

2023 Ben Franklin Saturday Sampler

Traverse Tutorial October

Half Squares



Step 1

Make half square triangles with fabrics A and N and E and P. Press to the dark and trim to 3 3/8"



Make 18



Make 19

Step 2

Lay your pieces out as shown

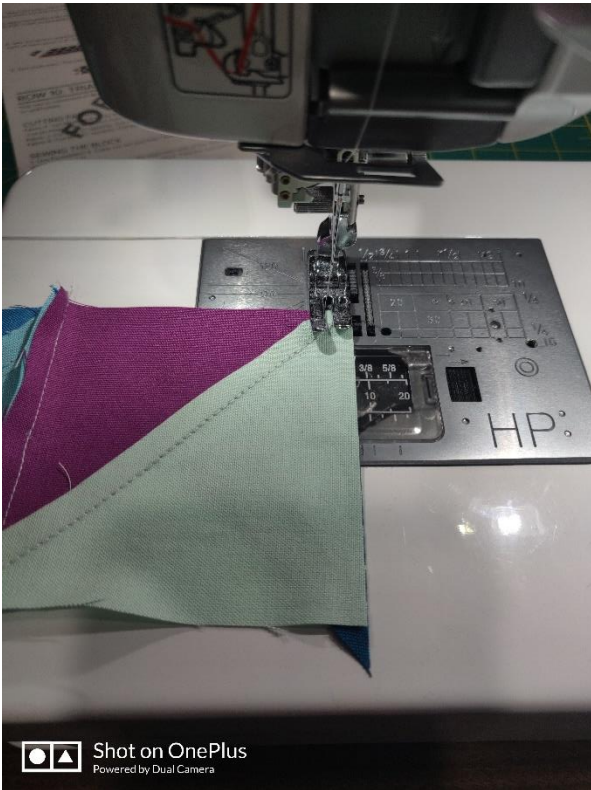




As I am sewing I keep my first block by my machine so I can make sure everything is in the correct place.

Don't press until all of your strips are sewn.

When you are sewing your end triangles on make sure you are sewing from the non-pointy edge. Your triangles will be on the bottom but it is easier to sew from this direction. A stiletto will help so much getting you started and keeping you straight.



Press half of your strips towards the teal triangle and half towards the orange triangle. This will help nestle your seams.

Step 3

Make Partial units (I only have a pic of one of them 😊 The other pic is in your pattern book



Step 4

Sew the strips together. This is fussy....I tried to pin and didn't like the results. I think that being able to keep the fabrics nestled together and adjust as you sew was easier for me than pinning. I am not super happy with some of my points and can go back and adjust if I want. The fabrics don't line up straight on. You have to shift them in one direction to get the correct placement. The width of each half square should be 4" once they are sewn.

Check as you go and adjust your seam allowance if necessary



Press your seams open to reduce bulk

Step 5

Add your end pieces





Step 6

Trim I don't have pics of trimming. I am leaving all my rows untrimmed until the end of the quilt and I can see if I need to adjust. You should be trimming to 6.5" x 72.5"

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