

2013 Quilted in Honor Mystery
All Clues and Directions in One Document
Red Fabric in the Border Quilt

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Lap Quilt - 38" by 46"

**Suitable for use in a wheel chair. It is also
the right size for the Giving Quilt
Challenge.**

Fabric Requirements

**Red, White and Blue (or three other
fabrics of your choice)**

1 1/4 yards white or background fabric

3/4 yard red

3/4 yard blue

1/4 yard binding

I cut my binding into 2.25" strips. If you use 2.5" strips you need a little more fabric.

OPTIONAL: Fabric for the gift card pockets.

1/2 yard white or light colored muslin.

(2) 1.5" by 32.5" strips Iron-On Interfacing, Adhesive on one side only. Light weight.

Half Square Triangles – 144 required for this quilt.

2 inch finished size triangles. (2.5” unfinished)

I recommend using these **free** templates. You can access the .pdf from:

<http://www.quiltingandwhatnot.ca/Half-Square-Triangle.html>

Choose the 2” finished size .pdf

Print (1) copy of the .pdf file to **TEST BEFORE YOU CUT** your mystery fabric.

Make sure the 1” square on the template is 1”.

Directions for using the template paper and making the Half Square Triangles:

1. I use regular printer paper.
2. Set stitch length to 1.8. This makes the HSTs stronger and also perforates the paper, making it easier to remove the paper.
3. Sew on the dotted lines. Cut on the solid lines.
4. When tearing the paper hold one of the corners that has stitching and tear. This is easier on the fabric and the stitching. Pick the paper out of this corner when the rest of the paper is off.
5. Sew the templates during sewing time. Save the cutting and tearing to do during TV time. Make sure you have a trash can close by.

6. **Test first.** If the test is successful print (8) more template sheets.

Select a light and dark colored fabric from your stash. Cut a 9” by 11” rectangle from each fabric. (good use for fat quarters)

7. Place fabric right sides together. Place template on top of the fabric. Pin the template. I use 4 pins. Avoid dotted lines.

Sew and cut these so you understand the process. Measure the half square triangles. You should have perfect 2.5” half square triangles.

If you sew and cut accurately all the HSTs will be perfect and you won't have to spend time squaring up.

OR - Use your own method to make the Half Square Triangles.

Look for ALERTS in the cutting directions so you can cut to match your method.

Alternate half square triangle options: (there are many more if you search the web).

Here are some other methods I have tried and liked but are NOT free. They are worth the price if you are making many half square triangles.

Triangle Magic (\$20) from <http://quiltpro.com> (downloads to your PC)

Thangles – already printed grid. Available online and at quilt stores

Cutting Directions for Both Quilts:

1. Muslin and Interfacing for Gift Card Pockets **(Optional)**

Muslin: (1) 8" by 32.5" and (1) 8" by 34.5" Changed 11/10/2013

There will be 12 gift card slots in each piece.

Iron On Interfacing-adhesive on one side only- (2) 1.5" by 32.5"

2. Background Fabric

a. 6.5" by width of fabric

Cross cut into (16) 6.5" by 2.5" rectangles

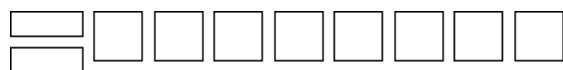


b. 5" by width of fabric

Cut 6.5" off the front of the strip.

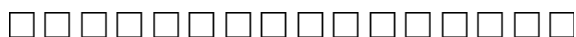
Cross cut into (2) 6.5" by 2.5" rectangles

Trim the rest of the strip from 5" to 4.5".
Cross cut into (8) 4.5" squares.



