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# Splice

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pattern by tara faughnan

finished block size: 6" by variable length





## MATERIALS:

- Freezer paper
- Fine tip mechanical pencil
- OPTIONAL - Add a Quarter ruler

## FINISHED SIZE:

6" width by  
variable length

## WELCOME!

Freezer paper piecing is a great technique for precision piecing and is ideal for lining up tricky seams. This month's pattern is a hybrid technique between regular paper piecing and freezer paper piecing- we will be using the freezer paper as a piecing foundation, where you sew through the paper just as you would with regular paper piecing.

We are focusing on how to draft onto freezer paper and create duplicate templates, a technique you can adapt to create your own paper piecing designs in the future.

## VALUE/ COLOR ADDITIONS

Whatever palette you choose, add a range of values from light to dark within each block to create more pop in the design.

- Notice not all colors in every palette are friends. You may not like some arrangements when certain colors are placed next to each other. In that case, separate them with a neutral color or a color that is harmonious to both. This will allow the middle color to create a flow and harmony between all 3 colors.
- Play around with the quilt layout on a design wall before you begin to sew. By laying out your strings and quilt beforehand, you can change your mind as much as you want. I encourage you to explore different color combinations and add new colors or remove colors that don't work for you.
- I've also included a coloring page to help you work out color choices before you begin to sew.

## TIPS FOR WORKING WITH FREEZER PAPER

- There is a paper side and a shiny side; the shiny side is the part that sticks to the fabric.
- Use a dry iron setting.
- Don't place the iron directly on the shiny side of the freezer paper. It will stick to the iron and is a mess to clean up!
- Use a light touch when ironing freezer paper together. If you leave the iron on too long it will be harder to separate the paper.
- Prewash your fabrics. Freezer paper does not adhere to unwashed fabrics as easily.
- Every iron is different. It may take you longer to adhere fabric to the freezer paper with different irons.
- This technique is iron intensive and creates a lot of back and forth between sewing and pressing at each step. For efficiency you can set up a small portable iron and ironing board next to your sewing machine.
- Sew with a smaller stitch length: 1.5 to 2 . This will make it easier to remove paper at the end.
- This method can use a bit more fabric than regular piecing, so be sure to watch the tips and tricks this month on how to cut your fabrics more efficiently for the least amount of waste.

# DRAWING THE TEMPLATES

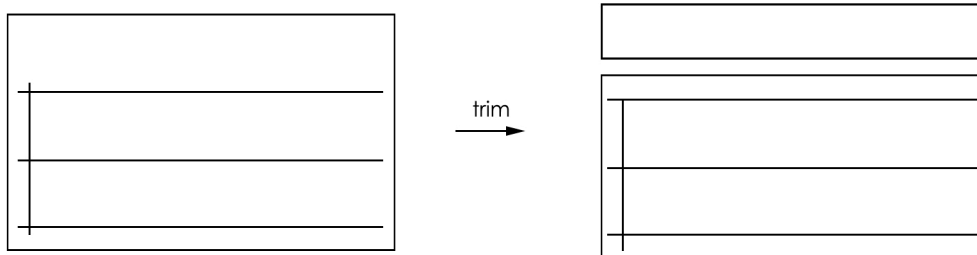
You will be drafting 2 mirror image templates onto freezer paper. Draw on the paper side of the freezer paper and try to be accurate as these will be the master templates used to create duplicates using an unthreaded needle on your sewing machine. The instructions below are to make a template about 31" long with 8 full strips. You can make a smaller template if you wish using the measurements to the right.

TEMPLATE SIZE CHART

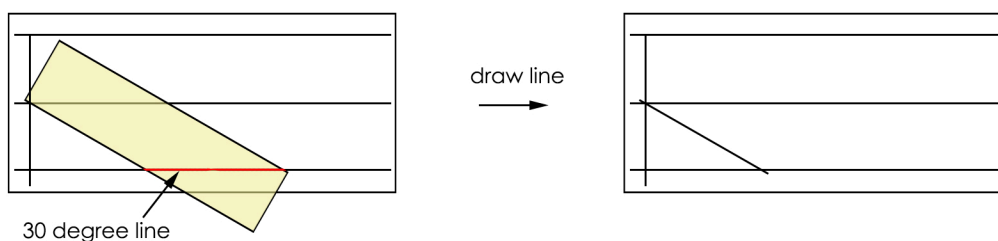
strips	cut freezer paper
5	24"
6	27"
7	30"
8	33"

1. Cut a sheet of freezer paper at least 33" long. Preshrink the freezer paper by running a hot iron over the paper side of the sheet. DO NOT place the iron to the plastic coated shiny side.

