

Sierra Quilt Guild

Block of the Month - August, 2019

Skill Builder – Paper Pieced Polka Dot Palooza

This month we will be working on our paper piecing skills. This Polka Dot Palooza block is identical (except fabrics) to the block we are making for the 2020 SQG Opportunity Quilt. This is a chance for you to practice on this BOM and then grab an Opportunity Quilt block kit and add your block to what is going to be a wonderful group project!

Tips for successful paper piecing

- Start with a fresh 80/12 or 70/10 sewing machine needle.
- Reduce your stitch length to 1.5" stitches per inch.
- When you sew, the writing on the pattern always needs to be face up. Fabric on the back needs to be right sides together.
- Make sure the background fabric is always on the left so your pinwheel is going clockwise.
- Make sure you sew past the solid lines on the pattern.

Fabric Requirements:

Print Fabric: You will need 8 different 5" squares of polka dot print fabric. Subcut the 5" squares diagonally yielding 16 triangles.

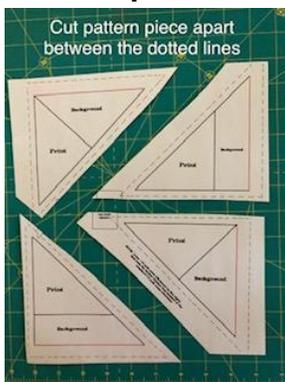
You will only use 8 different colored polka dot triangles.

(I will have some polka dot print triangles available at guild meetings)

Background Fabric: White Background with any color of polka dot. You will need two (2) 5" squares of your background fabric subcut diagonally yielding a total of 4 triangles. You will need four (4) 2 3/4" x 6 1/2" rectangles.



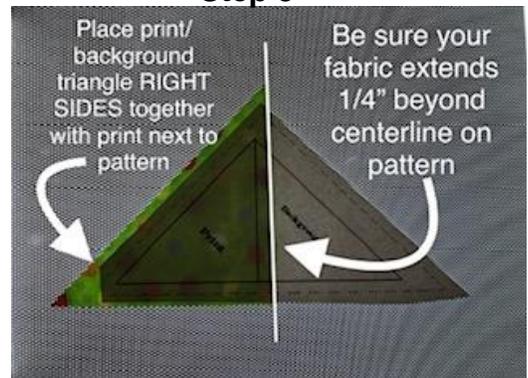
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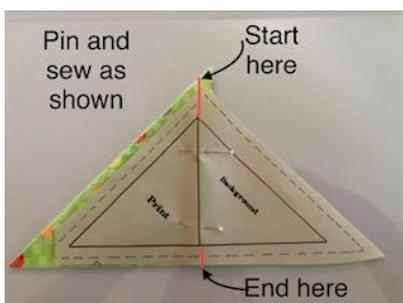
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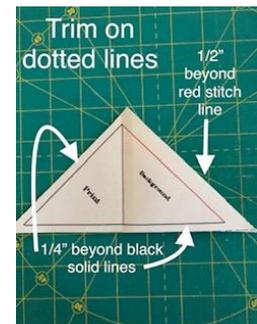
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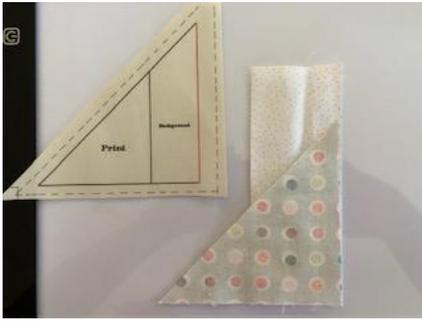
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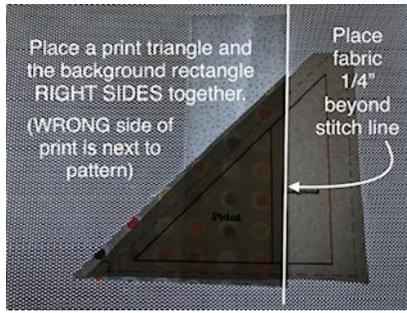
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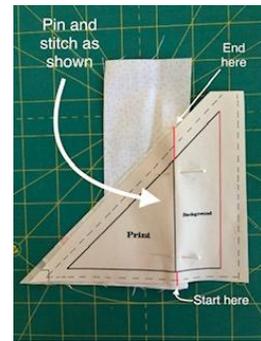
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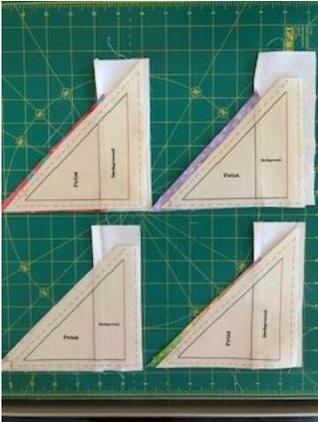
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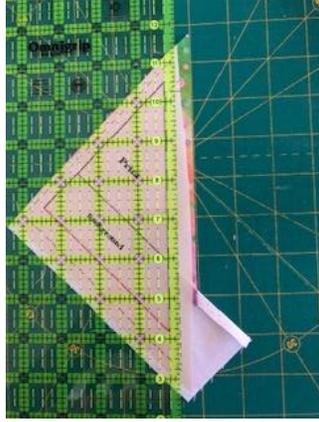
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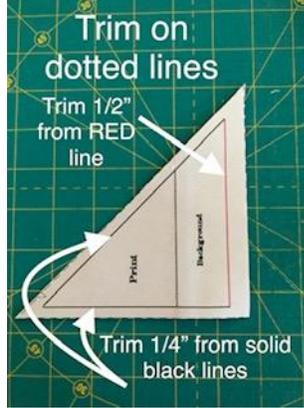
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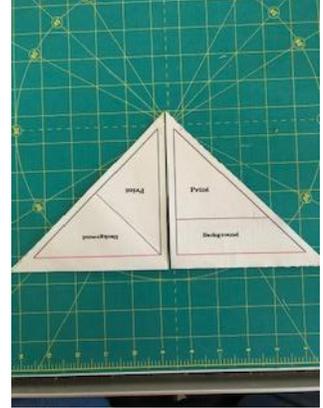
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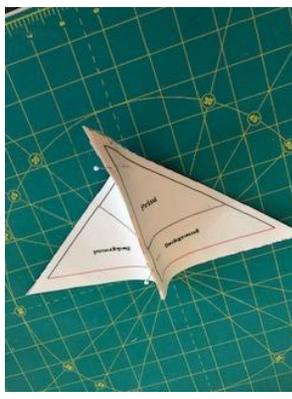
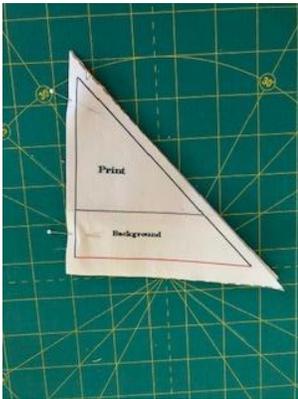
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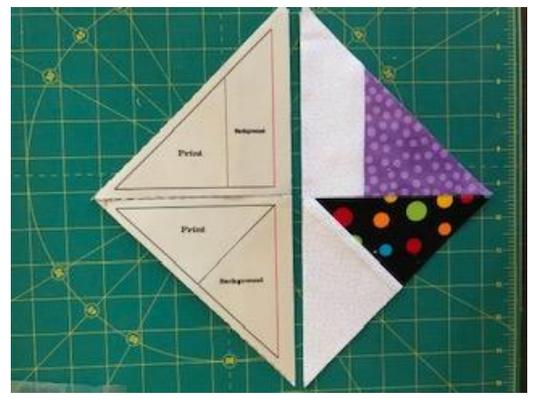
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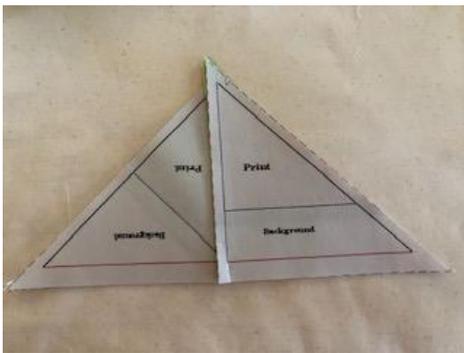
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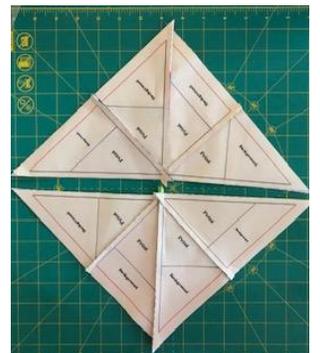
Step 17a