c. 2.5" by width of fabric

Cross cut into (16) 2.5" squares



d. 2.5" by width of fabric

Cross cut into (8) 2.5" by 4.5" rectangles and

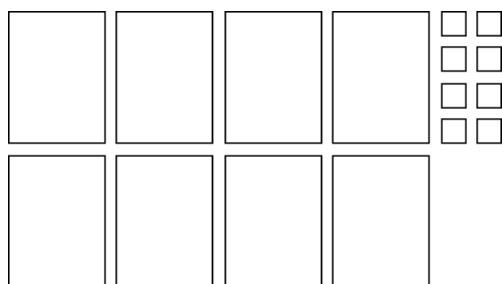
(2) 2.5" squares



e. 11" by width of fabric (cut 2) **(ALERT: Rectangles are for half square triangles)**

Crosscut each into (4) 11" by 9" rectangles. Total (8) rectangles

Crosscut (8) 2.5" squares from the excess. **(squares NOT used in Half Square Triangles)**

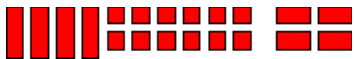


3. Quilt with Red Fabric in the Border - Cutting Directions:

- NEW** a. 6.5" by width of red fabric
Crosscut into (16) 6.5" by 2.5" rectangles



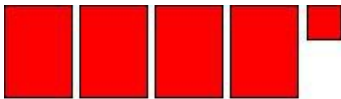
- b. 6.5" by width of red fabric
Crosscut (4) 6.5" by 2.5" rectangles
Cut the rest of the strip lengthwise into (2) 2.5" strips
From each 2.5" strip cut (6) 2.5" squares
and (2) 4.5" by 2.5" rectangles



- c. 2.5" by width of red fabric
Crosscut into (16) 2.5" squares



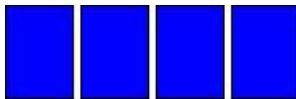
- NEW** d. 11" by width of red fabric (ALERT: This fabric is used for half square triangles)
Crosscut into (4) 11" by 9" rectangles AND ONE 4.5" SQUARE



- e. 4.5" by width of blue fabric
Crosscut into (8) 4.5" squares



- f. 11" by width of blue fabric (ALERT: This fabric is used for half square triangles)
Crosscut into (4) 11" by 9" rectangles



- g. Cut 6 strips from blue fabric
(2) 1.5" by 32.5"

NEW 11/10/2013 (1) 1" by 32.5" and (1) 1" by 34.5" (Optional: Only necessary if making pockets)

- (2) 1.5" by 34.5"



Verify that you have the cut pieces you need for the mystery.

**Cut Fabric Summary:
Quilt with RED Fabric in the Border**

Background Fabric

- (18) 6.5" by 2.5" rectangles
- (8) 4.5" squares
- (26) 2.5" squares
- (8) 4.5" by 2.5" rectangles
- (8) 11" by 9" rectangles

Red Fabric

- (20) 6.5" by 2.5" rectangles
- (28) 2.5" squares
- (4) 4.5" by 2.5" rectangles
- (1) 4.5" square (NEW)
- (4) 11" by 9" rectangles

Blue Fabric

- (8) 4.5" squares
- (4) 11" by 9" rectangles
- (2) 1.5" by 32.5" rectangles
- (2) 1.5" by 34.5" rectangles
- (1) 1" by 32.5" rectangles *and*
NEW 11/10/2013
- (1) 1" by 34.5" (OPTIONAL:
Both Needed for Gift Card Pockets)

Muslin

- (1) 8" by 32.5"
- (1) 8" by 34.5" *New 11/10/2013*

Interfacing (adhesive on one side)

- (2) 1.5" by 32.5"

Pre-Mystery Sewing:

- 1. Make 144 half square triangles (Same directions for both quilts)**
Use the 11" by 9" rectangles (4) Red, (4) Blue, (8) White and (8) templates.

Make 72 Blue and White half square triangles with (4) templates

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FINGER PRESS each of the half square triangles.

Press half of each combination to the white.

Press the other half to the colored (red and blue) fabrics.

Don't press with iron until they are sewed into the quilt. This saves distortion.

Get (2) Baggies. One for Pressed to the White, The other for Pressed to the Red and Blue.

