

Strip # 8 - Make a 42 inch wide strip as follows

Fabric requirements - all strips are width of fabric:

Fabric B: One strip, 1.75 inches wide

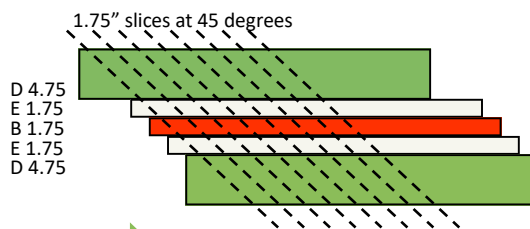
Fabric D: Two strips, 4.75 inches wide

Fabric E: Two strips, 1.75 inches wide

Tip: My intrepid pattern testers told me they had trouble nesting the slices together perfectly in step 2. Confused, I looked at mine and found that I hadn't noticed that they weren't perfect either. This is a very forgiving block. It will still work, even if slightly off.

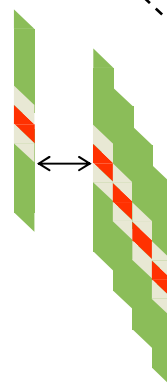
Stitch together into a base strip block as shown.

Press all seams in the same direction.

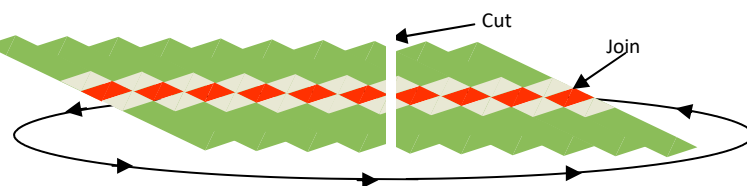


Sew strips together, flipping every second slice to help with nesting.

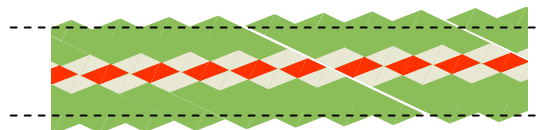
Line the bottom of the lower strip of fabric E to the bottom of the strip of fabric B, staggering the strips so they form a staircase shape.



Cut vertically through the new strip, and join the two slanting ends to create your final strip.



Trim the top and bottom peaks, making sure to leave enough seam allowance so you don't cut off the top of the inner diamonds. It should end up measuring roughly 4 inches in height.



Finishing: This is it. The last block!

Trim: Trim all your strips to 42" wide. I usually folded the strips in half, then measured 21" from the fold, and cut. However, if a strip needs a little extra you can add a piece of sashing or a leftover motif from another pattern - you are only limited by your imagination.

Join: To construct you can add sashing between the strips. I used 1 inch sashing because I didn't want to add any length. This way, it should measure 42" wide, and between 62" and 65" long (depending on your trimming decisions).

If you have been making wider strips for a larger quilt, you may want to use deeper sashing to add length. Or you can join several strips of varying widths and colours to form a multicoloured sashing effect.

Borders: Whether to add borders is up to you and how you want to use the quilt. I added a wider side border on one of my samples to even up the length:width ratio.

Quilt and enjoy!

I do hope you've had fun making this project. And do give me a call if you have questions.

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