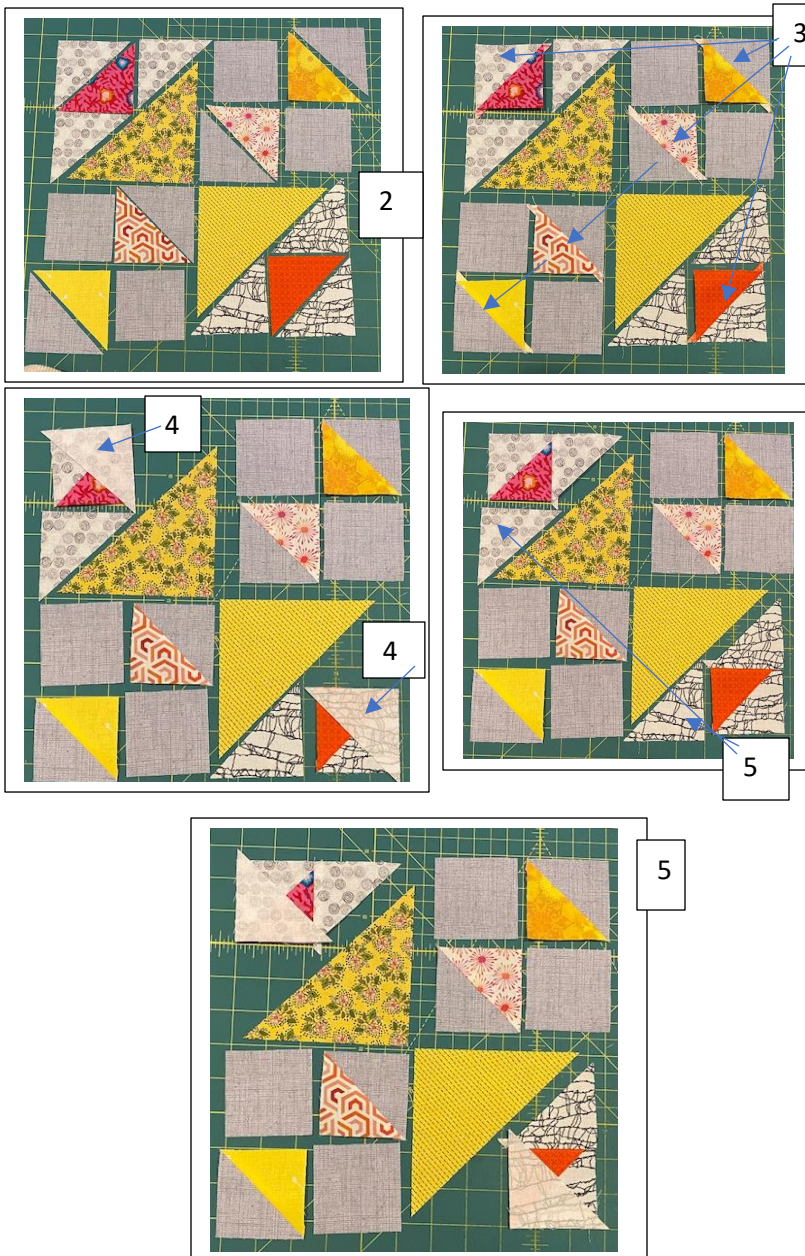
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Month 6 (Old Maid Puzzle Block)

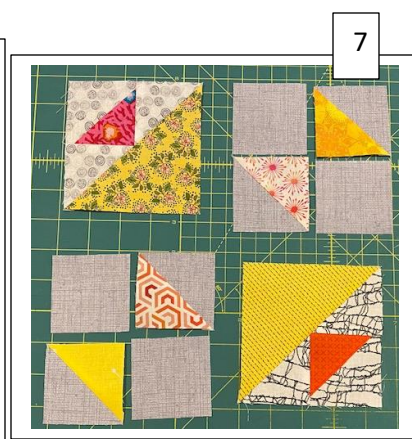
General Tips:

1. When following the book, an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam is needed. Check you seams to make sure they are $\frac{1}{4}$ " and if the $\frac{1}{4}$ " is off, adjust before proceeding. Also be careful to make accurate diagonal cuts when instructed.
2. If you follow the instructions in the book, you are cutting on a bias edge. I suggest using starch to reduce the stretching.
3. Some of the fabrics had more shrinkage than others so I suggest preshrinking all the fabric. I do this by spraying the fabric completely with Best Press or your preferred brand but you could also use water. I use Best Press since it also helps with the bias edges.

