

### ET'S BE FRIENDS SEW ALONG 2023





## Week 6 - August 6th

From Week 5 - Use the following:

Single

Queen

Fabric 8: Med. Dark Smoldering Gray

192 pcs.

256 pcs.



**D/E** Half-Square Triangles

96 pcs.

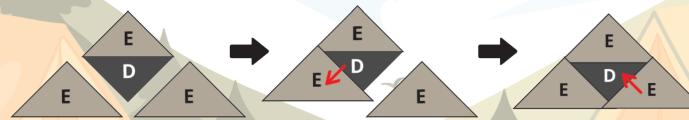
128 pcs.

Last week we set aside (in a safe place) Fabric 8 E triangles AND we made the D/E half**square triangles.** Well, they are all needed in this step.

- 1. Refer to the diagram below and layout the pieces as shown. Position the **D/E** half-square triangle as shown and place the cut **E triangles** against the **D** sides of the half-square triangle.
- 2. Join the first **E triangle** to the **D** side and finger press seam as shown by the red arrow. Now join the second E triangle as shown and finger press. Gently press unit with the iron being careful not to stretch any bias edges.

**Note:** These seams will nest with others later, so they need to be pressed as shown.

3. The **E triangle** is slightly oversized but will be trimmed later...NO TRIMMING now!



Single Size: 96 pcs. Queen Size: 128 pcs.

# Step 2: Gather the following...

From Week 4:

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Single Size: 96 pcs. Queen Size: 128 pcs.

#### From Step 1 (above):



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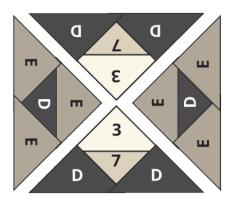


#### Step 2 cont'd:

1. Layout two of each units as shown. This will form one new unit when joined - but please read all instructions first.

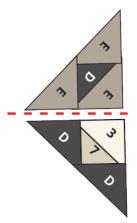
Note: Handle all units carefully to prevent stretching of bias edges.

**Photo 1:** Showing the back side of the units. The seams are pressed opposite of its adjoining seam so that it will nest when joined.





**Photo 2:** To join two pieced units together, first push a pin at matching points. This pin is used to position and hold the matching points together. Keep this pin straight as shown to prevent points from shifting. **Photo 3:** Now place and set a pin on either side of first 'holding' pin to secure the matched points. **Photo 4:** Place and set a pin at each end matching along the raw edge. Remove the first 'holding' pin.









2. Slowly stitch units together to join. From the right side, check the matching points - do they meet? **Photo 5**. Make any corrections if needed. Handle pieces carefully and restitch as necessary. Press this seam open by finger pressing ONLY (**Photo 6**). This will make one half of our new unit.

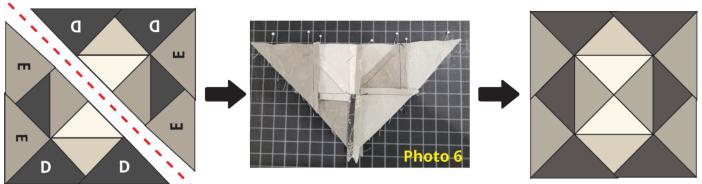






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- 3. Now join these two new halves together, using the same pinning process as used on page 2, place a pin to match points then two pins on each side to hold. Match up all nesting seams and pin along the matching raw edge as seen in **Photo 6** below.
- 4. Slowly stitch units together to join. From the right side, check the matching points do they meet? Make any corrections, if needed.



- 5. Finger press this long center seam OPEN (**Photo 7**). Then press unit gently with a dry iron to prevent any stretching.
- 6. This unit requires trimming to tidy and to ensure the correct size. This unit should measure 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" unfin.



#### **Trimming:**

**Photo 8:** Align the 45-degree ruler markings along the diagonal seam of the unit, while also lining up the 5-1/2" markings at the corners. Trim one side and top, turn unit, align ruler and trim remaining side and top side. This unit should now measure perfectly.

6. Continue to make these units for your quilt size, taking your time to join and trim.



Yes, I know, they aren't the most fun to sew. Remember I am making them, too. Honestly, these are the hardest parts of the design. As a girlfriend just reminded me "no pain, no gain"! BUT they are going to look stunning in our quilt and it will be smooth sailing from here!

Makε: Single Size: 48 pcs. Queen Size: 64 pcs.

See you on August 13th for your next step!