Follow directions on Page 2 for info on making the half square triangles.

Be sure and do the TEST before sewing your quilt fabric.

OR use your own method for making half square triangles.

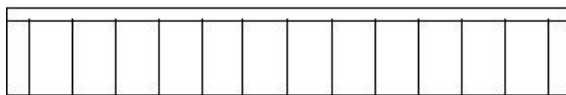
- 2. OPTIONAL: Sew the Gift Card Pocket**

8" by 32" muslin and a marking pencil or chalk marker

(light marking will not show through to the quilt top and doesn't need to be erased)

- . Fold in half so the muslin measures 4" by 32.5"
- . Place the cut edge on top.
- . Measure 1/2" across the long, top edge and draw a line.
- . Fold in half and mark the mid point.
- . Draw a straight line at the mid point from the 1/2" line to the folded edge.
- . Measure 2 1/4" in both directions. Draw straight lines from the 1/2" line to the folded edge.
- . Continue doing this until you have 13 lines and 12 pockets.

Mid Point |



- . Sew these lines with a short stitch (I use 1.8).
Do NOT sew into the 1/2" margin along the cut edge.
- . Repeat for the other piece of muslin.

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Clue #1

Sewing Squares and Rectangles

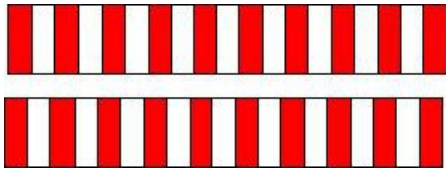
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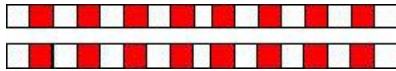
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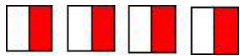
1. Sew (2) strips using the 2.5" by 6.5" red and white rectangles. (19) rectangles in each strip. Red rectangles on the outside.



2. Sew (2) strips using the 2.5" red and white squares (17) squares in each strip. White squares on the outside.



3. Sew (4) units. 2.5" by 4.5" red and white rectangles. One red and one white rectangle in each unit. Sew seams on the 4.5" side of the fabric.



4. Sew (8) units. 2.5" red and white squares. One red and one white square in each unit.



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Clue #2

Sew Pairs of Half Square Triangles

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TWO choices:

1. Sew (32) pairs using 64 Red and White half square triangles.

(32) red and white half square triangles finger pressed to the white.

a. Place right side up with red fabric in the upper right corner.

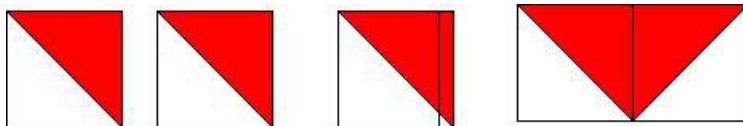
(32) red and white half square triangles finger pressed to the red.

b. Place upside down with red fabric in the upper right corner.

- . Place the half square triangles from b. on top of the ones from a.
- . Right sides of the fabric together
- . Nest seams and sew.

(I don't pin these pairs because the top seam nests with the bottom seam and holds the pair together during sewing. I am very careful to keep my seam at a quarter inch.)

Sew pair together along the right edge. Your (32) finished pairs should look like the picture below.



2. Sew (32) pairs using 64 Blue and White half square triangles.

(32) blue and white half square triangles finger pressed to the blue.

a. Place right side up with white fabric in the upper right corner.

(32) blue and white half square triangles finger pressed to the white.

b. Place upside down with white fabric in the upper right corner.

- . Place the half square triangles from b. on top of the ones from a.
- . Right sides of the fabric together
- . Nest seams and sew.



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Clue #3

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Please read this quick tutorial on sewing 4 seams together. This is Darlene Zimmerman's "Magic Twist" technique. Also taught by Eleanor Burns.

The tutorial is halfway down the page.