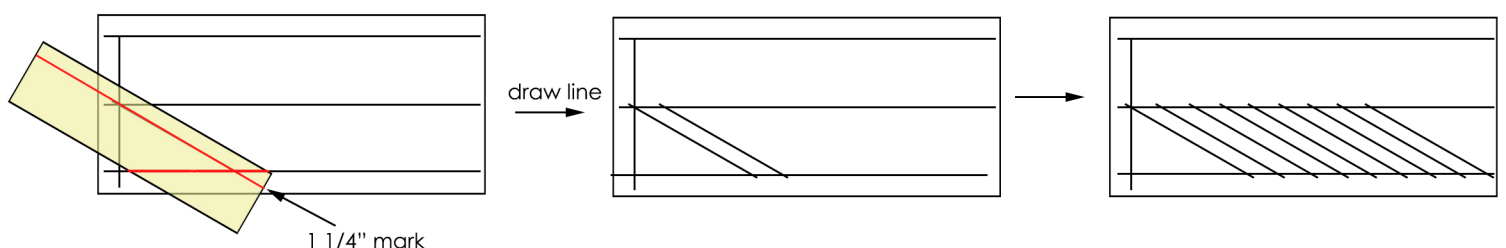
2. Draw 3 parallel lines 6" apart the length of the sheet and one vertical line at a 90 degree angle on the far left as shown. Trim off excess freezer paper.



3. Place the 30 degree angle on the ruler on the bottom drawn line, and then line up the top edge of the ruler at the middle line where it crosses the end line. Draw a line from the lower edge to the middle as shown. Make sure this line intersects the middle line.

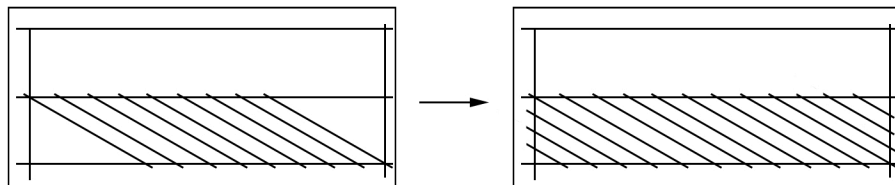


4. Move the ruler over to the 1 1/4" mark and draw another line from edge to edge. Repeat to fill the template with 8 strips. Make sure to keep the 30 degree angle on the ruler lined up on the bottom line.

