Saturday Sampler Bridle Path

Month 3 blocks 7, 8 and 9



These blocks are exactly the same as last month just different colors. I did not re-invent the wheel! This is the same tutorial as last month...Next month will be the same: Piecing on these blocks is precise. Pay attention to your pressing (use spray) and your seam allowance. I would lean more towards a scant ¼" seam allowance and a 1.8 stitch length.

The cutting instructions for each block are on pattern pages 1-23. The instruction sheets for these blocks are on pages 24-29. I love her pattern writing. She has great pictures and really shows each step. My tutorial will supplement her pattern and is intended to use with the pattern.

Step 1- Flying Geese and Double Flying Geese

Lynn suggests using the Omnigrid ½ inch ruler to mark your sewing lines on your blocks. I tried it and loved it. You

can do them the other way and mark the center line and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " to each side if you prefer. We are using tiny pieces for this and I found it helpful to

have the stitching lines drawn.



Place the ruler on the fabrics from corner to corner. Draw a line on each side of the ruler...these lines are your SEW lines!

Step 2

Sew on the drawn lines. Cut from corner to corner.





Step 3



Press out and place another square on the opposite corner. Draw your lines, sew and cut. Press out again. Trim your blocks to 2.5 x 1.5. Please check your ruler. Most rulers will have the finished size instead of the unfinished. These will be 2"x1" finished



Step 4 Using the same flying geese sew and flip a (D) block.



Trim the corner ¼" from your seam, press and repeat for the other side.





Step 5

OK, this pattern is already making me try new things. I liked this way of making half squares!

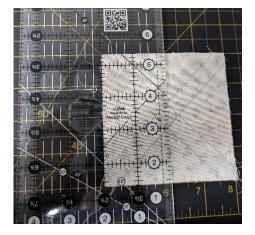


Layer your fabric F and G fabrics right sides together. Using the little ruler mark your stitching lines in an X formation on the backside of one block. Stitch on these lines with the fabrics still together.



Step 6

Cut your pieces in half vertically and horizontally. Then cut diagonally on each block... Magic!

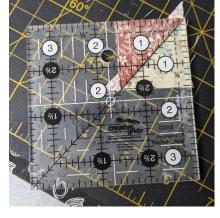






Step 7

Press towards the dark and trim to the size listen in your pattern.





Step 8 Center section

Get your pieces together. I like to lay them out how they should be pieced. Sew a J and K triangle together.







Press towards the dark



Now sew a H and J together. Lynn has a great tip about sewing a triangle to a square in the pattern. Wake sure your triangle is next to your feed dogs on your machine. It will help keep that bias from stretching.



Press towards the triangle.

Ok, Here is where I did mine a little differently than the pattern. I don't have the corner clipper rulers suggested so I didn't clip my corners for the next step. If you want to follow her directions for the the rest of this step, my pictures won't match



I sewed my pieces together here. And pressed open.



I then folded my chunk so that the red square was in half (make sure you are mindful of the seam allowance it needs to be included in your half).





This fold allows you to line the point of the next piece.



The point of my triangle is lined up with the crease made from folding the fabric. Sew on the straight edge, press out and repeat for the other side.



Step 9 Block assembly

Lay out your remaining pieces and sew them together in rows. Press towards the half square triangles.





Step 10

Start to make big chunks out of your small chunks

Make 4 of these press your seam open.



Using 2 of them add the center plaid square.



Now add the others to the corner chunks Press seams open to reduce bulk







Yay! You are done!

Repeat these steps with the other 2 blocks (same pattern different colors)



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