

2020 Block Party Sampler

May: Finishing Part 1 – Setting Blocks



Part 1 of your finishing kit contains all of the fabric that is needed to make all of the setting blocks. You will get your borders, sashing, cornerstone and setting triangle fabrics in Finishing Kit 2. To make the setting blocks, we will be using the Wedge Star Ruler from Studio 180 Design. If you have never used this ruler, please take some time to familiarize yourself with it first. Read through the directions that came with the ruler, or watch the video on the ruler which you can find on the website Studio180Design.net. We are making “Mixed Blocks” which are composed of both Diamond Wedge and Large Wedge units.

Cutting:

**The number listed first is for the LAP quilt, the second number in parenthesis is how many you will need to cut if you’re making the QUEEN.*

Light: CREAM

- Cut 5(8) 6” x width of fabric strips for Large Wedges
- Cut 6(10) 3 ¾” x width of fabric strips for Small Wedges

Medium: LIGHT BLUE/LIGHTER RED

- Cut 24(50) 4 ¼” squares crosscut diagonally once 

Dark: DARK BLUE/DARK RED

- Cut 7(11) 2 ¾” x width of fabric strips for Diamonds



Diamond Wedge Units:

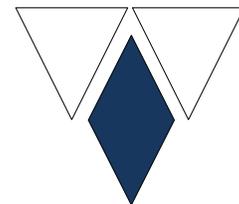
1. Cut Diamonds from 2 ¾” dark strips
 - a. Start by cutting a 45° angle at one end of the strip. Use your Wedge Star tool to do this or a ruler with a 45° mark.
 - b. Then make cuts every 2 ¾”.
 - c. You will need a total of 64(100) diamonds.

See step 1.01 on your Wedge Star Ruler for more details and diagrams
2. Cut Small Wedges from 3 ¾” light strips
 - a. Using the Wedge Star Ruler, align the small mark at the tip of the tool with the top of the strip and the 3 ¾” mark at the bottom edge of the strip.
 - b. Cut up one side of the tool and down the other, then rotate the Wedge Star Ruler 180° and cut a second wedge. Continue cutting down the strip.
 - c. You will need a total of 128(200) small wedges.

See steps 1.02-1.04 on your Wedge Star Ruler for more details and diagrams

3. Make 64(100) Diamond Wedges
 - a. Lay out dark diamonds and light small wedges as shown.
 - b. Stitch the small wedge on the right on first. Match the point of the diamond with the corner of the wedge and align the raw edges. Sew with the diamond on top. Press towards the diamond. Trim the dog ear off.
 - c. Then sew the small wedge on the left on. Align the raw edges and center the shape. Sew with the diamond on top. Press towards the small wedge.
 - d. Trim each Diamond Wedge using the 10” mark on the Diamond Trim Down section on the Wedge Star Ruler.

See steps 1.05-1.11 on your Wedge Star Ruler for more details and diagrams



Blocks:

4. Cut Large Wedges from 6" light strips
 - a. Using the Wedge Star Ruler, align the small mark at the tip of the tool with the top of the strip and the 6" mark at the bottom edge of the strip.
 - b. Cut up one side of the tool and down the other, then rotate the Wedge Star Ruler 180° and cut a second wedge. Continue cutting down the strip.
 - c. You will need a total of 64(100) large wedges.

See steps 2.01 on your Wedge Star Ruler for more details and diagrams

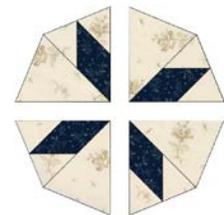
5. Lay out four Diamond Wedges and four Large Wedges according to the diagram.



6. Sew wedges into pairs. ***HINT: always sew with the light large wedge on top!**

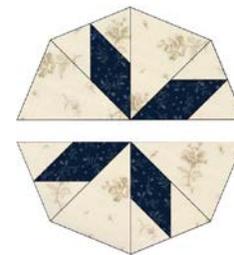
- a. Start sewing from the point.
- b. Press seam towards the large wedges.
- c. Trim off the "dog ears" and "whiskers" using your tucker trimmer.

See steps 1.13 on your Wedge Star Ruler for more details and diagrams



7. Sew the pairs into block halves.

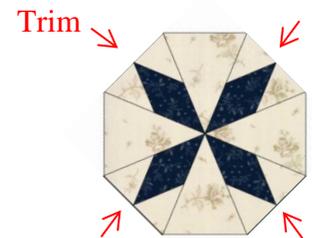
- a. Nest the seams and pin in place.
- b. Start sewing from what will be the center point again.
- c. Press seams open or in the same direction as the others.



8. Sew the block halves together into a complete octagon.

- a. Nest seams and pin starting from the center (the outside edges may not match up).
- b. Press seam open or "spin" the seam if you can.

9. Trim number 1: We are going to trim ONLY the four diamond wedges that will get corner triangles added to them. Trim these four edges using the Wedge Star Ruler. Align the "outside edge trim line" on the ruler with the seams of the diamond on one corner wedge. Trim along the edge of the tool. Repeat for the remaining three corner wedges. Leave the other wedges alone!



10. Now sew 4 ¼" medium half-square triangles to the diamond wedges. These are oversized but try to center them.

11. Finally, trim the completed block to 10 ½" using your Tucker Trimmer or other larger ruler.

12. Repeat this process to make a total of 16(25) setting blocks.

