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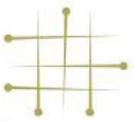
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GREAT BRITISH FRIENDSHIP QUILT



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QUILT SIZE: 45" X 63"


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WELCOME



Welcome! I'm Sarah Ashford, the founder of the Great British Quilter. I'm thrilled to share with you the Great British Friendship Quilt, designed using my debut collection called GBQ Back to Basics for Dashwood Studio. With subtle references to all things British and quilting, and a little nod to social media, where the Great British Quilter began, this basics collection has something for everyone.

Thank you so much for downloading the Great British Friendship Quilt. I hope you enjoy making it as much as I have had designing it. Why not make one for yourself and one for a friend! Including love hearts and Friendship Star sunflower blocks, it really will be a quilt for someone special in your life to cherish.

Please share your makes with me on Instagram using the hashtag #gbqfriendshipquilt and please tag me using @sarahashfordstudio so that I can see and celebrate your GBQ Friendship Quilts! And to keep up to date with my latest pattern releases and find out more about the fabric collection, be sure to follow me on Instagram @sarahashfordstudio or visit my website www.sarahashfordstudio.com and follow Dashwood Studio @dashwoodstudio and visit their website www.dashwoodstudio.com

Happy Quilting!

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

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Define Me - Silver & White
1 ¾m (2 Yards)



Drizzle - Canary & Orange
1 x FQ



Drizzle - Orchid & Crocus
1 x FQ



Drizzle - Prairie Sky & White
1 x F8



Flag - Nightfall & Lagoon
1 x FQ



Flag - Peach
1 x F8



Hexi Sketch - Chartreuse & Honey Dew
1 x FQ



Meander - Honey Dew & White
1 x F8



Meander - Orange
1 x FQ



Send - Buttercup & White
1 x F8



Send - Lagoon & White
1 x FQ



Send - Valentine & Candy
1 x FQ



Stitches - Azure & Lagoon
1 x FQ



Stitches - Crocus & Orchid
1 x FQ



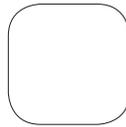
Stitches - Petal & Candy
1 x FQ



Stripe - Candy & White
½m (½ Yard)



Backing Fabric
2 ¾m (3 Yards)



Wadding / Batting
50" x 70" (twin Size)

Before you start sewing here are some handy pointers:

- All seams are ¼" unless otherwise stated.
- Please read the instructions thoroughly before beginning.
- Blocks 3 & 4 can be machine pieced or Foundation Paper Pieced (FPP).
- RST means Right Sides Together.
- Start by cutting out the fabrics ready to get sewing.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

From the background fabric, Define Me - Silver & White cut;

- (x20) 5 ⅜" Squares, cut diagonally once
- (x10) 7 ⅞" squares
- (x10) 5 ½" squares
- (x40) 3 ½" squares
- (x20) 2 ¾" squares
- (x10) 5" squares

From the Drizzle - Canary & Orange fabric cut;

- (x5) 5 ½" squares

From the Drizzle Orchid & Crocus fabric cut;

- (x2) 10 ¼" squares, cut diagonally twice

From the Drizzle - Prairie Sky & White fabric cut;

- (x2) 7 ⅞" squares

From the Flag - Nightfall & lagoon fabric cut;

- (x3) 7 ⅞" squares

From the Flag Peach fabric cut;

- (x2) 3 ½" squares

From the Hexi Sketch chartreuse fabric cut;

- (x3) 7 ⅞" squares

From the Meander - Honey Dew fabric, cut;

- (x2) 7 ⅞" squares

From the Meander - Orange fabric, cut;

- (x5) 5 ½" squares
- (x5) 3 ½" squares

From the Send - Buttercup fabric, cut;

- (x3) 3 ½" squares

From the Send - Lagoon fabric, cut;

- (x2) 10 ¼" squares, cut diagonally twice

From the Send - Valentine fabric, cut;

- (x6) 5" x 9 ½" rectangles

From the Stitches - Azure fabric, cut;

- (x2) 10 ¼" squares, cut diagonally twice

From the Stitches - Crocus fabric, cut;

- (x2) 10 ¼" squares, cut diagonally twice

From the Stitches - Petal fabric, cut;

- (x4) 5" x 9 ½" rectangles

From the Stripes - Candy fabric, cut;

- (x6) 2 ½" strips for binding

HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES

Some of the blocks in this quilt require you to make Half Square Triangles (HSTs). We are using the "Four at a Time" method, which will keep it nice and simple. Just be careful pressing the HSTs as they will be cut on the bias, so may stretch.