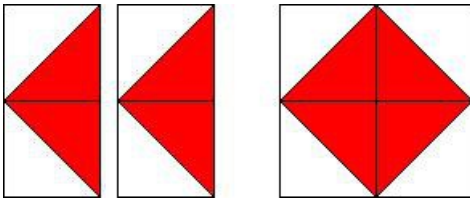
I highly recommend this technique. It will definitely help when you are sewing your units together.

<http://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/cutting-corners/2011/5/10/tips-tricks-tools/>

Make (4) of the following unit.

a. Gather (8) red and white half square triangle pairs.

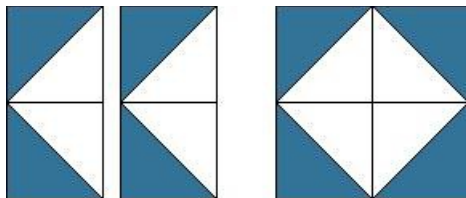
- . Make sure each pair is facing the direction in the picture below
- . Finger press (4) down.
- . Turn the other (4) upside down. Finger press up.
- . Place right sides together (**up ones on top**).
- . Make sure the **red on each unit is on the right side**.
- . Sew nesting seams.
- . Do the "Magic Twist".
- . Press – tap up and down gently with the iron.



Make (4) of the following unit.

b. Gather (8) blue and white half square triangle pairs.

- . Make sure each pair is facing the direction in the picture below
- . Finger press (4) down.
- . Turn the other (4) upside down. Finger press up.
- . Place right sides together (**up ones on top**).
- . Make sure the **white on each unit is on the right side**.
- . Sew nesting seams.
- . Do the "Magic Twist".
- . Press – tap up and down gently with the iron.



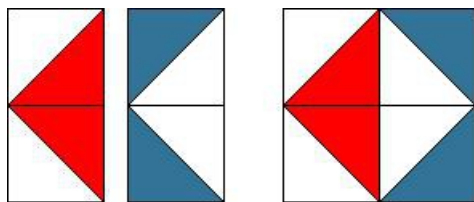
Clue #3 (continued)

Make (8) of the following unit.

- c. Gather (8) red and white half square triangle pairs.
Gather (8) blue and white half square triangle pairs.

- . Make sure each pair is facing the direction in the picture below
- . It doesn't matter which pair is on top or bottom.
- . Finger press (8) down.
- . Turn the other (8) upside down. Finger press up.
- . Take one of each and place right sides together (**up ones on top**).
- . Make sure the **red on the red and white units is on the right side**
and the **white on the blue and white units is on the right side**
- . Sew nesting seams.
- . Do the "Magic Twist".
- . Press – tap up and down gently with the iron.

- c. Gather (8) red and white half triangle pairs.
Gather (8) blue and white half square triangle pairs.



Make (8) of the following unit:

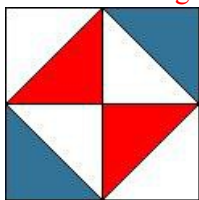
- d. Gather the (8) remaining red and white half square triangles.
Gather the (8) remaining blue and white half square triangles.

- . Finger press to the red and blue triangles in each half square triangle.
- . Gather (1) red and white and (1) blue and white half square triangle.
- . Place the Blue and White right side up with the white corner in the upper right corner.
- . Place the Red and White upside down with the red corner in the upper right corner.
- . Nest seams
- . Sew on the right edge.



Make (4) of the following unit:

- e. Take 2 of the units from d. and sew right sides together.
. Before sewing, finger press the bottom unit down and the top unit up.
. Make sure the red corners meet in the center and the blue corners are on the outside.
. Do the "Magic Twist" and press lightly with the iron.



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By now you have finished all of the sub units for the quilt.
This quilt is constructed in (9) rows. Some of the rows are identical.

Now is a good time to organize your units into (5) separate piles.

