## Cy Star Clue One

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## Square in a Square

4 " finished and
$41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ unfinished

Scrappy Quilts are fun to make and the more fabrics the better. When selecting fabrics choose a wide variety; like for the red choose from a pale red (pink) to a deep dark red (burgundy/almost purple) and everything in between. Solids, stripes, small and medium prints will work well. If a large print is used then it might have to be fussy cut to get the desired color.

Yardage is: 4 Yards Red, 3 Yards Yellow, 1 Yard White for the whole quilt
Or start with a fat quarter of each color purchased at www.cornercurvequilts.com and then add from your stash to make a block.

This quilt along, will give directions for two different sewing methods for each unit.

The $1^{\text {st }}$ method will give the cutting sizes in a Cutting Chart and/or Template for each unit.
The $2^{\text {nd }}$ method will be Foundation Paper Piecing and cutting sizes will be given as a strip width, and the length needs to be longer than the width. Or use a piece of fabric that is larger than the segment making sure to include seam allowance. The foundation paper piecing method is a no tear freezer paper technique that creates a reusable template.

Try both methods and see which you like best. Then make the number of units listed for the clue. The number of units in each block and the quilt will be listed. If you are not sure what size quilt you want, then make half the units.

With every quilt, learn something new.
Let's go Sew.

## Clue One Method 1:

## Square in a Square

## Cutting Chart

| Cy Star Quilt |  | One Block | Twin |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $20 " \times 20 "$ | $68^{\prime \prime} \times 88^{\prime \prime}$ |
|  | Cut Size |  |  |
| Red | $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ | 2 | 24 |
| White | $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ | 2 | 24 |



1. Draw a line corner to corner on the wrong side of the white squares.
2. Pair up a white and red square, with right sides together.
3. Sew a $1 / 4$ " along each side of the drawn line. (Light Blue dotted line)
4. Cut on drawn line (Red line).
5. Press toward the red fabric.
6. Square up half square triangles to $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.



Make 48 Half
Square Triangles for quilt (4 for one block)

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7. Arrange half square triangles as shown in diagram.
8. Sew with right sides together, press open.



Make 24 units (2 for one block)
9. Arrange units as shown in diagram.
10. Sew with right sides together, press open.



Make 12 for quilt (1 for one block)

Square in a Square units are 4 " finished and $41 / 2$ " unfinished

We are off to an easy start with Clue \#1. The following clues will have a few more units to make for each block.

Clue One -Method 2:
Square in a Square
Foundation Paper Piecing with Reusable Template Make 12 units for quilt (1 unit for one block)


See directions starting on next page.


Foundation
Templates


1" Test Square

## Reusable Paper Piecing Foundation Template

Traditional foundation paper piecing is done by sewing through paper and fabric. Then tearing the paper off after the quilt top is made. The paper foundation is used only once and is time consuming to remove. The reusable foundation paper piecing technique is a no tear process that uses freezer paper for the template. This allows the paper to be reused.

Prep the paper foundation template made with freezer paper.

1. Print or trace the foundation template on the dull side of freezer paper.
a. If printing use an inkjet printer.
b. If tracing a lightbox makes it easier.
2. Cut foundation template to size with paper scissors.

3. Write color of fabric in each section.
4. Use a piece of template plastic or card stock (a postcard works great) to fold on the lines between each section.


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## Prep the fabric

1. Starch fabric. Starching the fabric helps stabilize it, (stretching is minimized) but the fabric still needs to be handled gently. Starched fabrics press nicely, creating crisp folds.
2. Cut fabric into a strip about $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ larger than needed. For example the square in a square foundation templates are 2 $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wide, cut strips 3 " wide and longer than 3 ".
3. The square in a square for one unit will use 4 red fabrics and 4 white fabrics.

## Sewing the Square in a Square unit

## Take segment A

1. Iron the wrong side of a white fabric to the shiny side of the freezer paper foundation template in section A1.

2. Fold pattern on line between A1 \& A2. Trim a $1 / 4$ " seam allowance (This is done to make it easier to line up fabric A2. No sewing has been done yet.)

3. Line up A2 fabric with the edge of A1 fabric. Right sides of fabric together.


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6. Fold foundation template on line between A2 \& A3. Trim $1 / 4$ " seam allowance.

7. Open foundation template and press fabric A2 to shiny side of foundation template.


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10. Press well, trim around foundation template.
11. Stitch on the fabric along the edge of the foundation template and press fabric A3 to the foundation template.

12. Gently peel the foundation template away from the fabric.
13. Continue, repeating steps 2-5 (starting with A1, then A2, etc).


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12. Repeat steps $1-11$ making 12 foundation units $A$ and 12 B for quilt (1 each for one block).
13. Sew segments $A$ \& $B$ together pressing seams open.

14. Reuse foundation templates $A \& B$.



Make 12 units for quilt. (1 unit for one block).

That's it for this week. Stay tuned for next weeks clue! Clue \# 2 will come out February 18, 2021.

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