

# General Instructions by Carol Lewis

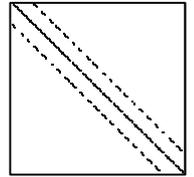
## for Magic Patch Quilting

### General Piecing Instructions

#### ***Half Square Triangles***

To make two half square triangle units you need two squares cut as per the cutting instructions. To piece the units, follow the instructions below:

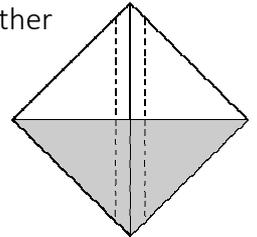
1. Take the square of the lighter fabric and draw a line on the diagonal on the wrong side of this square (as shown in diagram).
2. Place this square right sides together with the remaining square, and stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " either side of the drawn line (dotted line in above diagram).
3. Cut apart on the drawn line and finger press seam towards the darker fabric.
4. You should now have 2 half square triangle units.



#### ***Quarter Square Triangles***

To make two quarter square triangle units you need two squares cut as per the cutting instructions. To piece the units, follow the instructions below:

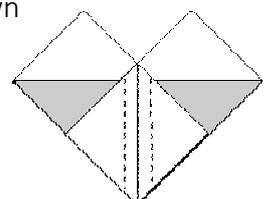
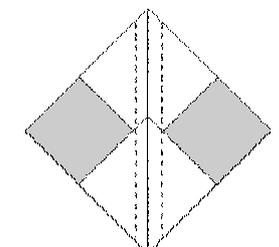
5. Take the square of the lighter fabric and draw a line on the diagonal on the wrong side of this square (as for half square triangles).
6. Place this square right sides together with the remaining square, and stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " either side of the drawn line (dotted line in above diagram).
7. Cut apart on the drawn line and finger press seam towards the darker fabric.
8. You should now have 2 half square triangle units.
9. On the wrong side of one half square triangle unit draw a diagonal line at right angles to the seam.
10. Place both half square triangle units right sides together with the dark triangle against the light triangle and stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " either side of the drawn line (as shown in diagram).
11. Cut along the drawn line and press seam towards the dark side.
12. You have now made two quarter square units.



#### ***Flying Geese***

To make four flying geese units you need four small squares and one large square cut as per the cutting instructions. To piece the units, follow the instructions below:

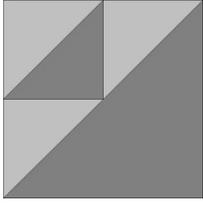
1. Draw a diagonal line in pencil on the reverse side of four small squares.
2. Place two of the small squares on top of a large square as shown in diagram. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " either side of the diagonal line (dotted line in diagram) and then cut on the solid pencil line.
3. Finger press seam towards small triangle.
4. Take one unit that you have just made. Place another small square as shown in diagram. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of drawn line (dotted line in diagram) and then cut on the solid pencil line.
5. Repeat step '4' using the remaining triangle and another small square. You should now have four flying geese units.



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### ***Bias Edge Piecing Units:***



When piecing units as in the diagram you have to sew pre cut triangles together. As a triangle always has at least one bias edge it can become difficult to piece accurately. Therefore extra care must be taken to ensure that all seams line up, points are not chopped off and you have straight edges on your blocks!

- Try to sew as many triangles as you can using the half square triangle technique. In the diagram there is one half square triangle unit and 3 pre-cut triangles.
- When stitching a precut triangle to a square or square unit always line up the right angle corners together exactly, with the tip of the triangle over the edge of the square.
- When stitching two triangles together along a bias edge make sure that the right angles of both triangles are lined up exactly and then stitch your bias edge seam.

### ***Foundation Piecing Instructions***

1. Trace foundation onto vilene rectangle, including seam allowance.
2. Take one fabric piece large enough to cover area 1 and place wrong side facing wrong side of vilene so that it covers area 1.
3. Take another piece of fabric large enough to cover area 2 and place right sides together with area 1 piece so that when the line between area 1 and 2 is stitched, it opens out to cover all of area 2.
4. Stitch the line between area 1 and 2.
5. Trim the seam allowance to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
6. Fold out and finger press.
7. Continue in this manner until all areas are covered, building the pieced area on the wrong side of the vilene.
8. Cut out along the outside edge of the seam allowance (not along the seam line).

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### General Applique Instructions:

#### ***Fusible Applique:***

1. Trace REVERSE side of pattern pieces onto paper side of fusible webbing.
2. Cut pieces approx.  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from drawn line.
3. Place on fabric web side down and iron.
4. Cut around shapes this time on drawn line and fuse to background fabric following picture for correct placement.
5. Stitch around pieces with either a small zig-zag, blanket stitch on machine or blanket stitch by hand.

#### ***Needle Turn Applique:***

1. Trace pattern pieces (with a fine line) onto paper side of freezer paper.
2. Carefully cut out on drawn line.
3. Iron freezer paper cut-outs to RIGHT side of chosen fabrics (shiny side down).
4. Using a fine marker such as a Pigma Pen, trace around the outside of the freezer paper shapes
5. Cut out fabric leaving a  $\frac{1}{8}$ " to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
6. Using picture as a guide, baste appliqué pieces to the background fabric by chosen method (glue, pin or thread baste).
7. Using a small needle and thread matching fabric to be appliquéd, needle turn the edges under till the drawn line is just turned under (clipping where necessary) and slip stitch in place.