STEP 1. Place the two squares, which make up the HSTs, together (RST). Sew around the edges of the square with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. (fig 1)

STEP 2. Cut the square diagonally into four triangles (fig 2).

STEP 3. Open up the four HSTs and press the seam towards the darker fabric (fig 3)

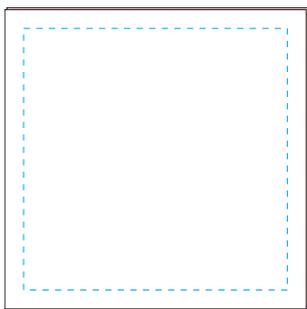


fig 1

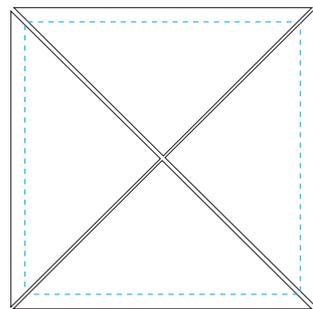


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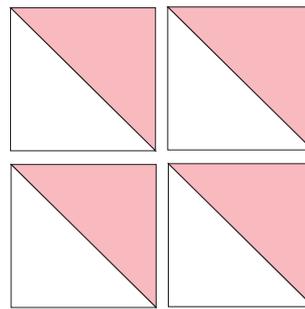


fig 3

BLOCK 1 - PIN WHEEL

Block 1 is a Pinwheel block made from four HSTs. The Pinwheel block appears in four colourways (listed in step 8) and you will make a total of 10 .

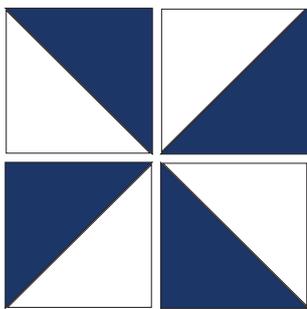


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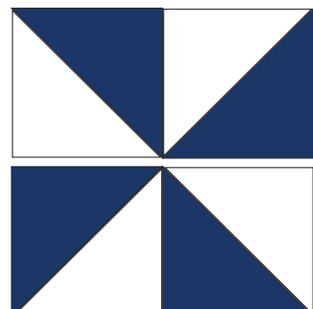


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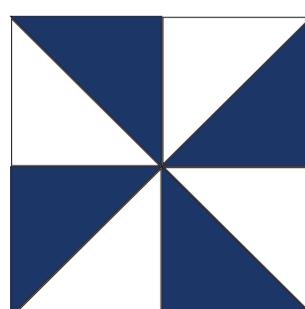


fig 6

STEP 4 - Place a $7\frac{7}{8}$ " Define Me background square RST with a $7\frac{7}{8}$ " Flag - Nightfall square. Follow the four at a time method for making HSTs in steps 1 to 3. Once you have your four HSTs trim to 5" each.

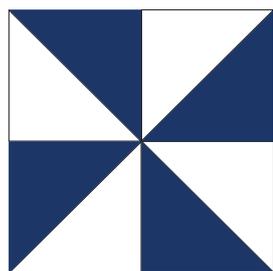
STEP 5 - Layout the four HSTs to create the Pinwheel shape. (fig 4)

STEP 6- Sew together the top two HSTs and the bottom two HSTs (fig 5)

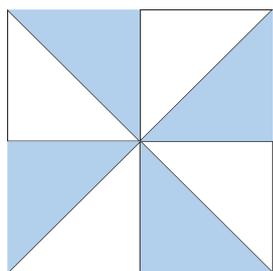
STEP 7 - Sew the two rows together to create the pin wheel (fig 6)

STEP 8 - Repeat steps 4 to 8 so that you have the following number of pinwheel colour-ways;

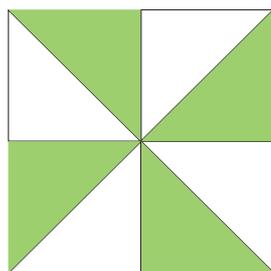
- 3 x Flag - Nightfall / background (Block 1 - A)
- 2 x Drizzle - Prairie Sky / background (Block 1 - B)
- 3 x Hexi Sketch - Chartreuse / background (Block 1 - C)
- 2 x Meander Honeydew / background (Block 1 - D)



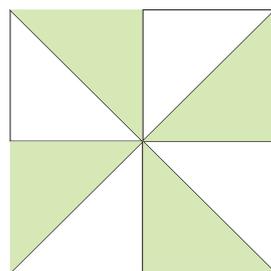
Block 1 - A



Block 1 - B



Block 1 - C



Block 1 - D

BLOCK 2 - SUNFLOWER

Block 2 is a sunflower block made from four HSTs and five squares. The sunflower block appears in three colour ways and you will make a total of ten.

