

Westerville Quilt Guild Friendship Block Swap

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BLOCKS DUE at the JUNE 28th meeting.

We will be making 2 sets (5 blocks in each set) of 9" finished size (9 1/2 " raw) Friendship Star blocks. One set will have a black background with white print and the other will have a white background with black print. We will be making 5 blocks for each set for a total of 10 blocks. You will use the same color for the star in each set, but with two different tone-on-tone fabric prints.

Fabric requirements (approximate):

Set One	Set Two
White Background – ¾ yd	Black Background – ¾ yd
Color Fabric – ½ yd	Same color fabric – ½ yd



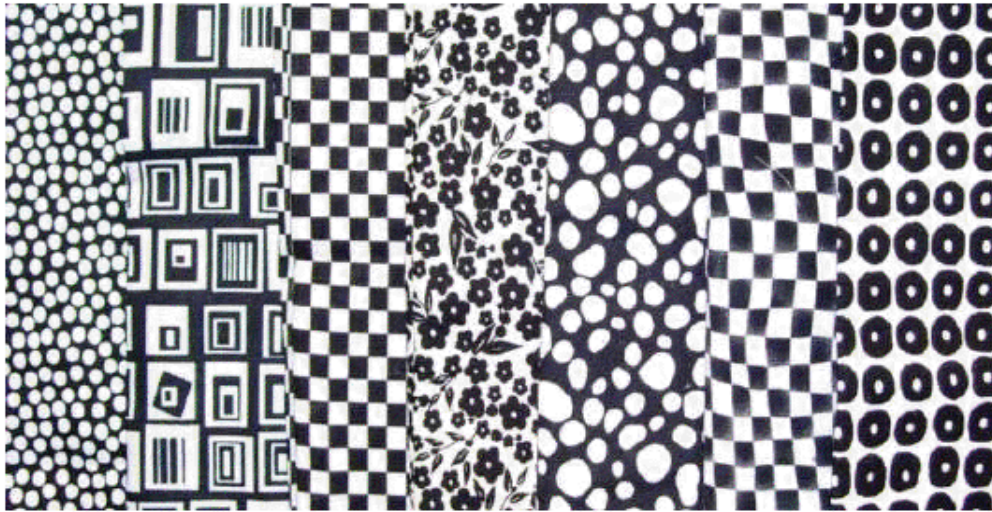
Examples of
White background
with black prints

White is
predominantly the
background



Examples of
Black background
with white prints

Black is
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Please stay away from what I call 50/50 prints. A 50/50 print has equal amounts of both black and white, with neither being dominant.



Here is the quilt that inspired this swap - I do not know who the top or photo belongs to. I didn't make a note. If it looks familiar, let me know, I want to give you proper credit.

Read through all directions before beginning. 1/4" seam used thorough-out.

Cutting*:

You will need (4) HSTs (see instructions below), (4) 3 1/2 background and (1) 3 1/2 color square for each block.

Black background with white print	Color-way #1
Cut 7 3/4 x WOF, sub-cut into 7 3/4 squares	Cut 7 3/4 x WOF, sub-cut into 7 3/4 squares
Cut 3 1/2 x WOF, sub-cut into 3 1/2 squares	Cut 3 1/2 x WOF, sub-cut into 3 1/2 squares

**notice I have only one 'set' listed. You will need to repeat all the cutting measurements for Color #2 and the white back ground with black print, respectively.*

Marking the 7 3/4" squares for sewing:

This is a different technique for making HSTs. You will be marking the wrong side of the colored squares and sewing to make (8) HST all at once. I thought this would be quicker, plus I wanted to give you an opportunity to try something different.

I suggest you use two different marking utensils. For the cutting lines I used a fine tip sharpie that matched my fabric color. For the sewing lines, I used a mechanical pencil.



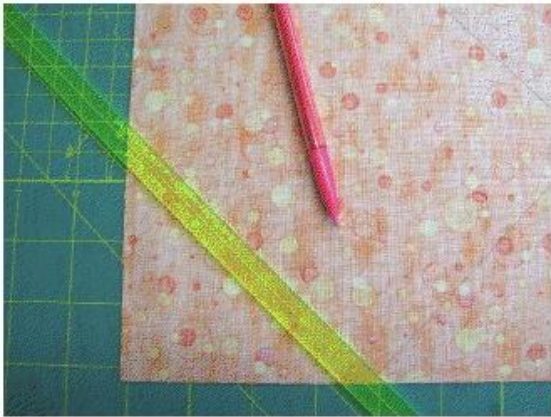
You will need to cut a 5 1/2" square for a template. I just used a junk mail card.