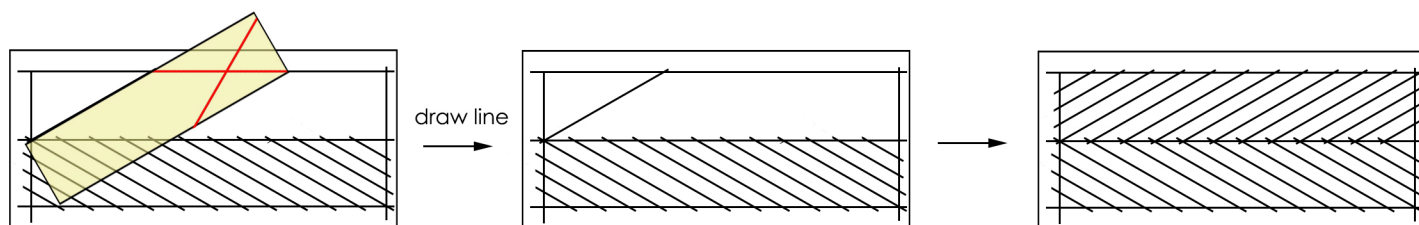


# DRAWING THE TEMPLATES CONTINUED

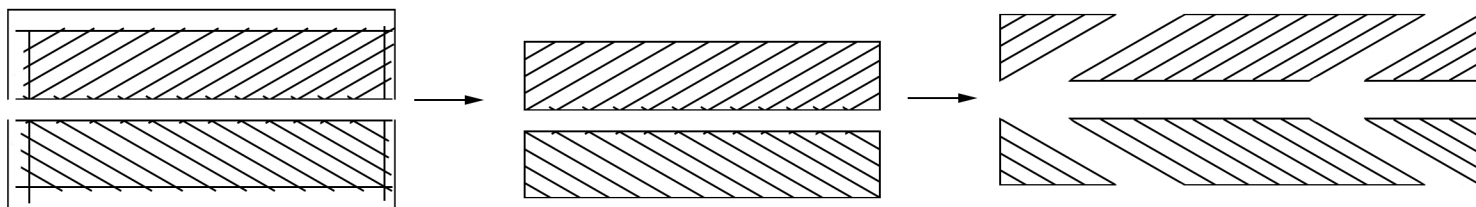
5. Draw a 90 degree line on the far right side of the template, make sure this line intersects the end of the row of strips as shown. Draw 3 more lines 1 1/4" apart to fill each end of the template.



6. Repeat for the other side of the template, rotating the ruler to create a mirror image set of lines. Label the templates Row 1 and Row 2. These rows are interchangeable and the piecing order is not effected by which one is row 1 or 2.

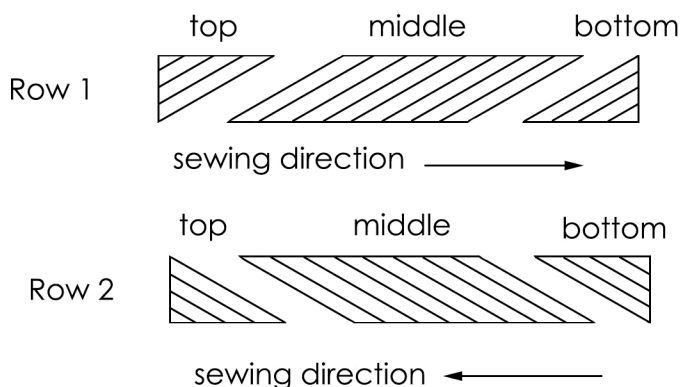


7. Carefully cut the templates apart down the middle, and trim along the outside lines. Cut each template into 3 sections: top, middle and bottom. The middle section contains all the complete strips, the top and bottom contain the short strips.



8. Label all the sections of the templates. Row 1 and Row 2 will each have a top, middle, and bottom section.

Note: When you sew, you will begin Row 1 starting from the top, and Row 2 starting from the bottom. Mark the sewing direction with an arrow on all of the templates. These arrows are your guide to the starting point on the foundations. If you follow the direction of the arrows when you sew, all your seams will nest when joining the rows together.

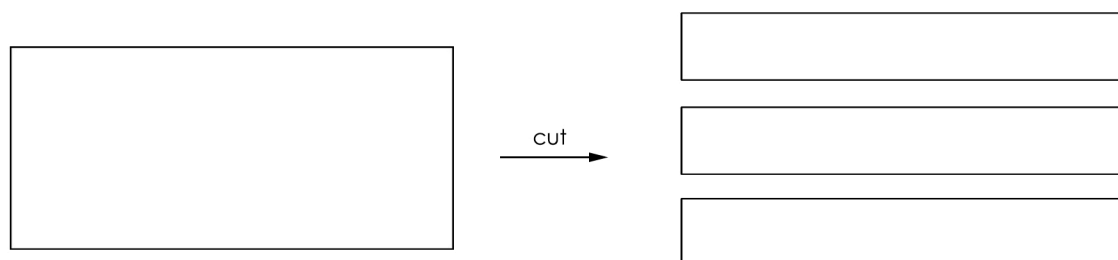




# MAKING DUPLICATE TEMPLATES

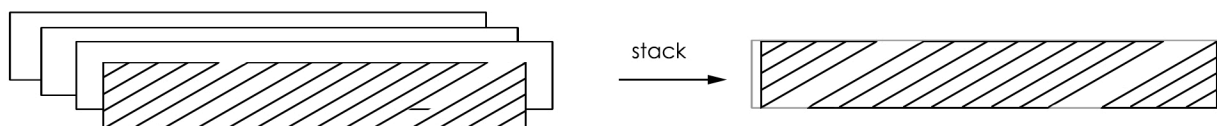
The drawn templates will become master templates, and will be used to create duplicate copies to sew with. For each row of the quilt, you will need 1 top, 1 bottom and variable middle sections depending on the desired size of your project. Follow the instructions below to make duplicate templates as needed to reach your desired quilt size.