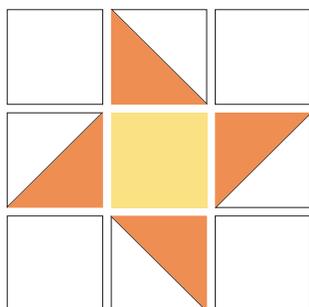


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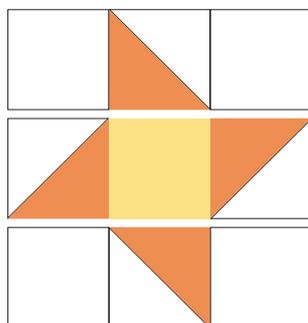


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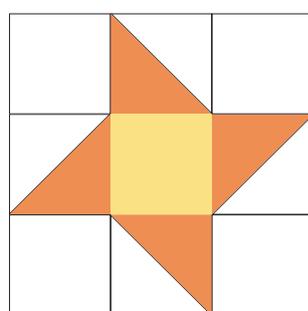


fig 9

STEP 9 - Place a 5½" background square RST with a 5½" Meander- Orange square. Follow the four at a time method for making HSTs in steps 1 to 3.

STEP 10 - Once you have your four HSTs trim to 3½" each (if needed).

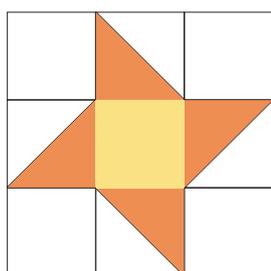
STEP 11 - Start by laying out the block with the Send Buttercup 3½" square in the centre, place the HSTs to the top bottom and sides and then place the 3½" background squares in the corners. (fig 7)

STEP 12 - Sew together each of the three rows, checking the orientation of your HSTs are correct. (fig 8)

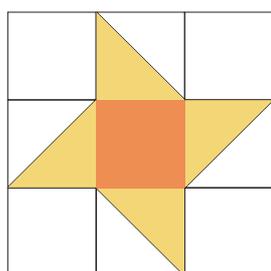
STEP 13 - Sew the three rows together to create the finished block. (fig 9)

STEP 14 - Repeat the above so that you have the following number of sunflower colour combinations;

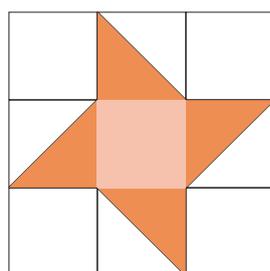
- 3 x Meander - Orange / background HSTs with Send - Buttercup centre square (Block 2 - A)
- 5 x Drizzle Canary / background HSTs and Meander - Orange centre square (Block 2 - B)
- 2 x Meander - Orange / background HSTs with Flag - Peach centre square (Block 2 - C)



Block 2 - A



Block 2 - B



Block 2 - C

FPP OPTION

Blocks 3 and 4 can either be classically machine pieced or you could use Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) if you prefer. There are FPP templates included at the back of the pattern; remember to print at 100% scale and check the 1" square to make sure the template has printed at the correct size.

BLOCK 3 - FLYING GEESE

Block 3 is made from two Flying Geese, which appear in two colour-ways and you will make a total of ten. The Flying Geese are made from one large colour triangle and two background triangles. The colour triangles are created from cutting a $10\frac{3}{4}$ " square diagonally in half twice, giving you four triangles. The background squares are created by cutting a $5\frac{3}{8}$ " square in half diagonally once, giving you two triangles.

The instructions below show how to machine piece. If you prefer, use the templates for FPP.

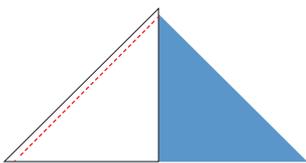


fig 10

STEP 15 - Take the large Send Lagoon triangle and place a small background triangle on the left hand side. Line up the diagonal edge and the bottom edge. There will be approx $\frac{1}{4}$ " overlap at the top, don't worry this is right.

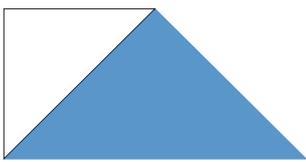


fig 11

STEP 16 - Pin in place and then sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " along this diagonal line. (fig 10)

STEP 17 - Flip open the background fabric and iron the seam towards the outside. (fig 11)

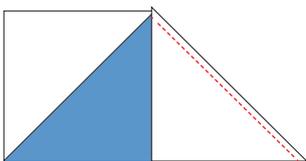


fig 12

STEP 18 - Place the second background triangle on the right-hand side again lining up the bottom and diagonal edge. Pin in place and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the diagonal line. (fig 12)

STEP 19 - Fold the background triangle open and iron the seams towards the outside. (fig 13)

STEP 20 - Repeat the steps above using the large Stitches Azure triangle as the centre triangle.

