

Summertime



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*An Advanced Beginner
or Intermediate
Quilter's level project*

*A quilt pattern
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Intro

This has been a fun quilt to design and sew. The focus here was on the Half Square Triangle technique.

The technique came first, then the block pattern. I wanted to show colour variation so I chose 4 colours that looked bright and summery! I show some different quilt size variations in the booklet.

Whenever I have a pattern that uses Half Square Triangles, I always use the Easy 8 Method. I hope you have as much fun as I did.

*Cheers and regards
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PLEASE NOTE :

I write my cutting and sewing instructions using a 1/2" allowance for your 1/4" seams.

"Finished block measurements" means the block size in the finished quilt. "Unfinished" or "cut" size means the size of the block before you sew - which will have your seams allowances included.

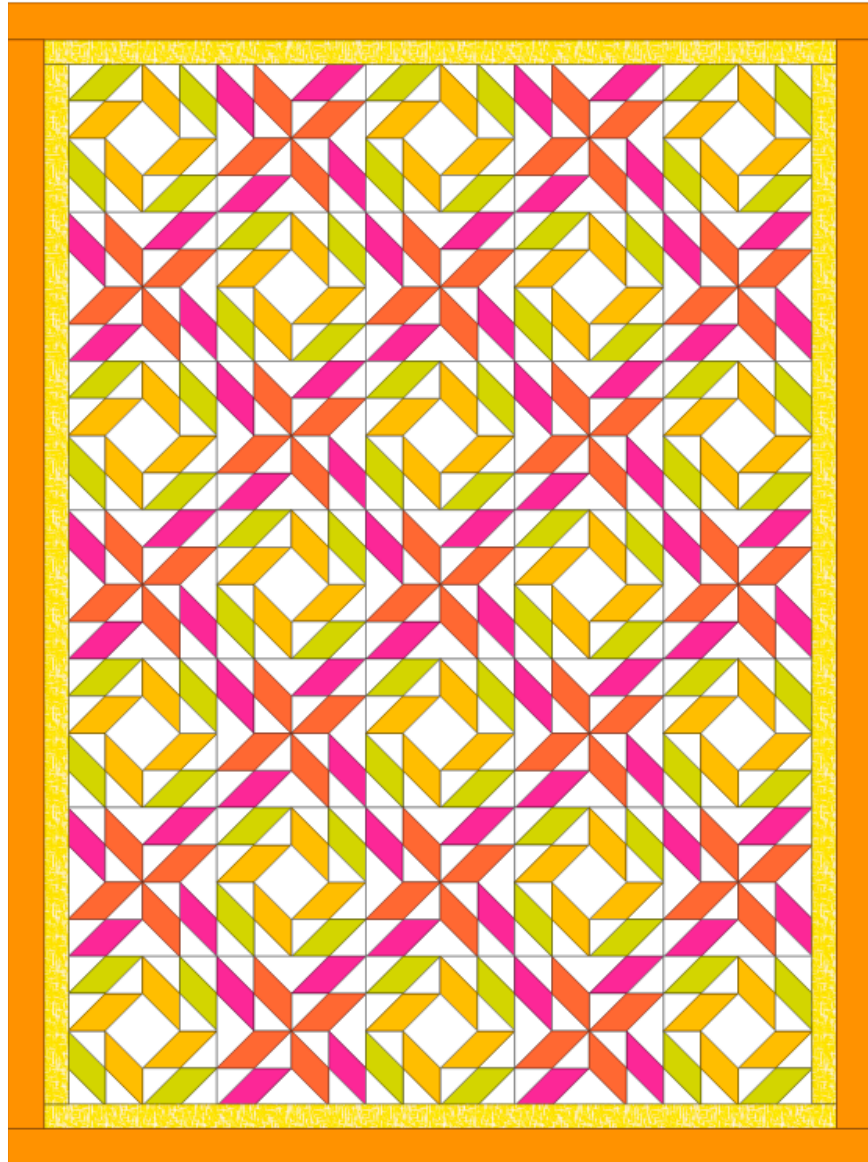
Therefore a "finished block" size of 4" will be "unfinished" or "cut" size of 4.5". It is the most important thing to remember!

Hints and Tips

- All seams are sewn at 1/4".
- All seams are pressed open.
- "Nesting" means aligning your seams to match at any joins.
- WOF means Width of Fabric and is assumed to be 40" minimum.
- Be mindful of fabric stretch, especially when pressing. If it is an issue, spray starch helps.
- The measurements will be written in inches. I will show both inches/yards and centimetres/metres when looking at overall fabric requirements.
- A new blade in your rotary cutter is always recommended at the start of a major project.

