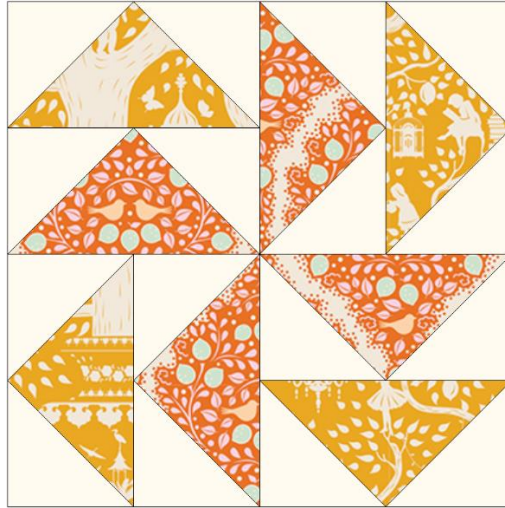# The Beginnings QAL

Block 7 Dutchman's Puzzle (8" Finished)

For One Block (that is what you need for the quilt)

Cut:

1 – 5 ¼" square of <u>each</u> of the two focus fabrics

8 – 2 7/8" Squares of background fabric

** all seams are ¼"

Instructions:

1. Mark a diagonal line on the back of each of the background fabric squares. As we have done for half square triangle to this point.

2. Line two background squares up diagonally across each focus fabric square as shown. Pin in place out of the way of the marked lines.

3. Sew a scant ¼" down both sides of the diagonal lines.

4. Cut apart on the marked lines.

5. Press toward the background fabric. (I know I always say press to the dark but in this case you do not do that.)
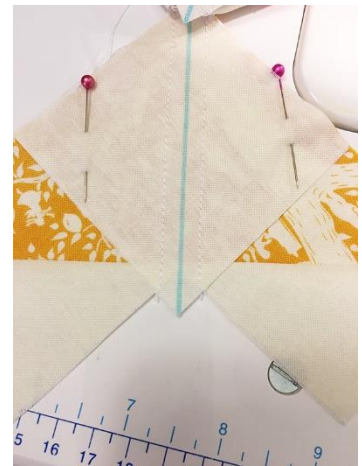
6. Place one more background square on the final corner of the focus fabric so that the marked line crosses the inside point of your former seam. Pin.
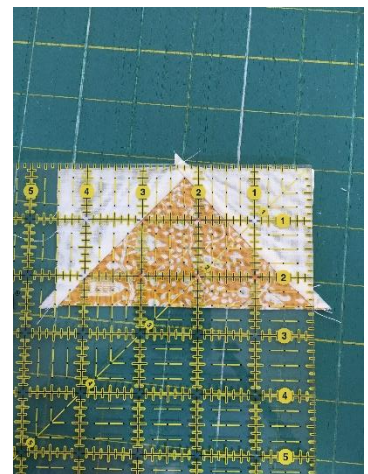
7. Sew a scant 1/4" away from the line on both sides again. Cut apart on the marked line. Press toward the background. You now have 8 flying geese units.

** Note: the seams will come out just at the inside corners of where the background square and the pieced section come together as shown here.

8. Square up your flying geese to 2 ½" by 4 ½" Make sure that your point is ¼ inch from the edge of the block, by placing the 2 ¼" inch by ¼" point on your ruler on the point of the block. Please see the video for more instruction on squaring up.

9. Lay out your flying geese to form the dutchman's puzzle block. As you see it makes a cute pinwheel in the middle if you choose two contrasting focus fabrics.

10. Sew two geese at a time to form the 4 quadrants of the block. Sew with the point goose on top so that you can keep an eye on where the point is and make your perfect points like you did when we sewed the pinwheels and friendship stars.

11. Sew the four patch together keeping an eye on your points as well. Put a pin through the center points to keep them together then pin both sides of the seam just as we have done before.

And you are done 😊