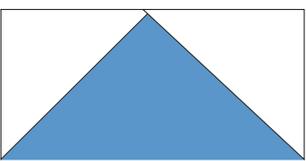


fig 13

STEP 21 - Once the two Flying Geese are made, sew them together along the long edge so that they are both facing the same way. (fig 14)

- 5 x Send Lagoon and Stitches Azure (Block 3 - A)
- 5 x Drizzle Orchid and Stitches Crocus (Block 3 - B)

NOTE - The Drizzle Orchid and Stitches Crocus face the opposite way. Make sure that you get the Flying Geese in the right order before sewing together. (see fig Block 3 - B)

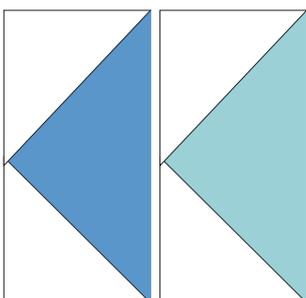
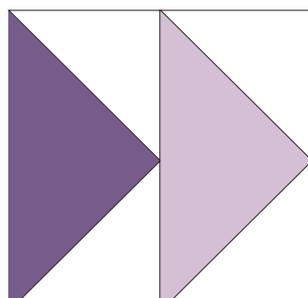


fig 14 - Block 3 - A



Block 3 - B

BLOCK 4 - HEARTS

Block 4 is a heart block made from two (5" x 9½") coloured rectangles, two 5" background squares and four 2¾" background squares. The heart block appears in two colour-ways and you will make a total of five.

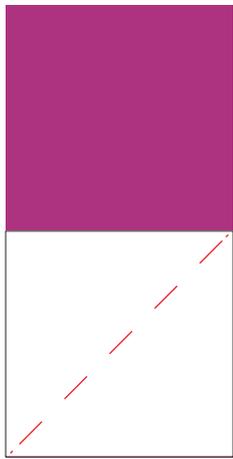


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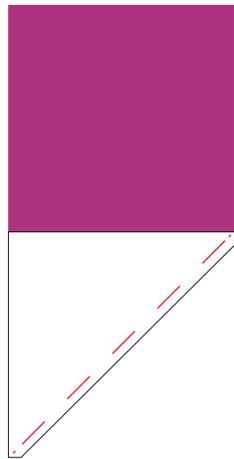


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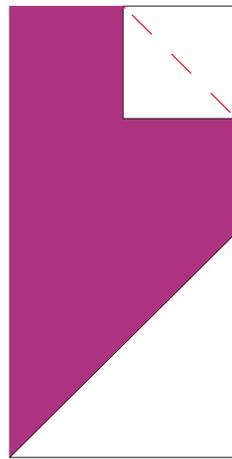


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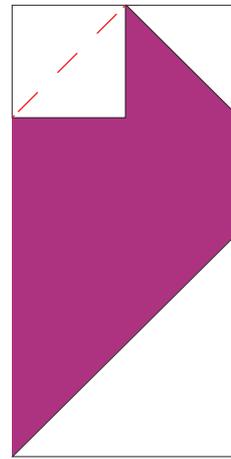


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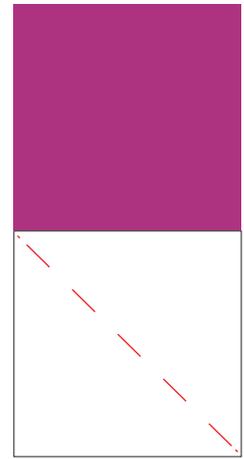


fig 19

STEP 22 - Take the large Send Valentine rectangle (5" x 9½") and place a background 5" square RST with the bottom half of the rectangle. Draw a line across the background square and then sew along this line. (fig 15)

STEP 23 - Trim away the outer triangle ¼" from the sewn line. (fig 16). Fold out the background triangle and iron the seam towards the darker fabric.

STEP 24 - Place the smaller 2¾" background square RST lined up with the top right hand side of the rectangle. Draw a line across the centre diagonal and sew on this line. (fig 17)

STEP 25 - Trim away the outer triangle ¼" from the sewn line and fold out the background triangle pressing the seam towards the darker fabric.

STEP 26 - Repeat the above two steps with the second 2¾" background square, lined up with the top left hand side of the rectangle. (fig 18).