Pile #1 – Rows 1 and 9



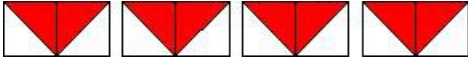


Pile #2 – Rows 2 and 8

Pile #3 – Rows 3 and 7


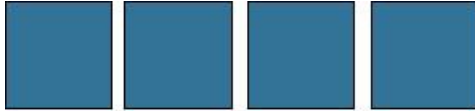
Pile #4 – Row 4 and 6

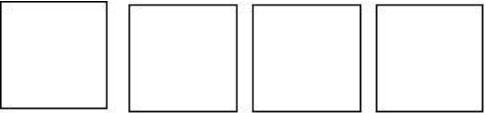
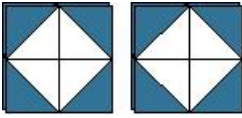
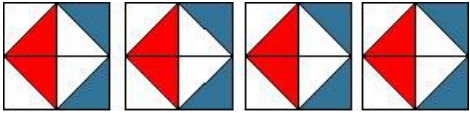
Pile #5 – Row 5

Pile #1 (Rows 1 and 9)


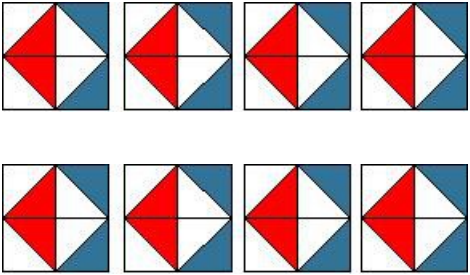
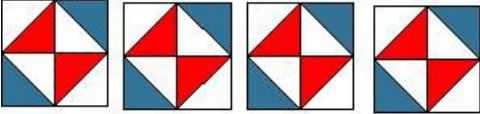
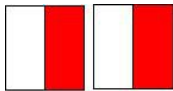
(4) Red 2.5" squares	
(4) Red and White 2.5" squares sewn into units	
(4) Red and White half square triangle pairs	
(4) Blue and White half square triangle pairs	
(2) White 2.5" by 4.5" rectangles	

Pile #2 (Rows 2 and 8)


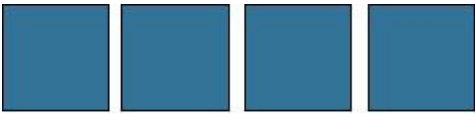
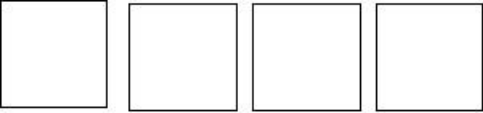
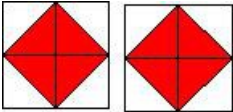
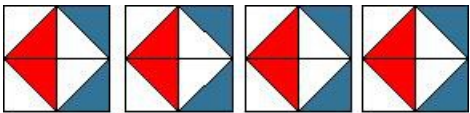
(4) Red and White half square triangle pairs	
(4) Blue 4.5" squares	

<p>Clue #4 (Continued) Pile #2 (Rows 2 and 8) Continued</p> <p>(4) White 4.5” squares</p>	
<p>(2) Blue and White units of half square triangle pairs</p>	
<p>(4) Red, White and Blue units of half square triangle pairs</p>	


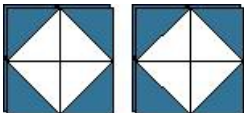
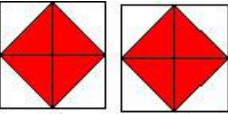
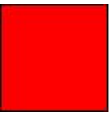
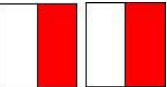
Pile #3 (Rows 3 and 7)

<p>(4) Red and White 2.5” squares sewn into units</p>	
<p>(8) Red, White and Blue units of half square triangle pairs</p>	
<p>(4) Red, White and Blue 4 half square triangle units</p>	
<p>2) Red and White 2.5” by 4.5” rectangles sewn into units</p>	

Clue #4 (Continued)