Old Maid Puzzle:



1. I did not cut the blocks bigger and trimmed down but that is an option for the Half Square Triangles. See Page 4. If you want to trim down, cut the pieces to be used in HST to 3".
2. Shows placement of pieces for block.
3. Complete the HST. If you are trimming down, follow instructions on page 4.
4. Add the triangles to the upper left and lower right HST. See pictures for which side to add to and placement of triangle.
5. Add the remaining triangles to the other side of the upper left and lower right HST.



6. Add the 4 7/8" triangles to the pieces created in step 5.

7. Sew the 2 1/2" squares to HST in rows.

8. Sew the rows together.

9. With the squares completed in step 6 and 8, make 2 rows.

10. Sew the 2 rows together.



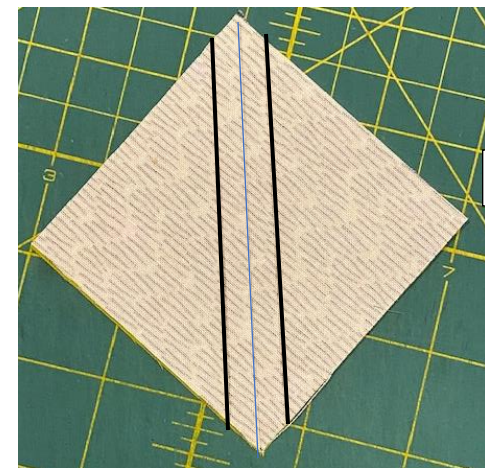
11. Repeat with the second fabric set to make another block. Both blocks are shown.

NOTE: The finishing strips are to be held until you can complete. You need to finish the Filler Blocks first which will be coming in future months.

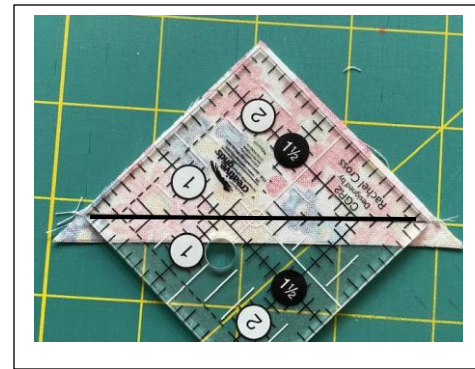
Final Old Maid Puzzle Block



Half Square Triangle Blocks: There are instructions from trimming down the corner HST if preferred. If you would like to do that, cut at least 1/8" bigger than the pattern. This is optional. Do not cut 2 7/8" squares diagonally if following this method.



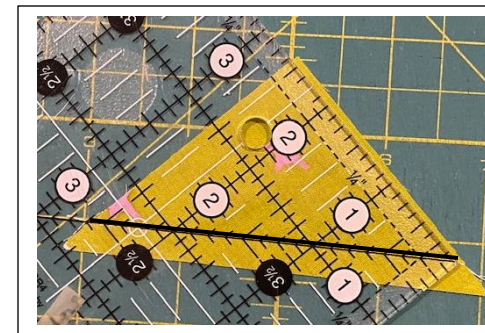
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3

2 1/2" ruler –
diagonal line
from ruler is on
stitch line (black
line)

4



Larger ruler –
diagonal line from
ruler is on stitch line
(black line)



If you prefer the results from cutting bigger and trimming down, I have shown this on this page for the half square triangles (Back and Focus fabrics). This is optional. If you prefer to cut in accordance with the pattern and not trim, skip to the next page.

Note: Blocks should be 2 1/2".

1. I cut the squares that I want to trim at least 1/8" larger than the pattern.
2. With rights sides together, draw a line down the center and then 1/4" from the center. Sew on the black lines and cut on the blue line.
3. If you have a 2 1/2" ruler, line of the sew line on the diagonal line and make sure there is overage on both sides and trim both sides and dog ears.
4. For larger rulers, line of diagonal line making sure coverage is past the 2 1/2" mark. Trim first side. Line up ruler on the 2 1/2" side and trim the second side.