

CRAZY EIGHTHS!

This block is made by assembling eight 45° wedges into an octagonal shape and then, by adding corner triangles, finishing it off into a 12 ½" unfinished square.

For each block, cut the following: (Visually, it works well to alternate "light" and "dark" fabric rows.)

Background fabric:

For Row 1: Cut 8 – 3" x 2 ½" rectangles;

For Block corners: Cut two (2) 4 ½" squares; cut on the diagonal creating 4 corner triangles.

3 different contrasting print fabrics:

Row 2: Cut 8 - 2" x 4" rectangles

Row 3: Cut 8 - 2" x 5" rectangles

Row 4: Cut 8 – 2" x 6 ½" rectangles

DIRECTIONS:

1. Sew fabric rows together as pictured using a ¼" seam creating a pyramid strip set. Make sure each piece is centered on the next piece as they are sewn together. (Fig. 1) Make eight pyramid strip sets.

Figure 1

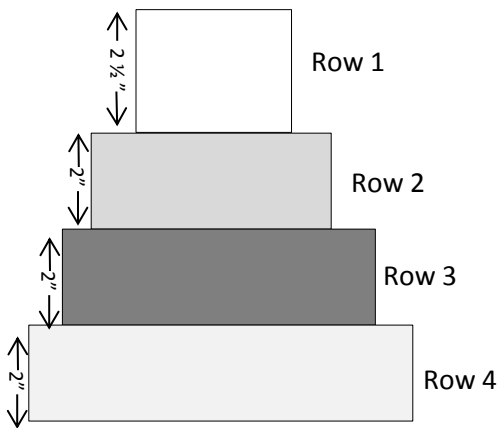


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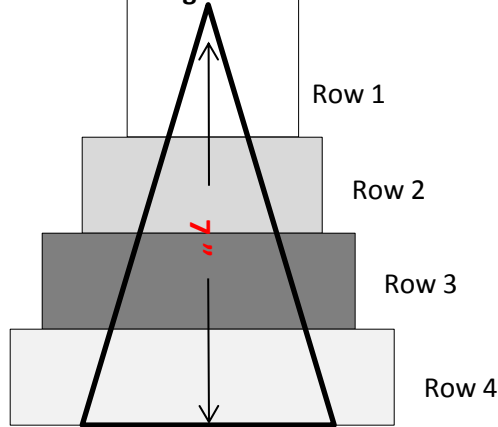
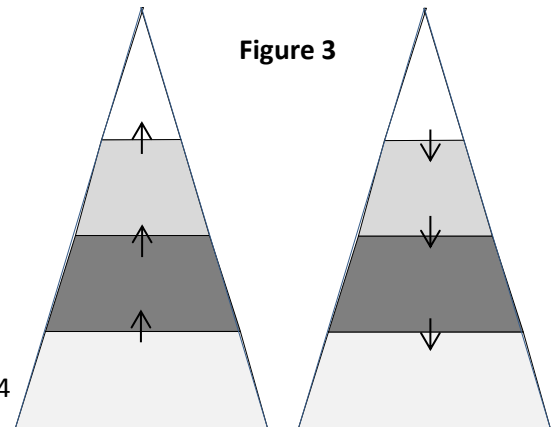


Figure 3



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2. Either use a 45° ruler or the template provided and cut eight 45° triangles. (Figure 2)
3. Press 4 pyramid strip sets up and 4 pyramid strip sets down. (Fig. 3)
4. Sew four of the pyramids together alternating a "pressed up" with a "pressed down" pyramid creating ½ of the octagon. Sew the other four pyramids together creating the other half. (Fig. 4)
5. Sew halves together creating an octagon. (Fig. 5).
6. Add 4 ½" corner triangles of background fabric to each corner and trim block to a 13" square. (Fig. 6)

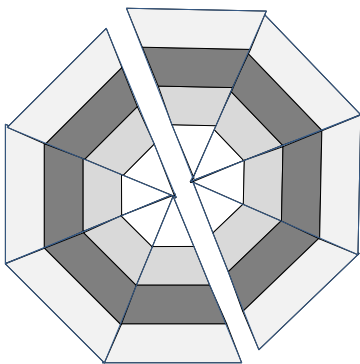


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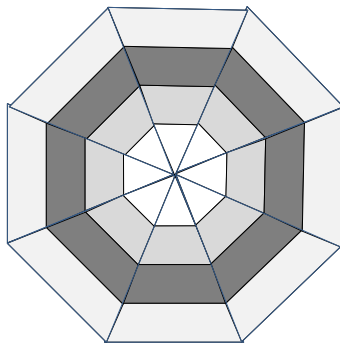


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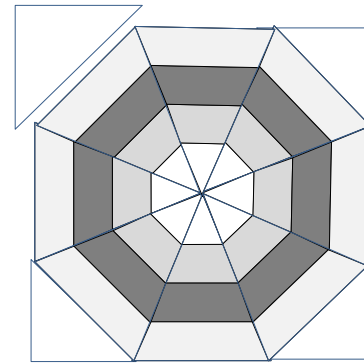


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