1. Cut a sheet of freezer paper about 34" long, and sub cut into (3) 6" width pieces.



2. On an ironing board, stack all 3 pieces on top of each other with the shiny sides facing down. Place Row 1 templates on top of the stack, also with the shiny sides facing down. Align all pieces and lightly tack together with a hot iron.

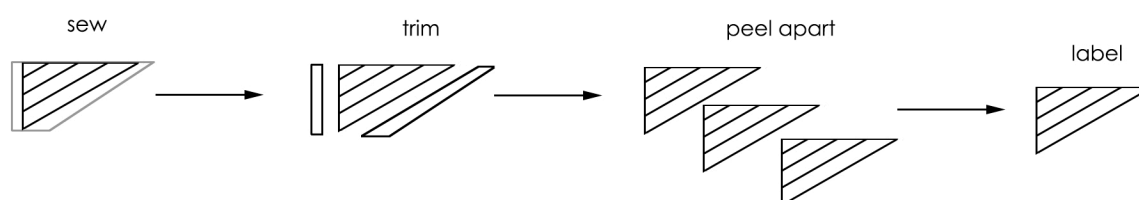
Note: Do not press the iron to the templates for too long. This will create a firm bond and is hard to peel the pieces apart when you are done.



3. Cut the stack apart into the 3 sections: top, middle and bottom.



4. Use an unthreaded needle and a regular stitch length to sew through all the layers directly on the drawn lines. Trim off ends to match the size of the master templates. Carefully peel the layers apart and transfer all information to the new templates. Set aside the master template. Repeat for remaining sections.

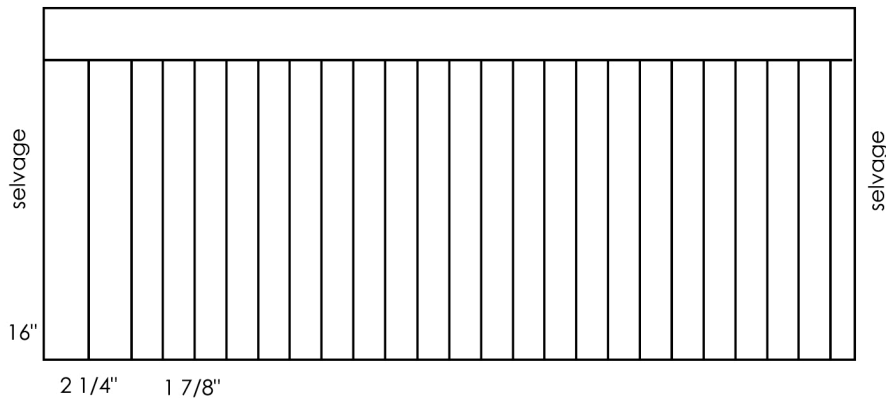


5. Repeat steps 1-4 to create as many templates as necessary for the size of project you are making.

# CUTTING FABRIC

You will get the most use of the fabric if you cut it parallel to the selvage.

1. Cut fabric into a 16" x width of fabric (WOF) strip.
2. Cut 2 strips of each color at 2 1/4".
3. Sub cut remainder into 1 7/8" strips.

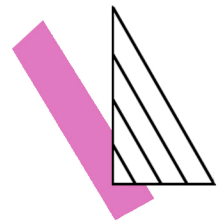


## SEWING THE UNITS

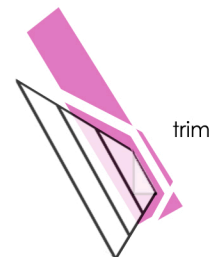
1. Start with Row 1 TOP template.