STEP 27 - You now have the right hand half of the heart block. Repeat steps 22 to 26 to make the left hand side, but sew the 5" background square across the opposite diagonal. (fig 19)

STEP 28 - Sew together the two halves to make the completed heart block. (fig 20)

STEP 29 - Repeat so that you have a total of three Valentine Send hearts and two Stitch Petal hearts (fig 21).

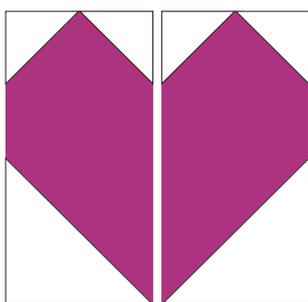


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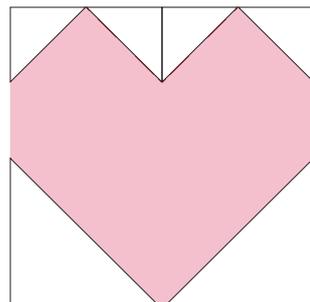


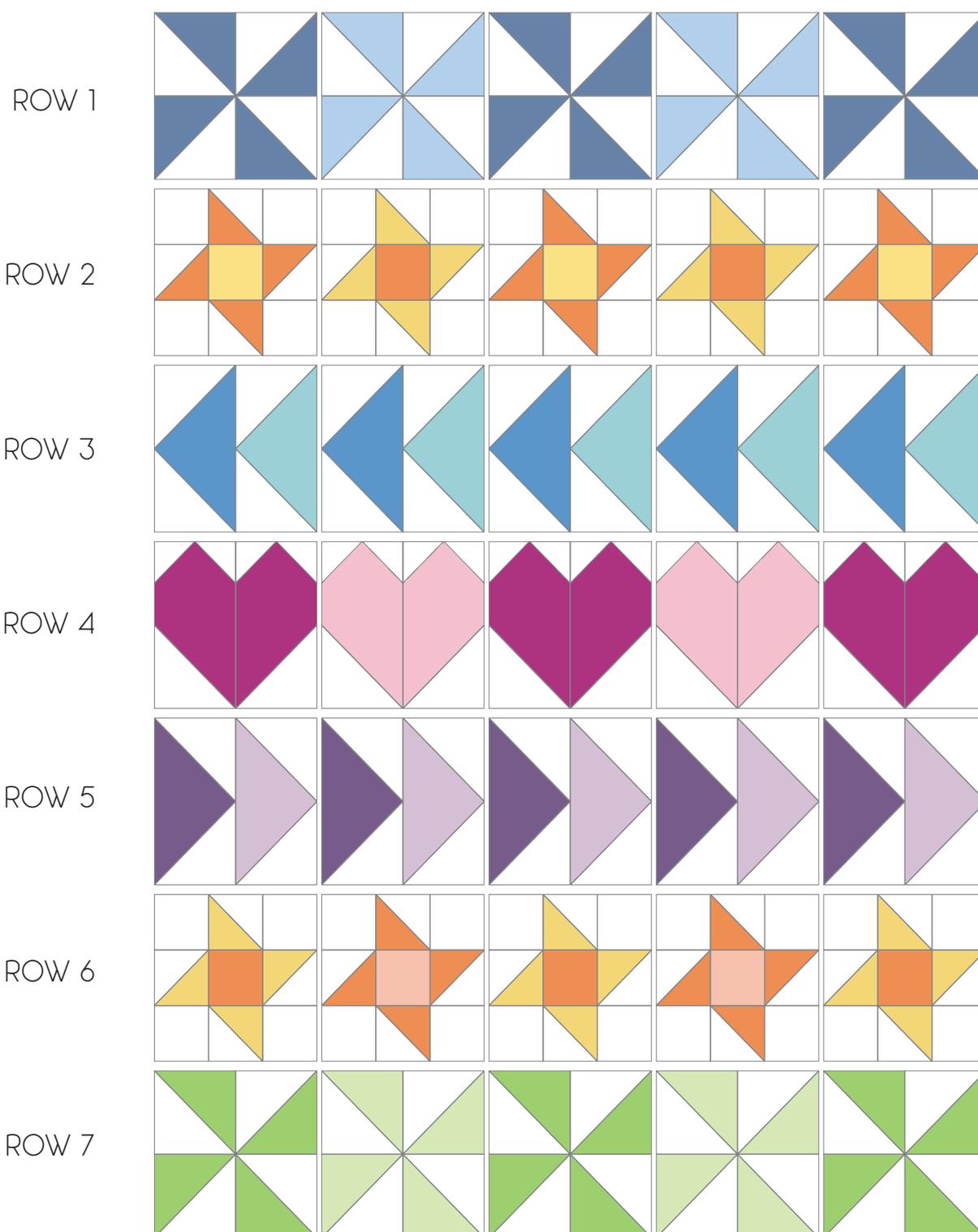
fig 21

SEWING THE ROWS

The quilt top is constructed by joining the blocks into rows and then joining the rows together.

