

Piecing Directions

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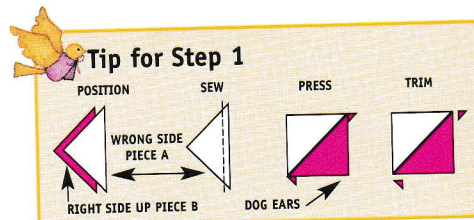
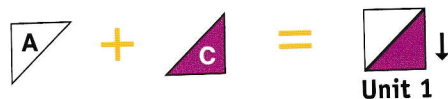
Read all the instructions before you begin.

Always place right sides of fabric together for stitching.

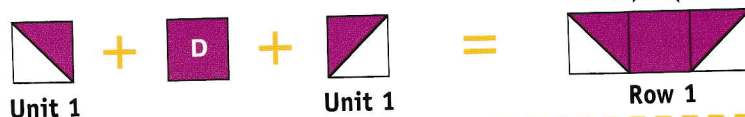
Use scant 1/4" seam allowances.

Press seam allowances in the direction of arrows.

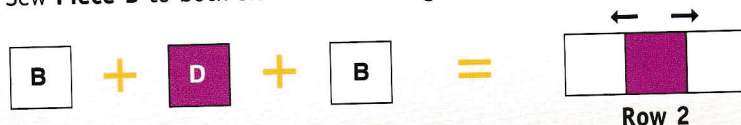
1 Sew **Piece A** to **Piece C** as shown. (Make 4 using the same fabric for each spool.) Make a total of **192(560,896)**. Press. Trim dog ears.



2 Sew **Unit 1** to both sides of **Piece D** as shown. Make **96(280,448)**. Press.



3 Sew **Piece B** to both sides of remaining **Piece Ds** as shown. Make **48(140,224)**. Press.



For precise points, always stitch directly through the intersecting seams of a triangle point, even if the seam allowance will not be exactly 1/4".



Disappearing and reappearing triangle points

Note the 1/4" seam allowance that is left when pieces are added to a triangle square. It looks like the triangle will lose its point on one side and not go far enough on the other.



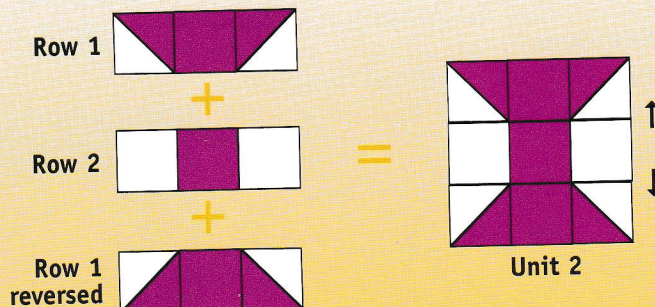
Row 1

As the rows are stitched together, the seam allowance disappears, and sharp triangle points will reappear when you stitch through the intersecting seams.

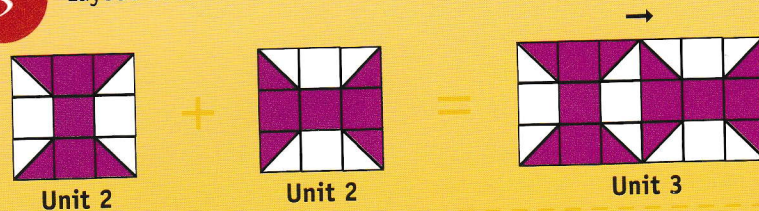
The finished block will also have this extra seam allowance on all sides. The star points should end 1/4" before the edge to allow for the block-joining seam.

When you sew the block together, stitching exactly through the intersecting seams of the star points, the excess will disappear, and perfect star points will reappear.

4 Sew **Rows 1, 2 and 1 reversed** as shown. Make **48(140,224)**. Press.



5 Layout **Unit 2s** as shown. Make **24(70,112)**. Press.



6 Sew two **Unit 3s** together as shown. Make **12(35,56)**. Press.