Step 17b



Step 18



← Step 19 →



Step 1: Cut all pattern pieces apart between the dotted lines.

Step 2: Working with the print and background triangle pattern, place a background triangle with a print triangle.

Step 3: Place the print and background triangles RIGHT SIDES together with the *print fabric next to the paper pattern*. Be sure your fabric extends $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the centerline on the paper pattern.

Step 4: Pin the paper pattern to secure fabric in correct position. Stitch on the centerline beginning and ending at the edges of the fabric.

Step 5: Repeat Steps 1 through 4 for all four of the print/triangle pattern pieces.

Step 6: Press all of the print/triangle units open. Trim on the dotted lines of the pattern.

Step 7: Working with the print/background rectangle pattern, place a print triangle with a background $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle.

Step 8: Place the print triangle and the background rectangle RIGHT SIDES together with the *wrong side of the print fabric next to the paper pattern*. Be sure your fabric extends $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the stitch line.

Step 9: Pin the paper pattern to secure fabric in correct position. Stitch on the solid line beginning and ending at the edges of the fabric.

Step 10: Repeat steps 7 through 9 for all four of the print triangle/background rectangle units.

Step 11: Press the unit open and placing a ruler on the paper pattern piece, trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " to eliminate the excess rectangle fabric.

Step 12: Continue to trim the triangle/rectangle unit on all the dotted lines.

Step 13: Lay out a print/background triangle unit and a triangle/rectangle unit as shown in photo.

Step 14: Place the print/background triangle unit and the triangle/rectangle unit RIGHT SIDES together and pin. Check to make sure your prints touch and your background fabrics touch.

Step 15: Sew along the black stitch line on the pattern. Repeat for all the units.

Step 16: Press the seams towards the print triangle/background triangle unit.

Step 17a: Lay out your block pieces.

Step 17b: Fold unit 2 RIGHT SIDES together on top of unit 1. Pin, making sure seams line up. Repeat for units 3 and 4.

Step 18: Press the seams so they go in a clockwise direction.

Step 19: CAREFULLY remove the paper patterns from your block halves. Pin the two halves together. Make sure that the center seams are matched. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press block open.