STEP 30 - Starting with Row 1 sew the Pin Wheel blocks together in the order shown below.

STEP 31 - Continue to sew the blocks for each row until you have the seven rows completed.



CONSTRUCTING THE TOP

STEP 32 - Iron the joining seams on the odd number rows to the left and the even number rows to the right, this will help you nestle the seams.

STEP 33 - Start by joining rows 1 and 2, carefully pinning the seams and using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

STEP 34 - Continue to add rows to the bottom, making sure you match up the seams.

FINISHING THE QUILT

STEP 35 - Cut your backing fabric into two equal pieces and then join along the selvedge edge, with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam, after trimming off the selvedges. Alternatively you could piece your backing fabric using some of the fabrics from the collection. In total you will need a backing fabric approx. 50" x 68" in size.

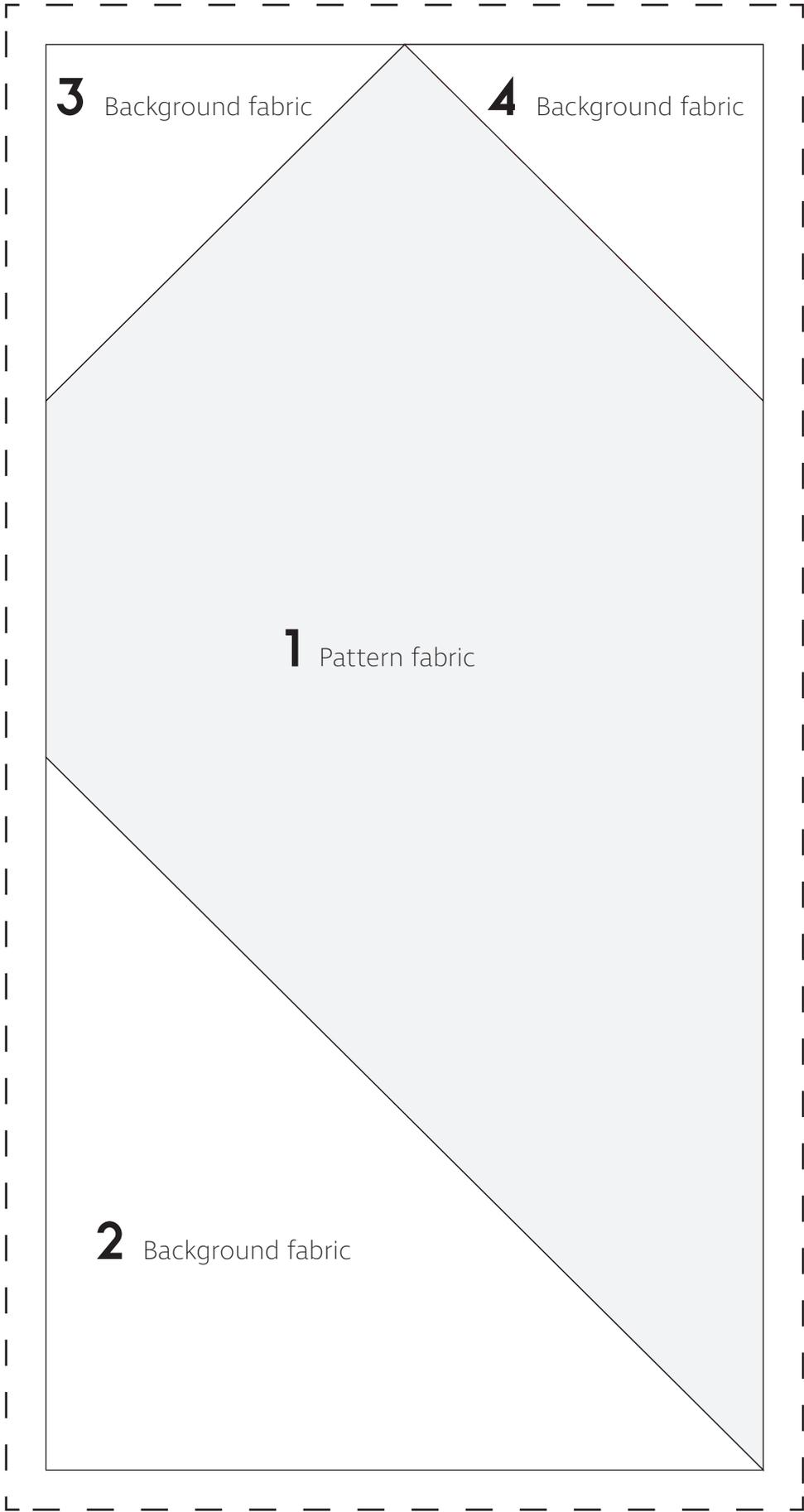
STEP 36 - Give the backing fabric and quilt top a good iron. Using your preferred method baste the backing fabric, batting and quilt front together ensuring there are a few extra inches of batting and backing fabric each side.