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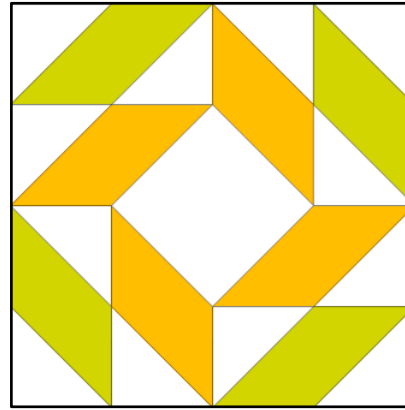
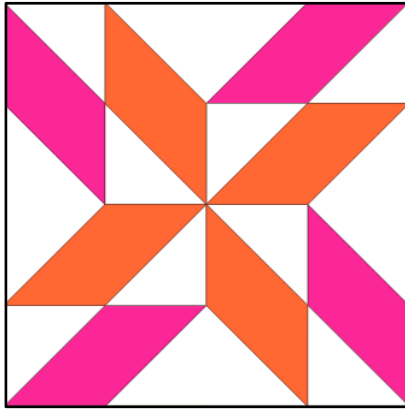
A Half Square Triangle trimmer is an essential tool for this project

Quilt size : 70" x 94"

Fabric Requirements		
	Yardage	Meterage
Fabric A (white - background)	170"	4.5
Fabric B (pink)	42.5"	1.25
Fabric C (orange)	42.5"	1.25
Fabric D (lemon)	42.5"	1.25
Fabric E (lime)	42.5"	1.25
Border 1	20"	0.5
Border 2	31.5"	1

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The Blocks - 12" finished



Make 35 in total

Cutting

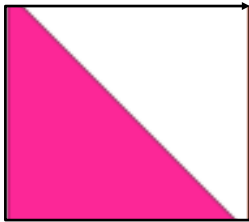
Cut your fabric into strips and then sub cut into squares. These squares are the starting squares for the Easy 8 Method of making your Half Square Triangles.

	8 1/2" strip	Subcut 8 1/2" square	Need
Fabric A (white - background)	18	72	70
Fabric B (pink)	5	20	17
Fabric C (orange)	5	20	17
Fabric D (lemon)	5	20	18
Fabric E (lime)	5	20	18

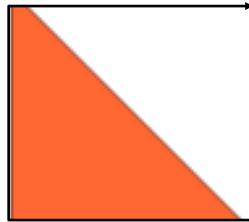
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The Combinations

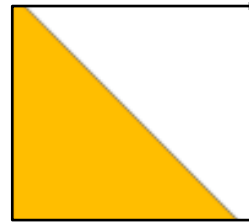
Make the following combinations and quantities



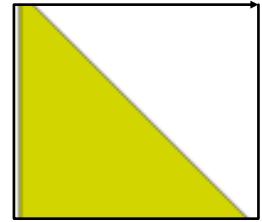
Fabric B with
background



Fabric C with
background



Fabric D with
background



Fabric E with
background

Easy 8 starting squares

Fabric B	with	Background	17
Fabric C	with	Background	17
Fabric D	with	Background	18
Fabric E	with	Background	18

3.5" trimmed HST

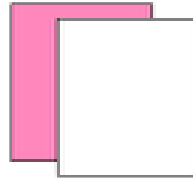
Fabric B	with	Background	136
Fabric C	with	Background	136
Fabric D	with	Background	144
Fabric E	with	Background	144

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Easy 8 HST Method

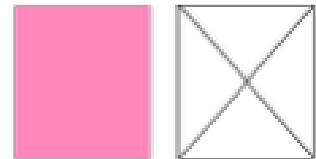
1.

Take 2 squares, one of background and one of colour



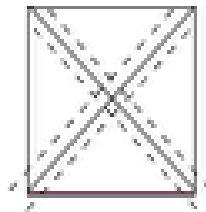
2.

On the wrong side of the background fabric, draw diagonal lines



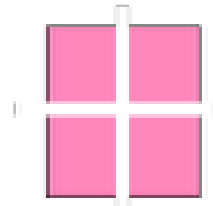
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With right sides facing, sew a 1/4" seam down each side of the diagonals.



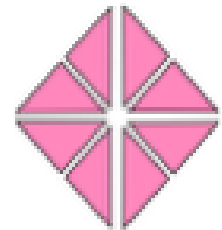
4.

With your rotary cutter, cut through the centre of the joined block vertically then horizontally



5.

Then cut on the diagonals. This will make 8 half square triangles.



6.

Trim to the required size using a HST trimming tool.

VERY IMPORTANT!

Do not miss this step



7.

Press seams open.

If you did miss step 6. Use a squaring tool instead to ensure the correct size block.

