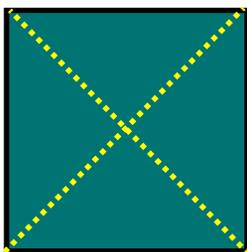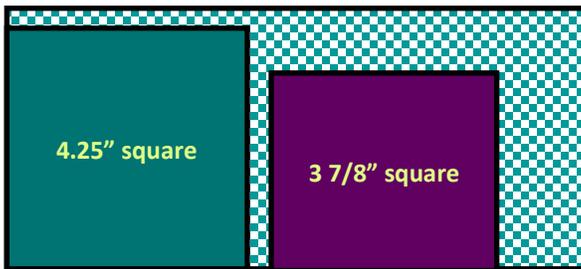# SUNDAY BEST QUILTS

February 2020 : "*Sweet Confetti*" Cutting Instructions

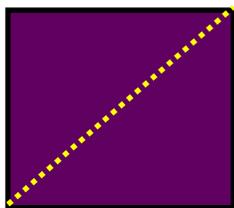### Cutting the Print Fabrics

To make one block you will need to cut from the 5"x10" square:

- 1 - 4.25" square
- 1 - 3 7/8" square

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Sub-cut the 4.25" square on both diagonals. (Note: due to the bias cuts, it is recommended that you heavily starch and press the squares before cutting.)
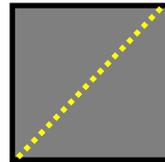

Sub-cut the 3 7/8" square on one diagonal.
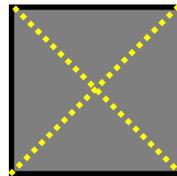
Cutting the Background Fabric

From your background fabric:

- ◆ Cut 14 strips that are 5 3/8" wide
- ◆ Sub-cut into 96 - 5 3/8" squares
- ◆ Sub-cut the squares on one diagonal

Continue cutting your background fabric:

- ◆ Cut 6 strips that are 4.25" wide
- ◆ Sub-cut into 48 - 4.25" squares
- ◆ Sub-cut the squares on both diagonals

(Note: due to the bias cuts, it is recommended that you heavily starch and press the squares before cutting.)

Notes: For optimal results...small prints and tone-on-tone fabrics work best with this pattern due to the size of the pieces.

Hints and Tips

How do you convert 96 rectangles 5"x10" into yardage?

You can use:

- One layer cake and one charm pack
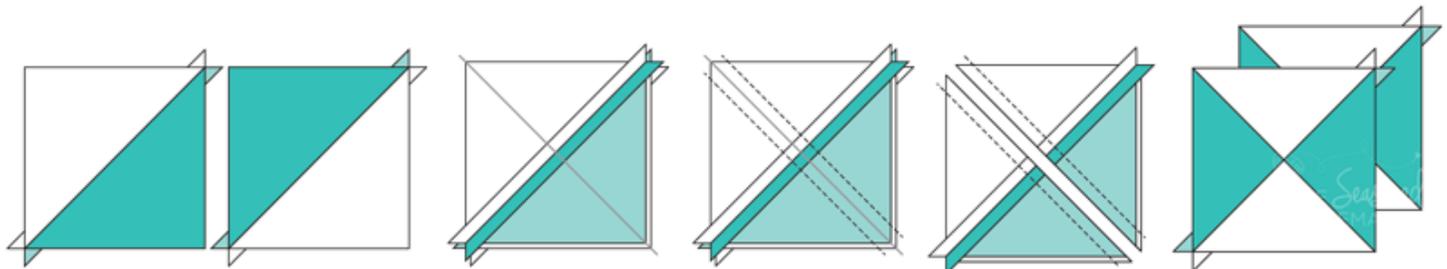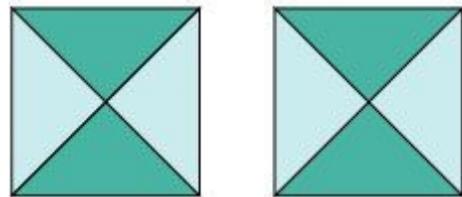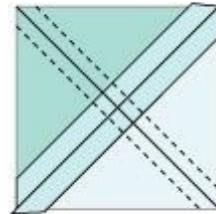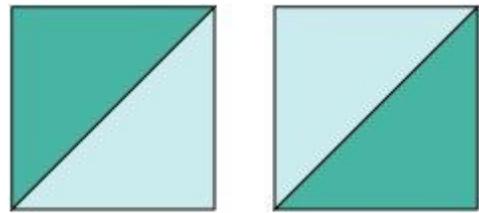- 1/3 yard cuts - 12 total
- 16 fat quarters

Alternate Cutting and Piecing

To make the Quarter Square Triangle pieces, I would cut a 5" square from both the patterned fabric and the background fabric.

♦ Draw one line on the diagonal
♦ Stitch a scant 1/4" inch on both sides of the line
♦ Cut on the line and press to the dark side
♦ Nest the two pieces together, draw one line on the diagonal, and stitch a scant 1/4" on both sides.
♦ Cut on the line and press.
♦ Trim to 3.5" x 3.5" square

This method will make **two (2)** quarter square triangle units!

You will still need to cut the smaller triangles that will be sewn to the top of the square.

Quarter-square triangles (two-at-a-time method)

This method uses slightly more fabric but you don't have to be as concerned about the bias edges and starching the fabric to prevent stretching.