STEP 37 - Quilt as desired, I chose to hand quilt my quilt, with the matching Aurifil Great British Quilter Back to Basics collection of 12wt threads.

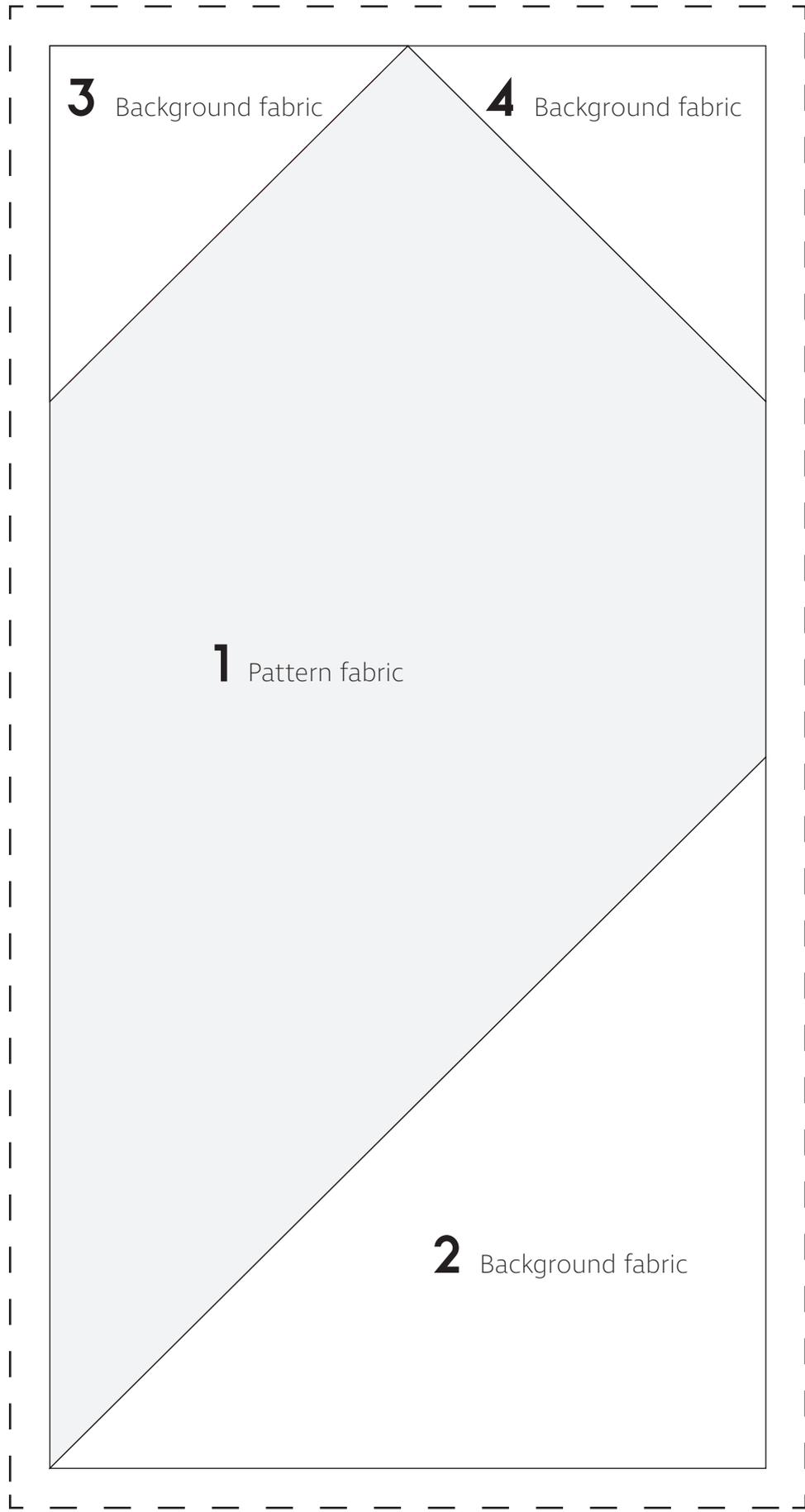
STEP 38 - Once you have finished quilting the top, square off the quilt, trimming away the excess backing and batting.