Center the template on the wrong side on the colored 7 3/4" square. Double check that the template's corners line up to the edges of the fabric. Trace around the template.



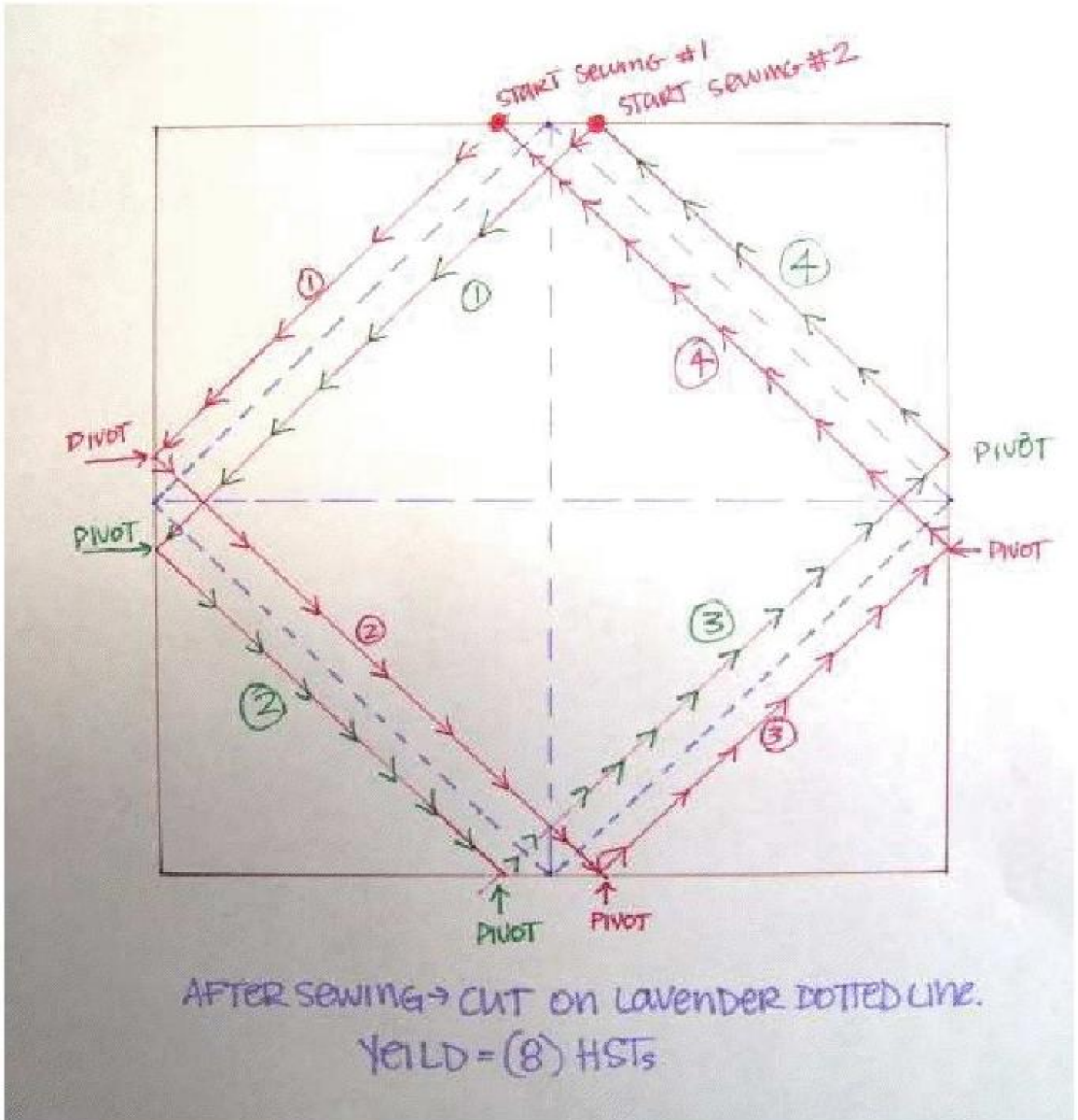
Using a rotary ruler, draw a '+' connecting the points of the square drawn using the template.