<p>Pile #4 (Rows 4 and 6) (4) Blue and White half square triangle pairs</p>	
<p>(4) Blue 4.5" squares</p>	
<p>Pile #2 (Rows 2 and 8) Continued (4) White 4.5" squares</p>	
<p>(2) Red and White units of half square triangle pairs</p>	
<p>(4) Red, White and Blue units of half square triangle pairs</p>	

Pile #5 (Row 5)

<p>(2) 2.5" by 4.5" White rectangles</p>	
<p>(2) Blue and White units of half square triangle pairs</p>	
<p>(2) Red and White units of half square triangle pairs</p>	
<p>(1) Red 4.5" square</p>	
<p>2) Red and White 2.5" by 4.5" rectangles sewn into units</p>	

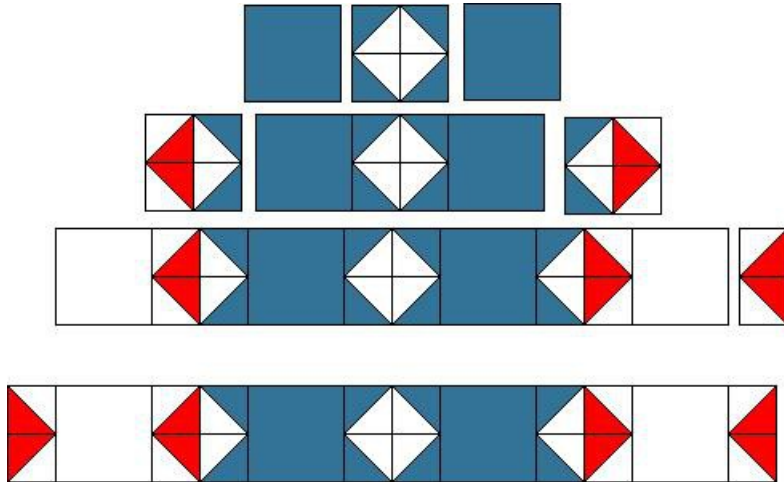
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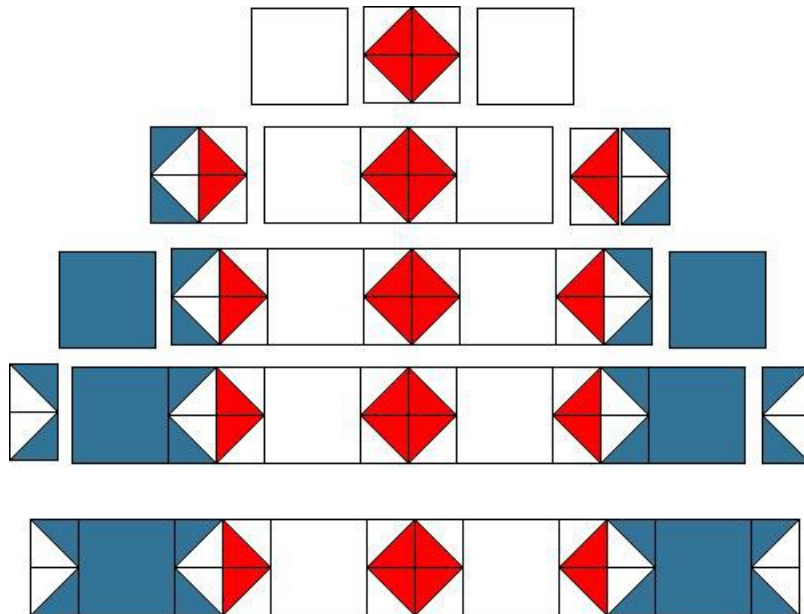
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Gather the fabric in Pile 2. Press to the squares when done sewing the row.
Follow the diagram, starting at the top.
You are assembling from the center out.
Make (2). These are rows 2 and 8.



Gather the fabric in Pile 4. Press to the squares when done sewing the row.
Follow the diagram, starting at the top.
You are assembling from the center out.
Make (2). These are rows 4 and 6.



