

This shows the block after the first side is trimmed. Note: The basting thread is on the stitching line. The cut has been made 1/4" to the right of the basting thread.



Rotate the block. Place the first 1/4" line on your rotary ruler on the second basted line. Be sure the top edge of the ruler is along the top edge of the block – the edge that was just cut. Cut the second side 1/4" to the right of the basted line.



Rotate block. Place the rotary ruler 8 1/2" from the left side of the block. Be sure the bottom edge of the block is also square. Cut the right edge. Repeat for the last side.



Completed 8 1/2" block ready to set into the quilt. The basting threads can now be removed.



Testing Your Layout

After trimming and pressing your appliqué blocks, lay your blocks on the floor or pin to a design wall. Arrange the blocks in a color-balanced fashion.

Make the setting blocks. Select colors that will keep your quilt top balanced in color.

Cut the side setting triangles and the corner setting triangles. Once again selecting colors to keep your quilt balanced and pleasing.



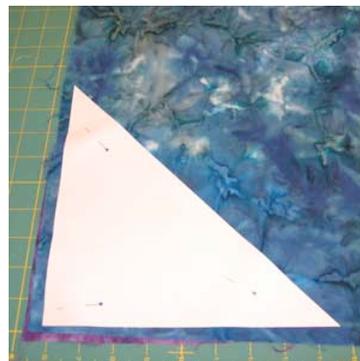
Fold your border fabrics and place next to the quilt top. Now is the time to change if you are not satisfied with your original choices.

Setting Squares:

Layer two contrasting fabrics, right sides together.



Place your prepared (as per pattern instructions) pattern on the fabric. Follow the grain lines as drawn on the pattern. Pin paper pattern in place.



Cut your triangles along the diagonal. You may also cut the other sides if you prefer. I like to trim my block to the correct size after sewing the seam.

