

Mystery Quilt #1

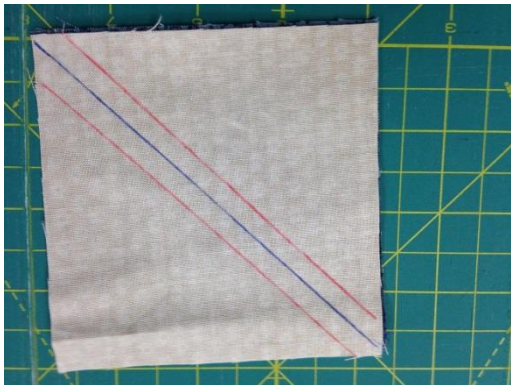
Clue 2

Here's Clue #2 in our mystery quilt program.

Right sides together, layer a 4"x4" color A block with a 4"x4" Color B(background) block. Have the light color fabric (B) on top.



On the light color, draw a diagonal line, corner to corner. Use a Frixion pen, a lead pencil, or a quilting marking tool. **DO NOT USE A BALL POINT PEN.** The ink may run and ruin your quilt. I prefer the Frixion pen, which disappears with the touch of a warm iron.



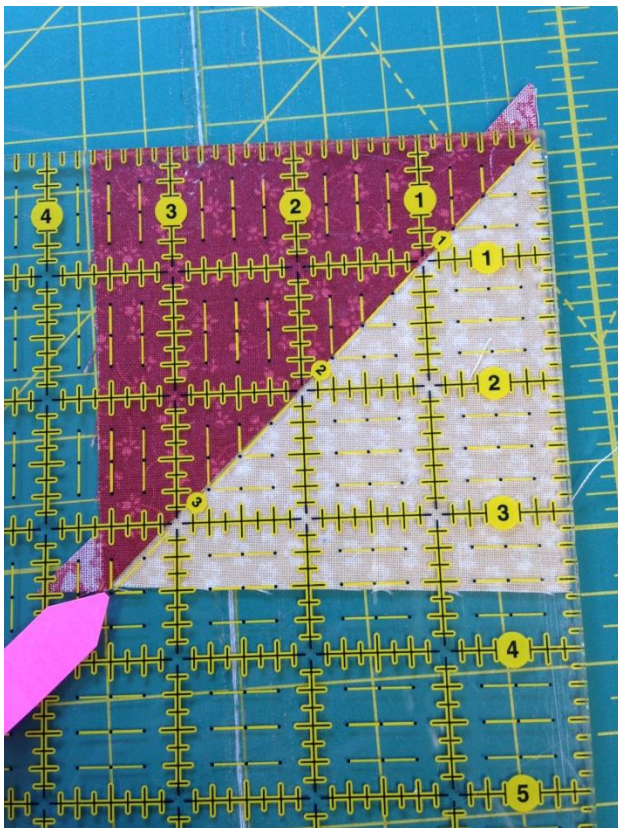
You will sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the line you have just drawn. Feel free to mark the $\frac{1}{4}$ " lines if your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance is a little shaky. You will sew on the RED lines and cut on the BLUE line. TA DA! Now you have 2 half square triangles.

Press open the HST (Half Square Triangles), pressing to the DARK side. Next we will square up each HST with our square ruler.

Place the 45 degree diagonal line on the seam line. Line up the 3 ½" x 3 ½" markings and trim the top and side of the HST. If you have an accurate ¼" seam, you will be removing only a sliver of fabric and the "dog ears."

Turn the HST and trim the remaining two sides.

STOP! If the HST is too small to line up on the 3 ½" lines, your seam allowance is too big. Make the adjustment before you go any further.



The HST should be 3 ½" x 3 ½" minimum. Remember, we can trim off the excess.

Make 18 Half Square Triangles with Color B (background) and Color A.

Make 18 Half Square Triangles with Color B (background) and Color C.

Guess what? We are 1/3 of the way done! Stop in next Tuesday for Clue #3.