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Clue #6

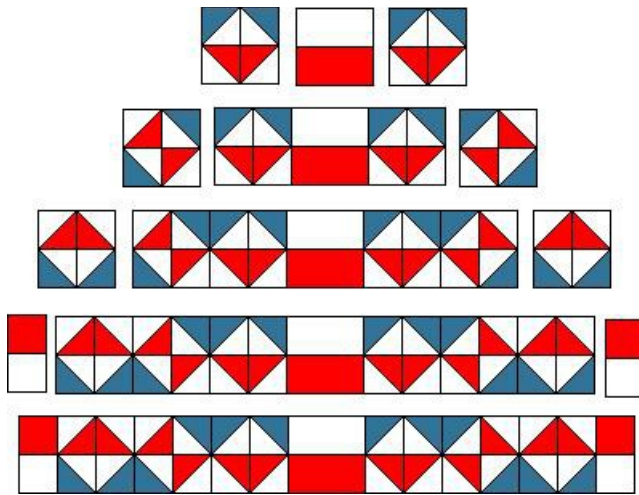
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Gather the fabric in Pile 3. Press to these units when done sewing the rows.

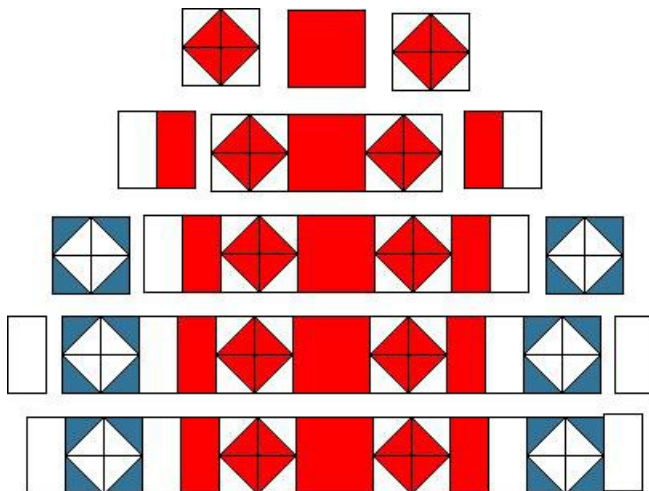


Follow the diagram, starting at the top.
You are assembling from the center out.
Make (2). These are rows 3 and 7.



Gather the fabric in Pile 5. Press to the squares and rectangles when done sewing the row.

Follow the diagram, starting at the top.
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Make (1). This is row 5. The center row.



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Clue #7

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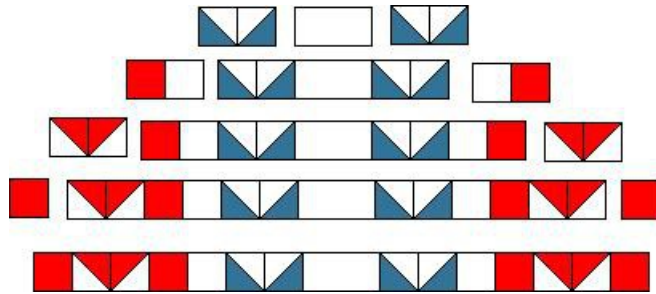
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Gather the fabric in Pile 1. Press these units to the squares and rectangles.

Follow the diagram, starting at the top.

You are assembling from the center out.

Make (2). These are rows 1 and 9.

