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*To make this 48"x64" quilt you will need:*

1 yard of black fabric

1 ½ yards of white fabric

½ yard of feature colour fabric

½ yard of binding fabric

3 yards of backing fabric (or 1 ½ yards 108" wide fabric) \*Pattern assumes width of fabric is 45"\*

1 ½ yards of batting (assuming 92" wide)

*From these fabrics cut the following:*

17 ¾" squares – 4 from the black fabric

6 from the white fabric

2 from the feature colour fabric

*Special tools needed:*

Rotary cutter and mat

Disappearing fabric marker (ie. Frixion pen, etc)

\*This pattern will use the "magic half-square triangle" method.

For more information about this method, please see:

<http://www.craftsy.com/blog/2014/01/how-to-make-half-square-triangles/> posted by Karen Walker\*

## Step 1

Pair together the following:

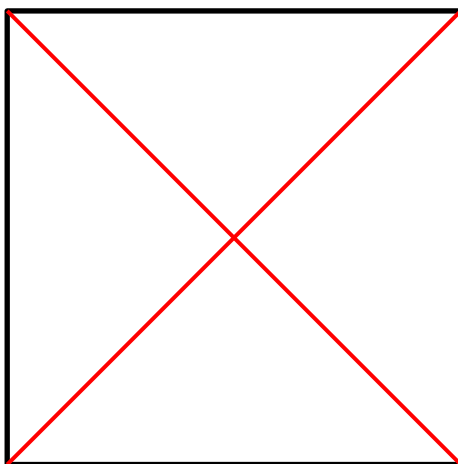
- one black square with one white square
- one coloured square with one white square

This should give you 6 pairs of squares

## Step 2

Place the squares right side together. On the back of one of the squares draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner. Repeat with the remaining two corners. This will form an x on the fabric. (See Fig. A)

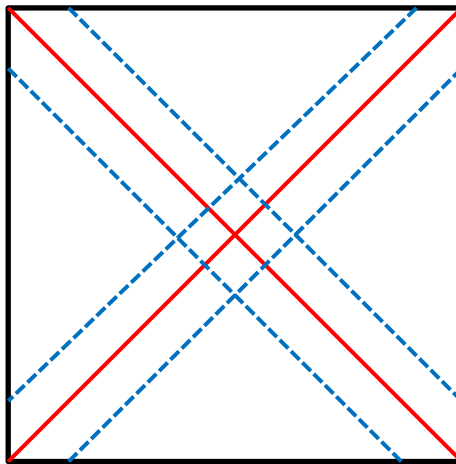
Fig. A



## Step 3

Sew the two the two squares together following the drawn lines. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch away from each side of the drawn lines. You will sew a total of four seams. (See Fig. B)

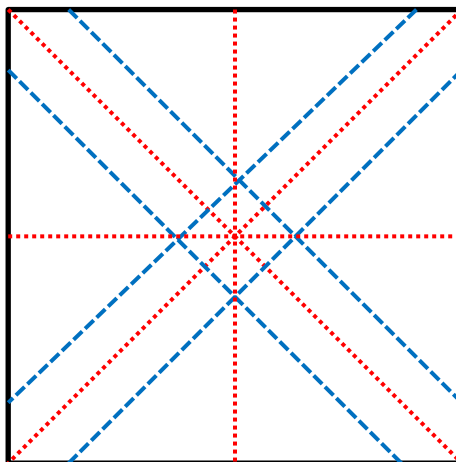
Fig. B



### Step 4

Iron over the entire square to set the seams. Find the middle point of each of the square's four sides. With your pen, mark a line from one mid point to the opposite mid point. This will give you a 't' across your fabric. Using your rotary cutter, cut the marked 't' lines. *Don't move your fabric!* Now cut through the 'x' you marked in Step 2. You will have made four cuts. (See the red dotted lines in Fig. C)

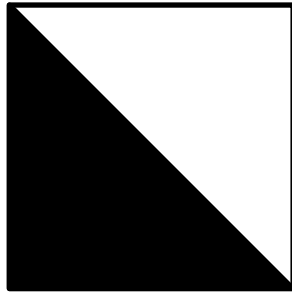
Fig. C



## Step 5

Congratulations! You now have 8 finished quilt blocks! With an iron, press the seam towards the darker fabric to give you a crisp 8" square. (See Fig. D) Repeat Steps 2-5 with remaining 17  $\frac{3}{4}$ " square pairs. Upon completion you will have 48 quilt blocks.