These will be cutting lines after we sew.

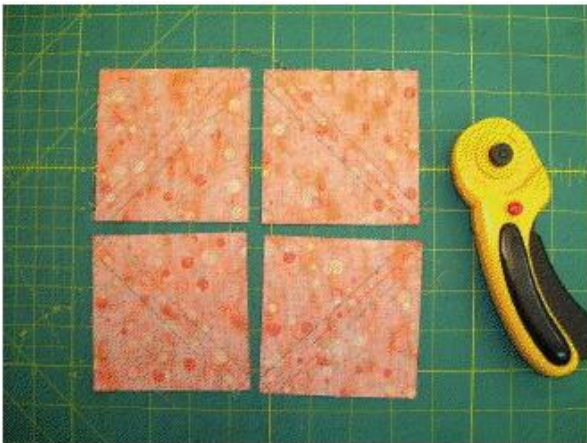


Using your favorite 'add-a-quarter-line' tool, mark a $1/4$ " line on each side of the lines drawn from the $5\ 1/2$ " template. These will be our sewing lines.

Following the diagram below, sew (8) $7\ 3/4$ " squares with the same technique to create the HSTs. I chain sewed all 8 squares and it went rather quickly. I thought it seemed much faster than sewing one square making 2 HSTs.

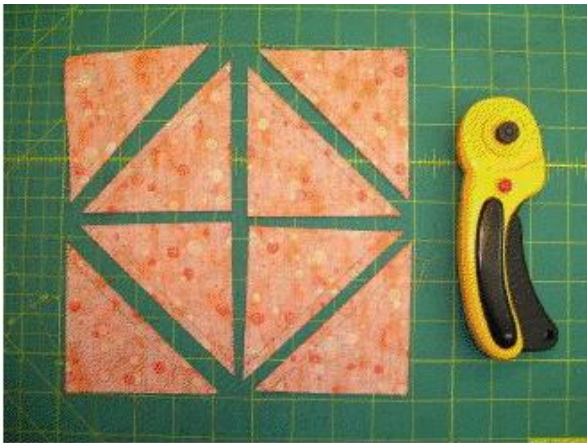


Cutting:



I pressed all my squares flat before cutting. I think this makes them lay flatter and easier to cut.

The first cut will be the horizontal and vertical '+' lines.



Then cut the diagonal template lines.

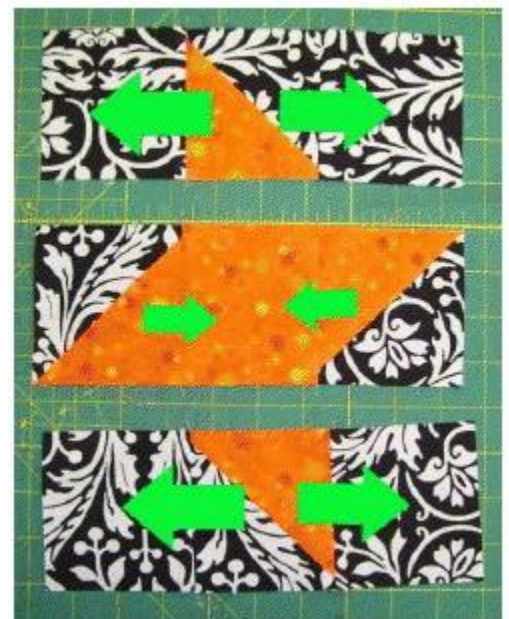
Press the seam allowance toward the color. Trim the dog-ears.

The HSTs unit will measure 3 1/2".



Lay out the block following the diagram. Make sure your HST angles match mine.

Sew the rows together. Press the seam allowance toward the non-pieced squares.





Then sew the rows into the block.

Press the seam allowance toward the edges of the block

Make (5) 9” finished blocks.



Now, repeat all these directions with Color #2 and the white background print.

Making (5) 9” finished blocks.

Congratulations you have made (10) 9 inch finished blocks- 5 with a black background/ 5 with a white background.

Bring all blocks to the June 28th meeting.

The blocks will be sorted and returned to you at the end of the meeting.

Happy stitching!