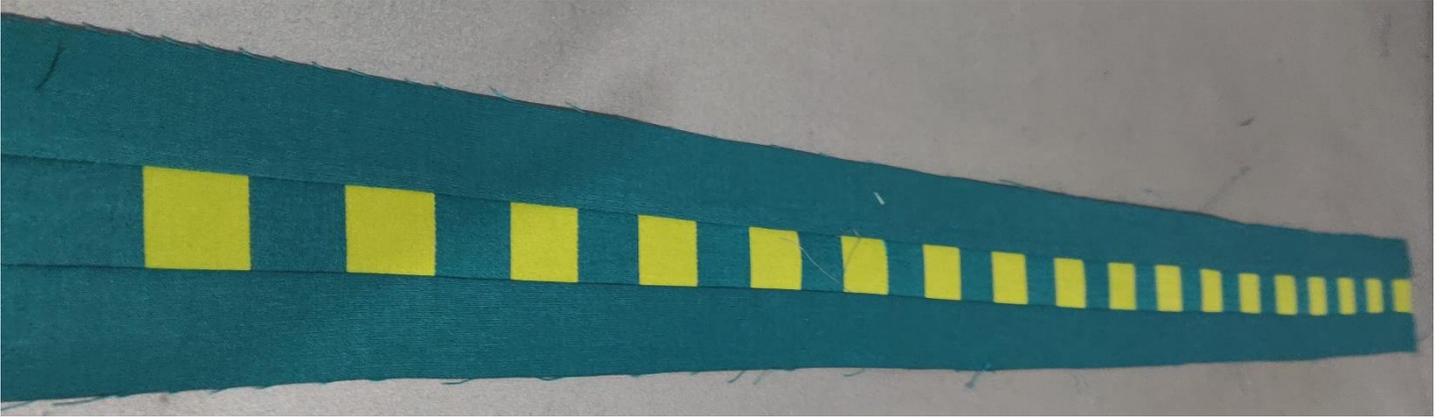


2023 Ben Franklin Saturday Sampler

Traverse Tutorial March

Square Dots



(I haven't figured out how to get a great long picture yet. Let's pretend I intended this one to be so artsy and cool with squares fading off into the distance)

This month we are jumping to row 4. It is 3 separate rows using 2 colors in each row.

We are using the full width of fabrics in narrow strips. I recommend spraying each fabric with some spray starch before cutting. your scant quarter inch seam will be important. To avoid your fabric stretching I recommend pinning each strip in multiple places during every step. Taking the time to pin will ensure that your rows come out the correct size. I recommend working through one color way at a time so you can make any changes to your process before sewing the others.

Step 1

Your rows will be made up from the following combinations

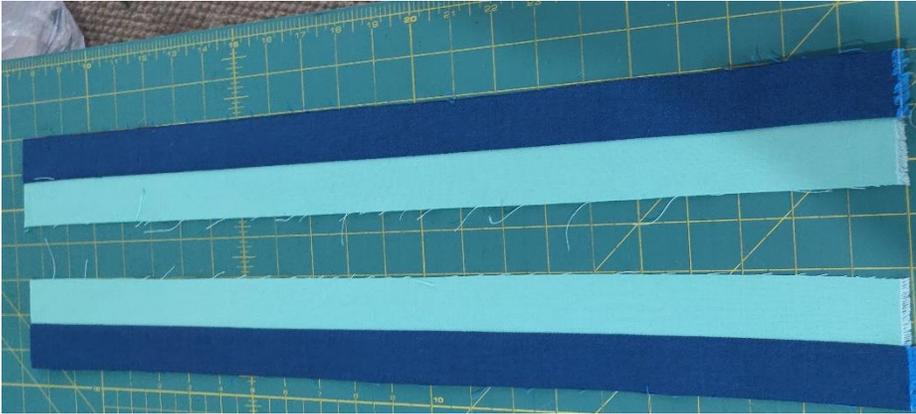
Row 1- fabrics W and Z

Row 2- fabrics R and O

Row 3- Fabrics U and AA.



Using one of each color in your colorway, place right sides together pin at least at each end, and the middle. It doesn't hurt to put a couple more in there. Sew that long seam making sure your 1/4" is accurate. Check the width of your strips to her measurements each step of the way. That will ensure you will come out with the size you want. The leftover fabrics from cutting your pieces will be used to make small strip sets in step 4. Keep them handy. 😊



This pic is both sets of my strips.

Step 2

Cut your strip in half and sew those strips together to get 4 strips in a row.



Step 3

Cut it in half again and sew those strips together to get a chunk that is 8 strips wide.

