

Gypsy Wife

Month 1 (Colour Wheel & Pershing)

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. The cutting instruction 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 starch to reduce the stretching.
4. 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 but you could also use water. I use Best Press since it also helps with the bias edges.

Colour Wheel Cutting: if you would like to cut bigger and trim, follow the book but cut the following (page 2 shows the block where I trimmed):

3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares will be 4" to trim down

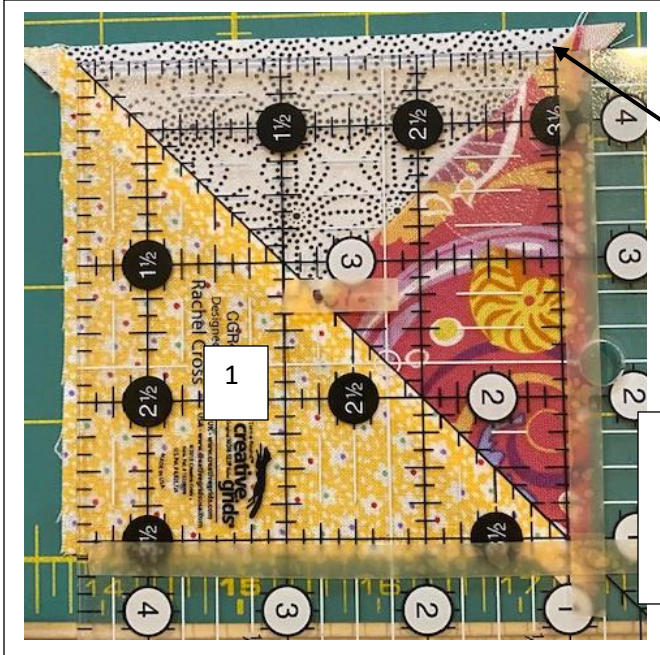
3" squares will be 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ " to trim down



For the HST according to the pattern:

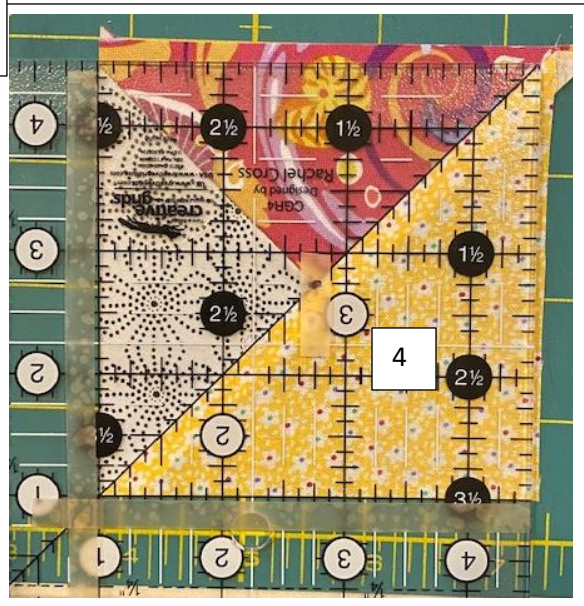
1. Sew a small triangle of each main color to a small background triangle along the right edge as shown.
2. Take the triangle created in step 1 and sew it with a large triangle of the main color based on your layout.
3. Sew a large triangle of each main color to a large background triangle along the diagonal line.





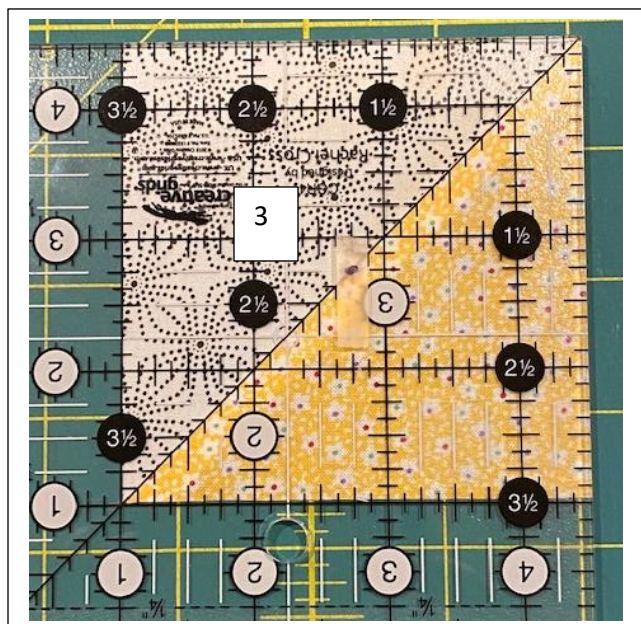
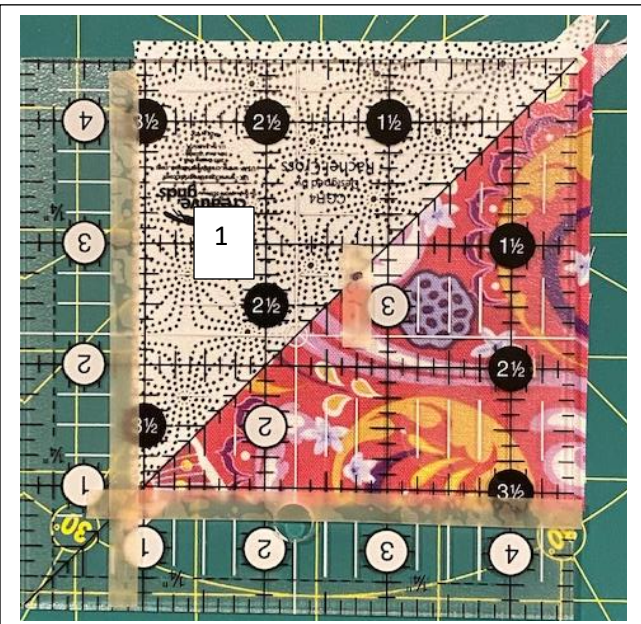
If you choose to cut bigger and trim:

1. For these blocks, you put the diagonal on the diagonal between the large triangle and the other side.
2. Make sure the seam created by the smaller triangle ends at the corner.
3. Trim the first 2 sides.
4. Flip the ruler and line up the trimmed sides on the 3 1/2" line. Trim the remaining 2 sides.



For the HST squares to trim:

1. For these blocks, you put the diagonal on the diagonal between the large triangles.
2. Trim the first 2 sides.
3. Flip the ruler and line up the trimmed sides on the 3 1/2" line. Trim the remaining 2 sides.





1. Place fabrics into a nine patch as shown.
Note: The main colors will change based on your preference of placement.
2. Create 3 rows.
3. Sew the 3 rows together to complete the block.



Final Colour Wheel Block



Pershing Cutting: if you would like to cut bigger and trim, follow the book but cut the following (page 2 shows the block where I trimmed):

Fabric B cut (2) 3 ¼" squares to trim down

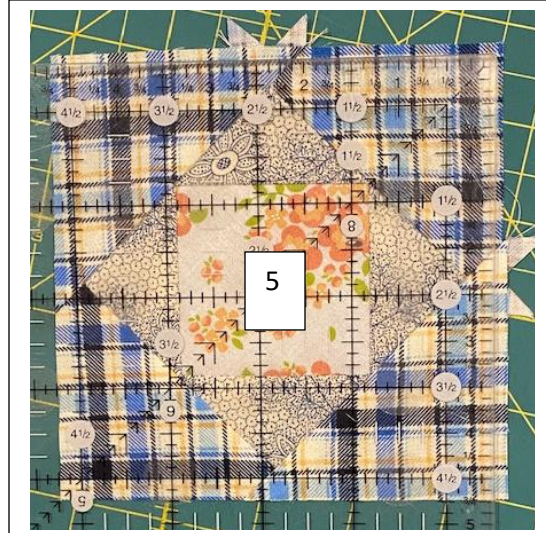
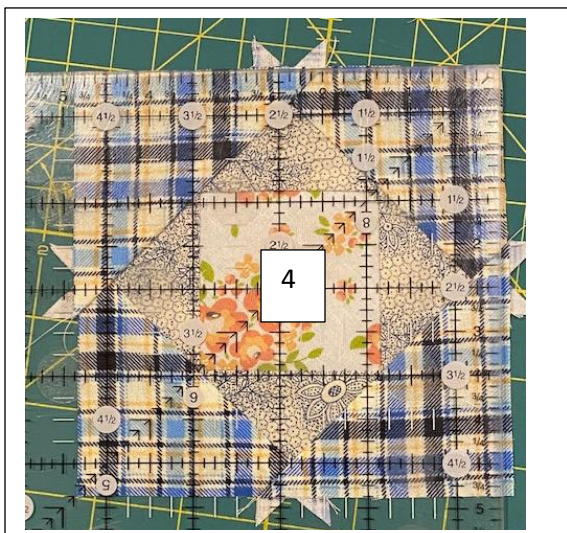
Fabric C cut (2) 4" squares to trim down

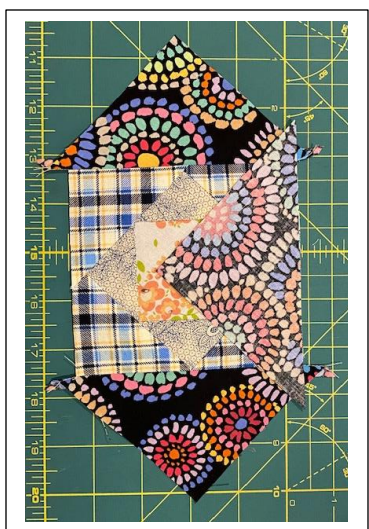
1. Draw a line diagonally on Fabric E.
2. Sew Fabric E onto each corner of Fabric A.
3. I press before trimming. **When pressing make sure Fabric E lines up with the edge of Fabric A.** If it does not, make sure the diagonal line is centered between the corners.
4. Trim the excess behind Fabric E.
5. Continue until all 4 corners are done. Make sure to press out before doing adjoining corners.