STEP 39 - Prepare the binding from the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " binding strips by joining them together at 45 degree angles. Fold and press the binding in half. Bind the quilt using your preferred method.



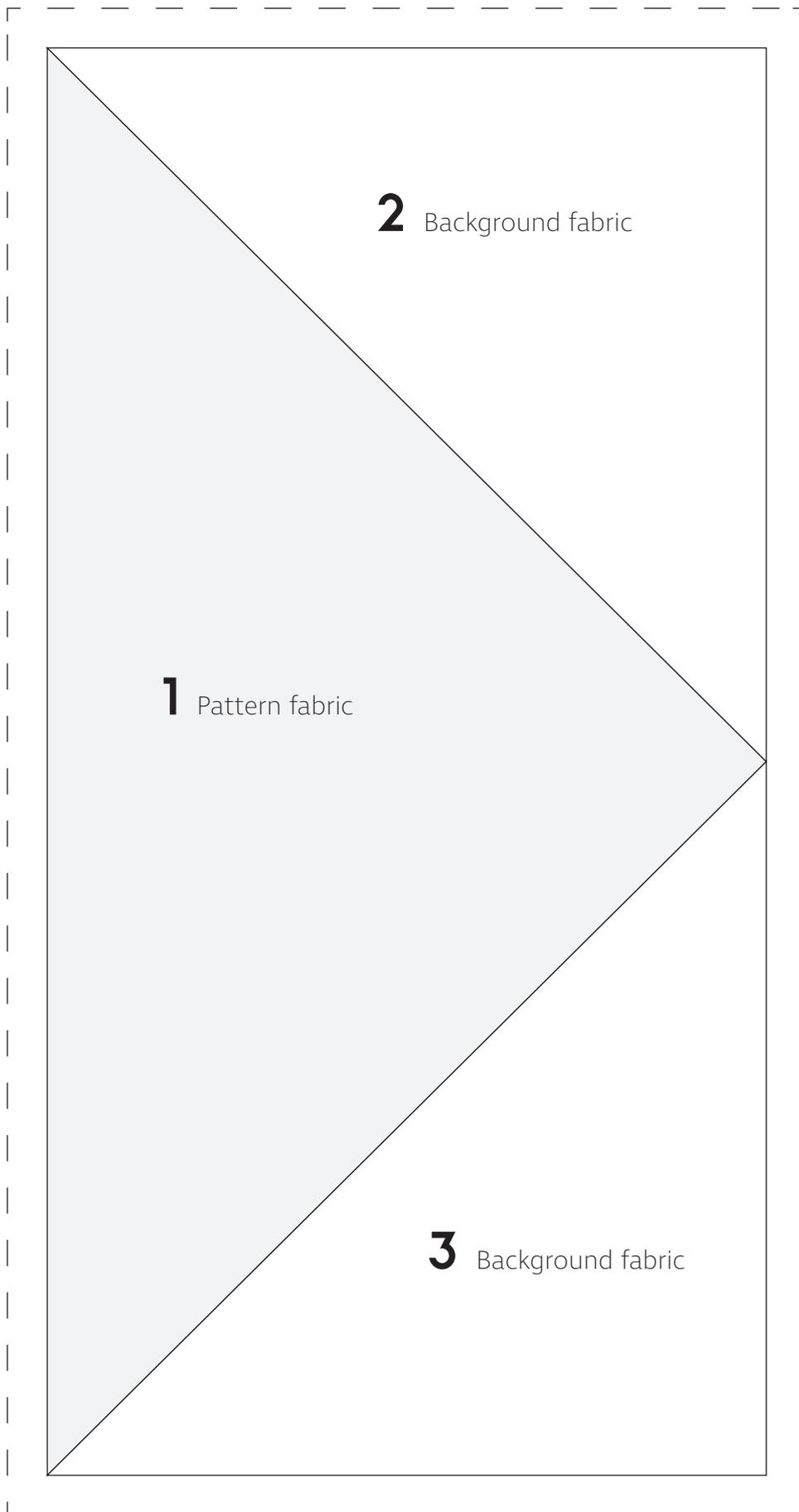


Heart Template A



Heart Template B

1 Inch
Square



Flying Geese Template - Print two per block