Place shiny side of freezer paper foundation on top of a 2 1/4" strip of fabric. Make sure fabric extends past the edges of the corresponding B spot on the foundation by at least 1/4" to 1/2" on all sides. Press into place with hot iron.

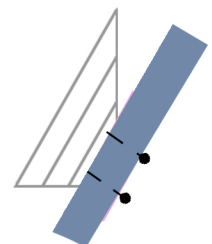
Note: The template does not include seam allowance, so be sure fabric extends at least 1/4" past freezer paper on all sides



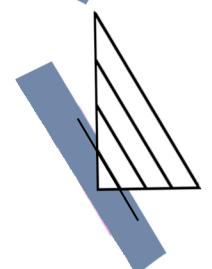
2. Fold template back along the perforations and trim excess fabric 1/4" from folded edge, and about 1/2" from sides of the template.



3. With the template shiny side up, place a new strip onto the template, aligning the edges with the previous strip. Pin this second piece in place. Make sure the new strip will cover the corresponding spot on the template when it is stitched and pressed into place. If needed, practice with an easily removable basting stitch.



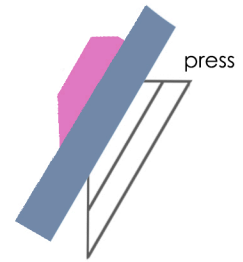
4. Flip the template over and sew on perforated line. Begin stitching 1/2" before and end 1/2" after the paper.



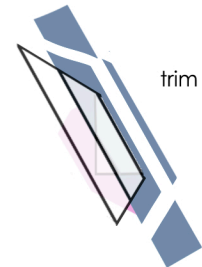


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5. Unfold the template, and gently press the strip to the side, being careful to avoid touching the shiny side of the freezer paper with your iron.



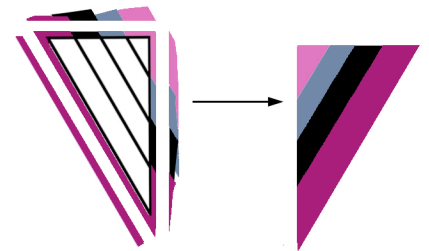
6. Fold the template back along the perforations and trim excess 1/4" from folded edge, and 1/2" from the sides of the template.



7. Repeat steps 3-6 to fill the entire template.



8. Trim the fabrics 1/4" from the freezer paper all around and carefully remove the paper.



9. Repeat steps 1-8 to sew the remaining units for Row 1 and Row 2. Make as many middle units needed to reach the desired length of the quilt. If you are making a quilt with only 14 full strips as in the example below, make 1 top, 1 bottom and 1 full middle unit. For the remaining middle unit, you will only sew 6 strips. Be sure to follow the sewing directions for each row: Sew Row 1 from the top and Row 2 from the bottom to create nesting seams when joining the rows together.



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## JOINING THE UNITS

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1. Place the Row 1 TOP unit right sides together (RST) with the first Row 1 MIDDLE unit. Offset the units by 1/4". It may be helpful to mark a 1/4" seam allowance line on the back of the top unit with a fine mechanical pencil.



2. Pin and sew with a 1/4" seam allowance.

3. Press seam in the same direction as the rest of the row.



4. Repeat steps 1-3 to join all the units for Row 1 and Row 2.



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## JOINING THE ROWS

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1. Place Row 1 and Row 2 RST, nest all seams. Pin and sew with a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams open or to the side as desired.



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## THANK YOU!!

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Thank you so much for being a part of the Color Collective! We hope you enjoy the process and we'd love to see what you make, so don't forget to post on Instagram and/or Facebook and use the hashtags #thecolorcollective, #splicequilt, or just tag us!



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# COLOR PALETTE

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## Kona solids



Navy



Chalkboard



Dresden Blue



Geranium



Gumdrop



Salmon



Avocado



Everglade



Bluegrass



Parakeet



Wasabi



Summer Pear

## ADDITIONAL colors you could add



Black



Charcoal



Melon



Peach



Foxglove



Gold



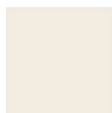
Honey



Peapod



Baby Blue



Ivory

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