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Starting Square size chart for HST

Finished HST size	Unfinished HST size	Starting Square Size	Amount from WOF
2"	2.5"	6.5"	6
2.5"	3"	7"	5
3"	3.5"	8.5"	4
3.5"	4"	9"	4
4"	4.5"	10"	4

- Your WOF will determine the number of starting squares you will get from your fabric.
- Usually WOF is 42", you need to discount the selvage, I always assume 40" in my calculations
- Will some starting calculations, there will be left over fabric that you can use in other projects.
- 3" finished HST is my favourite size and the one you will find in most of my patterns.

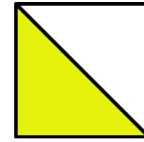
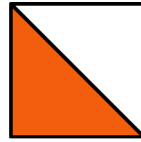
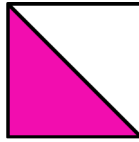
Tips and tricks:

1. Its important to be consistent with your 1/4" seams.
2. Pressing the seams open will help avoid bulky joins when you are creating stars or any block where multiple HSTs meet in the centre.
3. Trimming to the correct size is the **most vital step**.
4. A sharp blade in your rotary cutter is best for precision cutting.
5. If you are working on light fabric and sewing with light thread you may have problems seeing the sew lines when cutting - you can turn the square over and cut from the darker side.

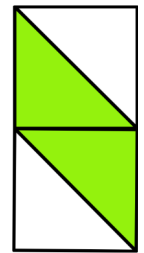
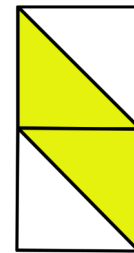
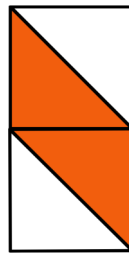
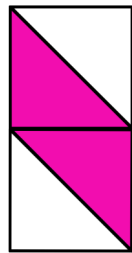
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Constructing the Blocks

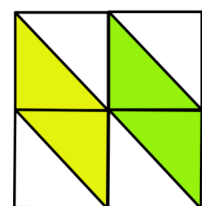
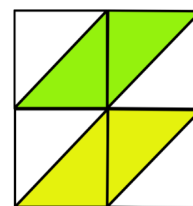
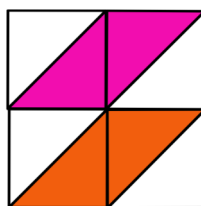
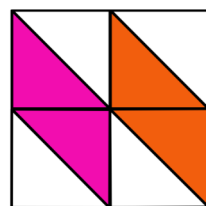
Start with 8 of each of these HSTs



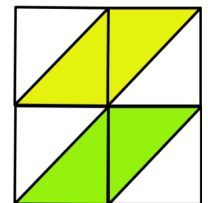
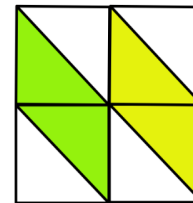
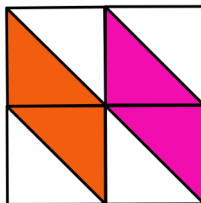
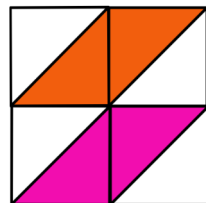
Sew 2 together



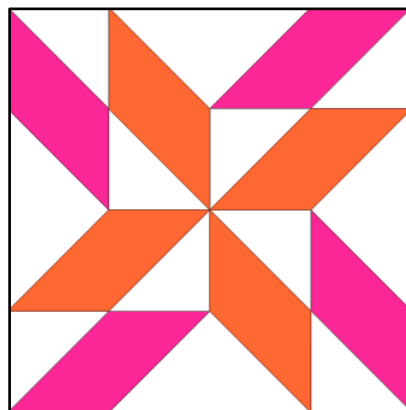
Make 4 in each colour



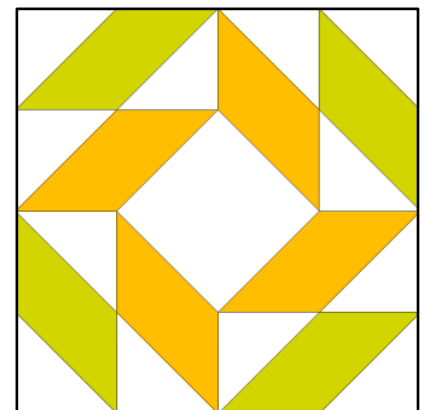
Make 4 in each colour



Sew the four quarters together to make the block



Make 17



Make 18

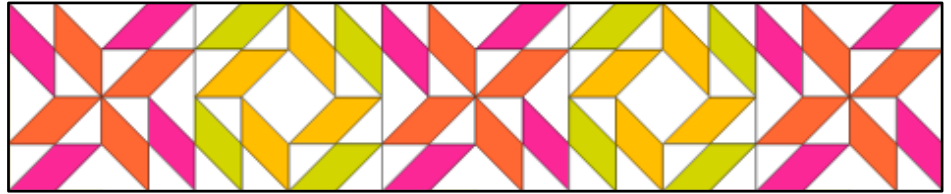
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Constructing the Quilt

Row 1



Row 2



Sew the blocks together to make each row, iron seams flat.

