

2023 Ben Franklin Saturday Sampler

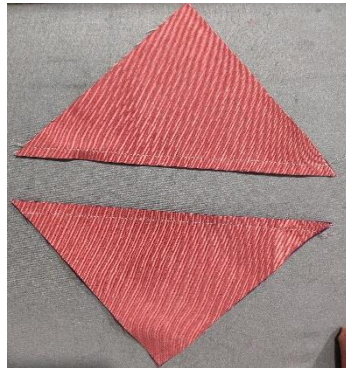
Traverse Tutorial May

Hour Glass



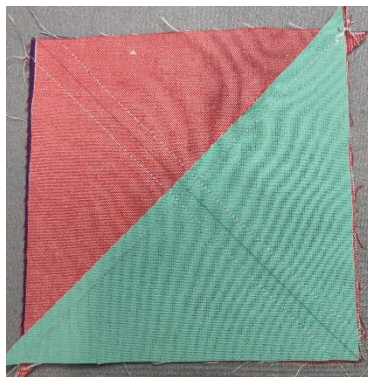
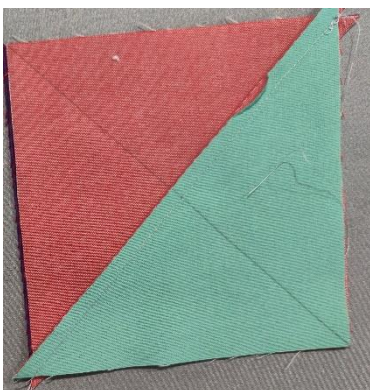
Step 1

Make half square triangles in a red/aqua and red/purple combination. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the red squares, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the line and cut apart on the line. Open up your squares and press seams towards the red. (you don't need to square up yet)



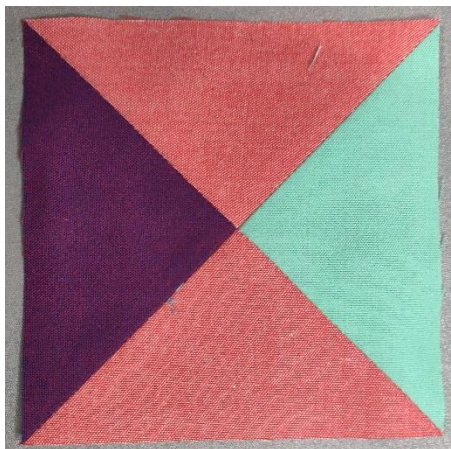
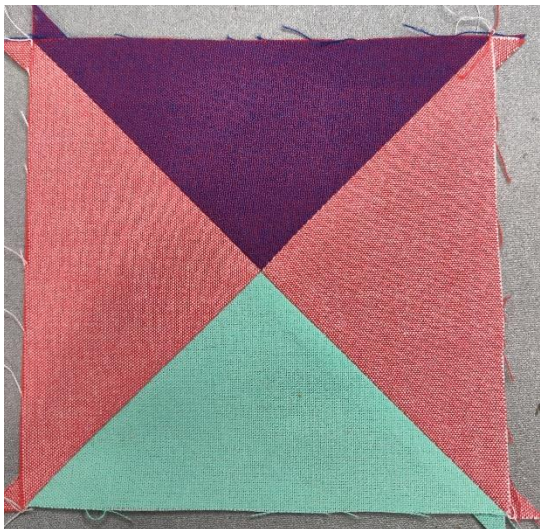
Step 2

Draw a diagonal line on the back side of the red/aqua combination. Layer these blocks with right sides together on top of a red/purple block. Make sure that the colors are opposite of each other. Maneuver the blocks until the seams nestle together (super important). Pin in place and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the drawn line.



Step 3

Cut on the line and Press your seams open. Your hour glass should look like the picture on the left. Trim your blocks to 4.5" lining the 45 degree angle on your ruler with the diagonal lines. Because your seams nestled together your center points should match up beautifully.



Step 4

Cut 1" off the end of your 4.5" square (the end with purple)



Step 5

Repeat for the F/M/P colorway.



Step 6

Sew your blocks together into rows. Make sure that the I/D/O combination row (18 blocks) measures to 72.5" If it doesn't adjust your seams to make it measure 72.5"

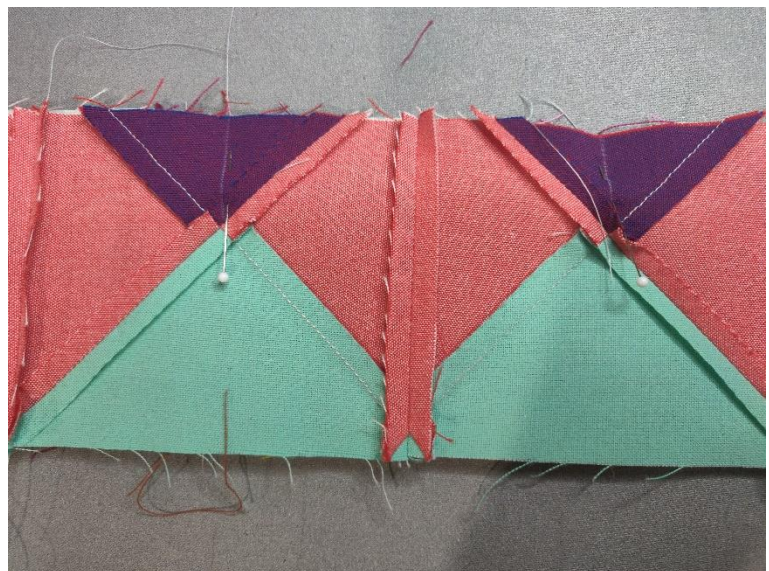
Step 7

mark the center of the dark purple triangles with a white pencil on the backside of your row.



Step 8

Lay the marked row on top of the other row with right sides together. The lines you marked will line up with the seams on the bottom row. Pin at each line to keep your fabrics where you want them.



Step 9

Sew the rows together. Use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " for your seam. This seam will determine if your triangles will align. My seam was too wide in a few places and the join is off a bit. I will probably go back and fix a couple of spots. Press the seam open and trim the offset edges.



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