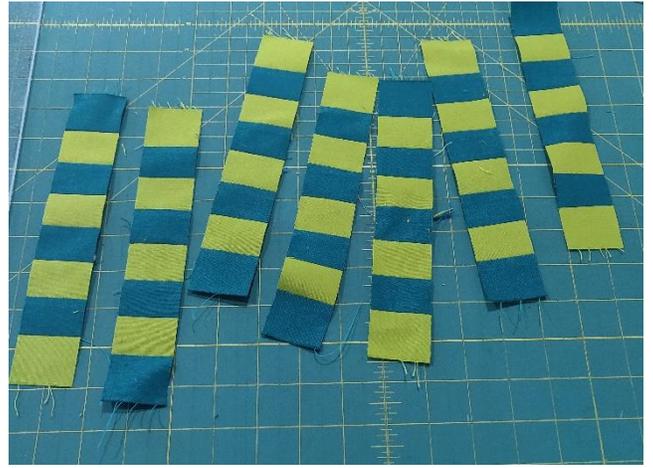


This should be
10.5" x 8.5"

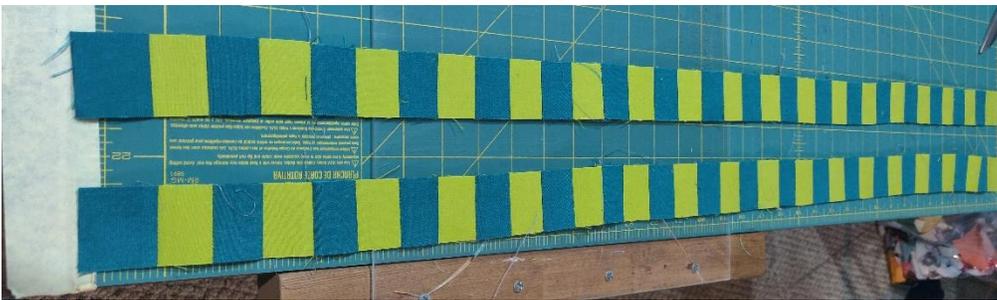
Step 4

Subcut this into strips.

Follow her directions in the book to make a couple extra strip sets from your leftover fabrics from cutting.

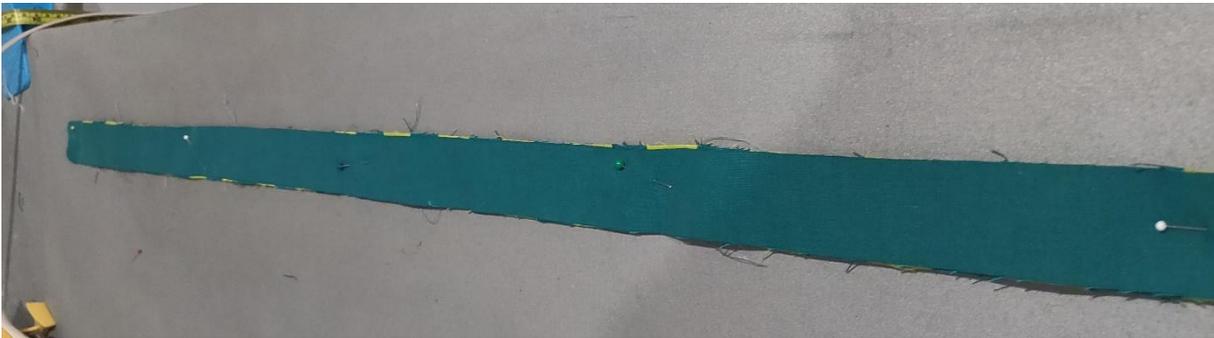


Step 5



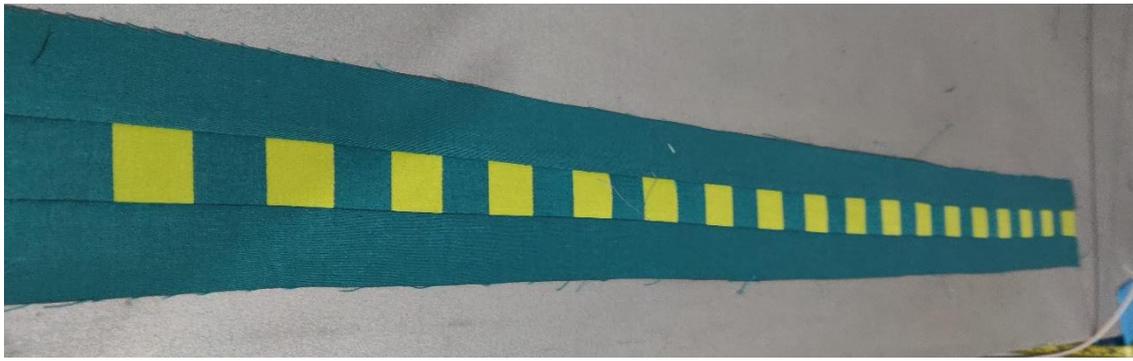
Sew 4 strips sets together end to end making sure the colors alternate. Add a short strip set to one end. Make 2 of these

Step 6



Match your strip with a border strip. I pinned down the middle of the row to mitigate the stretching of the row. This step is important! Sew that seam, press out and add the other solid to the opposite side.





Sew your two strips together to create your 72.5" row. Repeat for the other color ways.

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