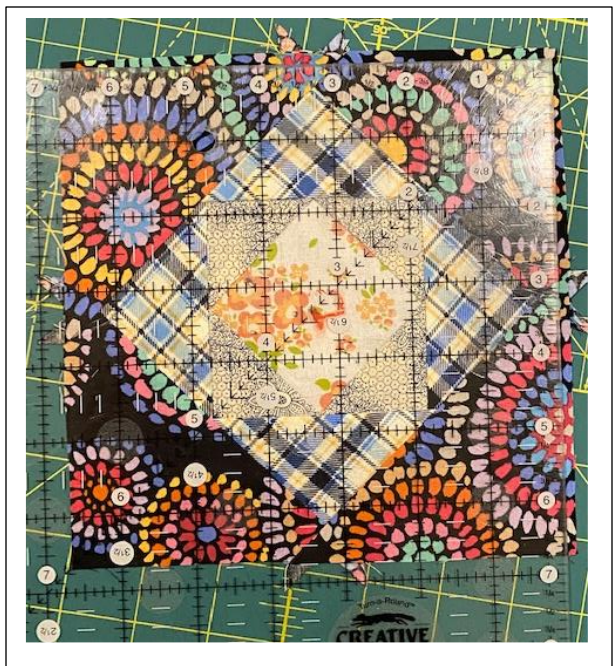


1. Add Fabric B to each side of Square A/E. Make sure you are centering this. I like to press a crease into the center block and triangles to help center Fabric B. If you are cutting based on the book, block should measure approximately $4\frac{3}{4}$ " square.
2. For trimming, you are trimming to $4\frac{3}{4}$ " square. Center the block with the $2\frac{3}{8}$ " mark going through the points. Once you center, trim the first 2 sides.
3. Flip the ruler and line up the trimmed sides on the $4\frac{3}{4}$ " line. Trim the remaining 2 sides.



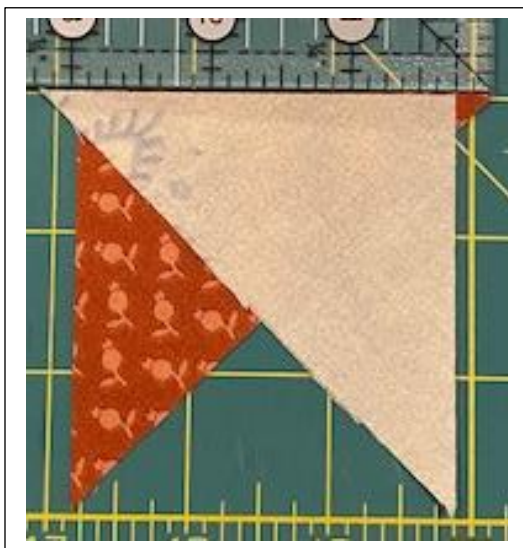


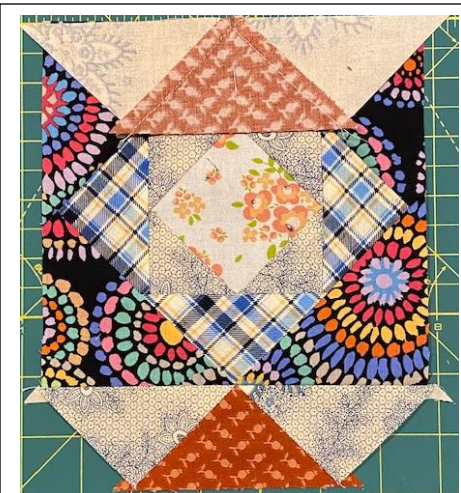
1. Add Fabric C to each side of Square A/E/B. Make sure you are centering this. I like to press a crease into the center block and triangles to help center Fabric C. If you are cutting based on the book, block should measure approximately $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
2. For trimming, you are trimming to $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Center the block with the $3\frac{1}{4}$ " mark going through the points. Once you center, trim the first 2 sides.
3. Flip the ruler and line up the trimmed sides on the $6\frac{1}{2}$ " line. Trim the remaining 2 sides.





1. Sew Fabric E to both sides of Fabric D as shown. There will be $\frac{1}{4}$ " overhang on the first side. Press open after the first seam before going to the other side. You will have 4 sets of these.
2. Add the piece created in step 1 to each side of the center square. Make sure the points match.





1. Continue to sew the Fabric E/D sections onto the center.
2. When you have finished, the edges of Fabric E should be even. If not, check your centering.
3. Add Fabric F to each corner.
4. Once complete you should have even edges and the block should measure 9 1/2".





Final Pershing Block

