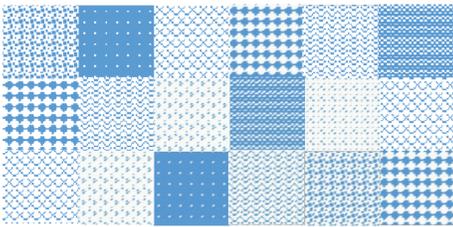# Square Onpoint

Supplies:

- 18 each 5-inch squares of different fabrics (6 squares each in 3 rows)
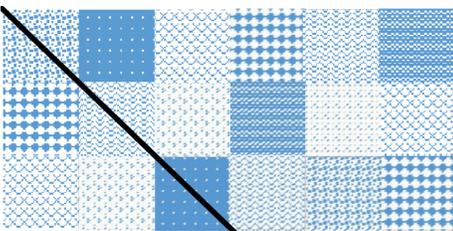
Instructions:

1. Prepare blocks/squares—5" square charm packs are great, but any size square will work. The size of block/square will affect the size of finished item.

2. Layout 6 blocks in each of 3 rows. (Try to vary light and dark blocks).

3. Sew blocks together—then rows together—nesting the seams. (All seams will be 1/4") Make this rectangle:
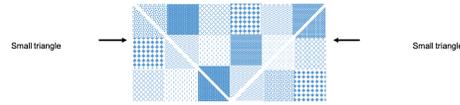

4. Press entire rectangle. *Remember to press seams the same direction in each row.
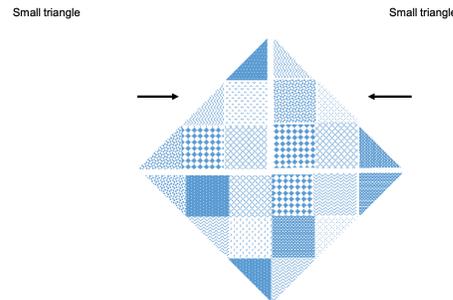
Now the fun part!!

1. Lay rectangle out on cutting mat with the long edge the length and the short edge the width.

2. Lay your ruler at the corner seam between squares 3 and 4 and running out to the top corner of the rectangle on the diagonal (as indicated below).

3. Cut the other direction to form 2 small triangles.

Small triangle →   ← Small triangle

4. Take the two newly formed smaller triangles and turn to line up full squares to full squares from the center. (See below diagram)

Small triangle   Small triangle

5. You now have a square. Sew seams together and press seams.

To Finish:

You will want to add an accent border and a wider boarder. Remember your edges are on the bias. Do not stretch. Make the accent border 1/2" smaller than the bias edge to prevent ripple. Add an outside border the width you desire—No border police here!

Notes: This technique can be used with any size squares, and can be made as large or small as you like for the finished project. The key to this project is the number of squares in a row is double the number of rows…so if you are doing 3 rows, the number of squares in the row is 6, for a total of 18 squares. If you want 4 rows, I should have 8 squares in each row, with a total of 32 squares. The diagonal cut would then be made coming in 4 squares on the bottom edge…on each side, and cutting diagonally up to the outer corners.

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