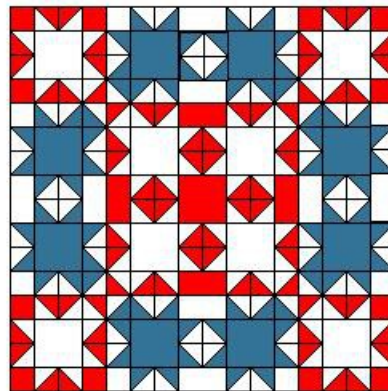
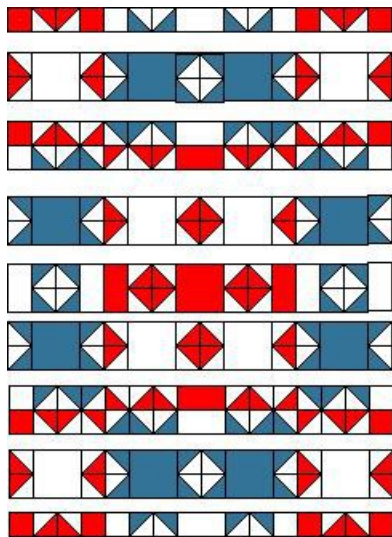


Your rows are complete.

Sewing rows together.

Lay the rows next to each other or on a design wall and sew together. Press in either direction.

Rows 7 and 9 need to go in the opposite direction of their pairs Rows 1 and 3.



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Clue #8

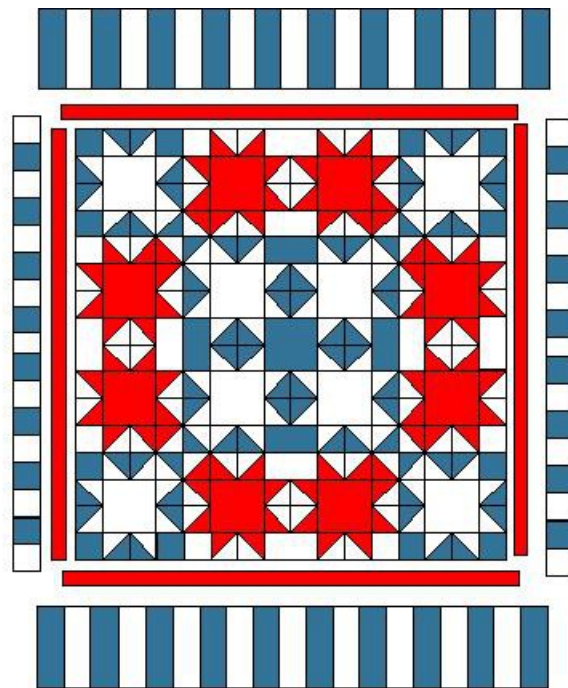
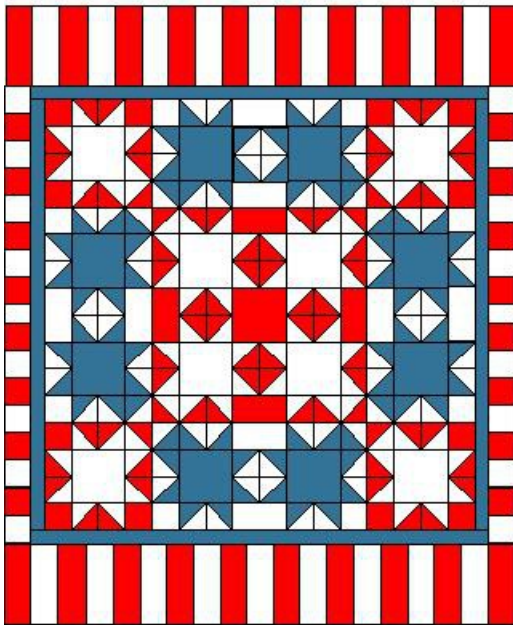
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If making the Gift Cards Download separate document with Clue #9 to complete your quilt.

For those who are ready to complete your quilt here are the directions to add the borders.

1. Sew the 1.5" by 32.5" borders to either side of your quilt.
Red or blue depending on your quilt.
Sew the 1.5" by 34.5" borders to the other two sides of the quilt.
Press to the borders.
2. Press the red and white or blue and white squares in either direction.
Sew to two opposite sides of the quilt.
Press to the skinny inner border.
3. Sew the red and white or blue and white rectangle strips in either direction.
Sew to the other two sides of the quilt.
Press to the skinny border.



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