Make 4 of Row 1 and

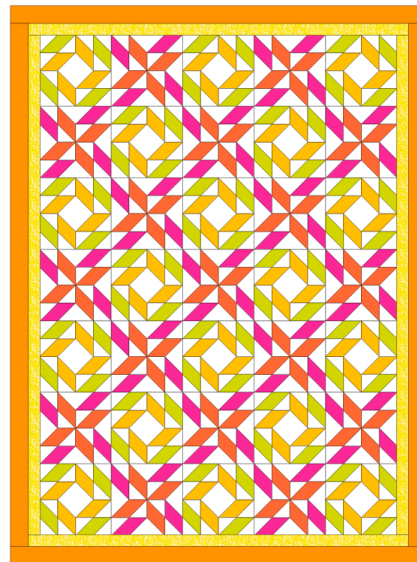
Make 3 of Row 2.

Sew rows together.

Add the Borders

Add Border 1 - Cut 8 x 2 1/2" strips, sew together end to end. Attach sides, then top and

Add Border 2 - Cut 8 x 3 1/2" strips, sew together end to end. Attach sides, then top and



The quilt top is complete!
Quilt and enjoy

Finishing the Quilt

You will need Backing Fabric, Batting/Wadding and Binding to finish the quilt.

Both the backing fabric and wadding measurements must exceed 70" x 94" which roughly equates to 2.5m of wide back and the same of wadding.

However, it will also depend on what machine you are quilting on - computerised longarm machines may have different requirements - please check first before buying and cutting.

Binding:

To calculate the binding required

Add together the length (94") and the width (74") = equals 164".

Multiply this by 2 = 328".

Divide by the width of the binding fabric (minus selvage) say 40" = 8.2

Round up to nearest whole number = 9.

You will need 9 strips of 2.5" fabric to create the binding (22 1/2" or .6m)

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Other Size Variations

Lap Quilt – 60” x 60”



FABRIC	INCHES	METRES
A	17	0.5
B	17	0.5
C	17	0.5
D	17	0.5
Background	68	2
Border 1	12.5	0.4
Border 2	21	0.6

CUTTING	8.5" strips	Sub cut into 8.5" squares (4/strip)	Need
A	2	8	8
B	2	8	8
C	2	8	8
D	2	8	8
Background	8	32	32

HST			
A	with	Background	64
B	with	Background	64
C	with	Background	64
D	with	Background	64

Crib Quilt – 34” x 46”



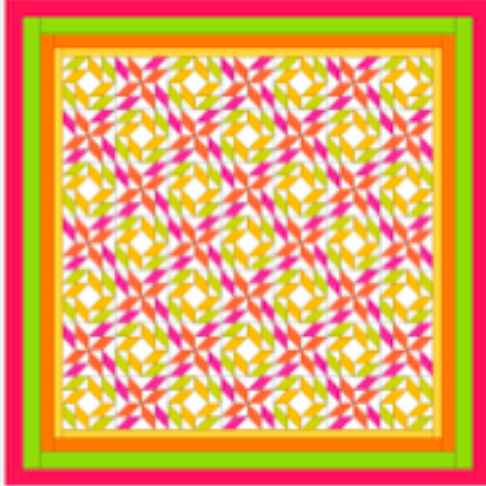
FABRIC	INCHES	METRES
A	8.5	0.25
B	8.5	0.25
C	8.5	0.25
D	8.5	0.25
Background	34	1
Border 1	7.5	0.25
Border 2	12.25	0.5

CUTTING	8.5" strips	Sub cut into 8.5" squares (4/strip)	Need
A	1	4	3
B	1	4	3
C	1	4	3
D	1	4	3
Background	4	16	3

HST			
A	with	Background	24
B	with	Background	24
C	with	Background	24
D	with	Background	24

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King Bed Quilt – 110” x 110”



FABRIC	INCHES	METRES
A	51"	1.4
B	51"	1.4
C	51"	1.4
D	51"	1.4
Background	204"	5.25
Border 1	22.5	0.6
Border 2	31.5"	0.9
Border 3	45"	1.25
Border 4	49.5"	1.4

CUTTING	8.5" strips	Sub cut into 8.5" squares (4/strip)	Need
A	6	24	24
B	6	24	24
C	7	28	25
D	7	28	25
Background	25	100	98

HST			
A	with	Background	192
B	with	Background	192
C	with	Background	200
D	with	Background	200