Fig. D

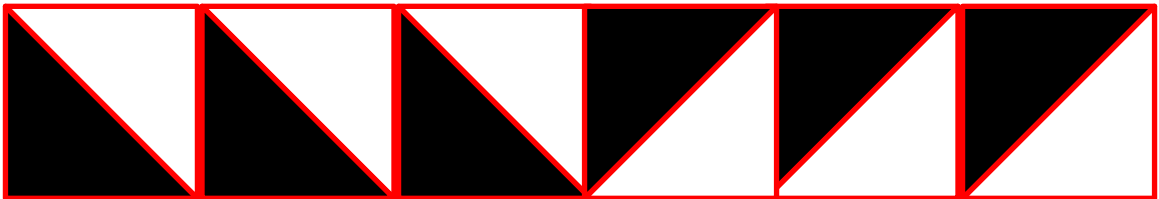


## Step 6

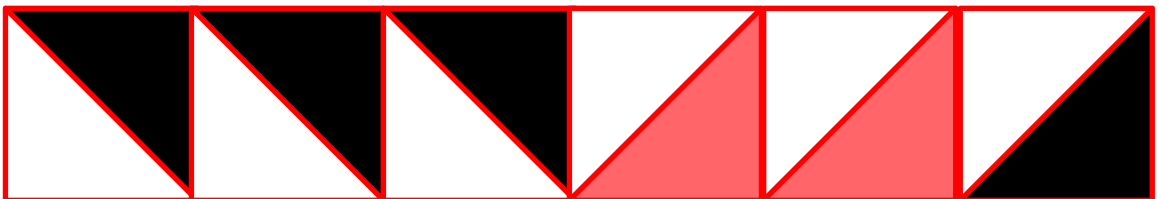
Sew together rows of six quilt blocks at a time as follows:

(Hint: It may be helpful to label the rows numerically and directionally as you make them)

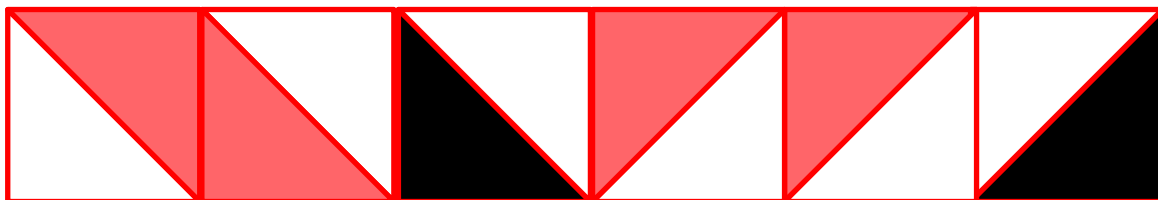
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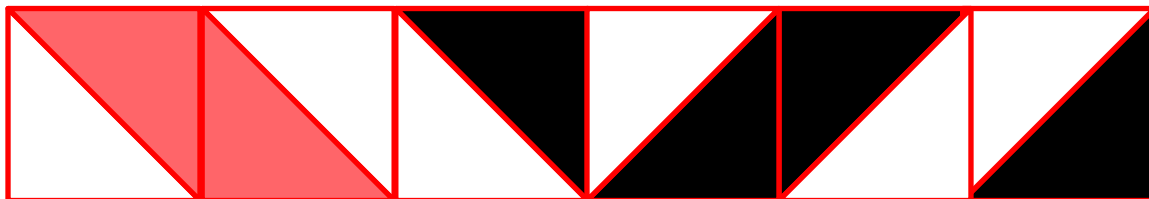
### Row 2



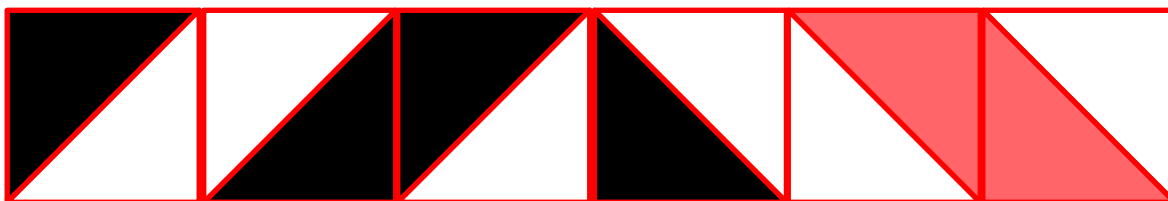
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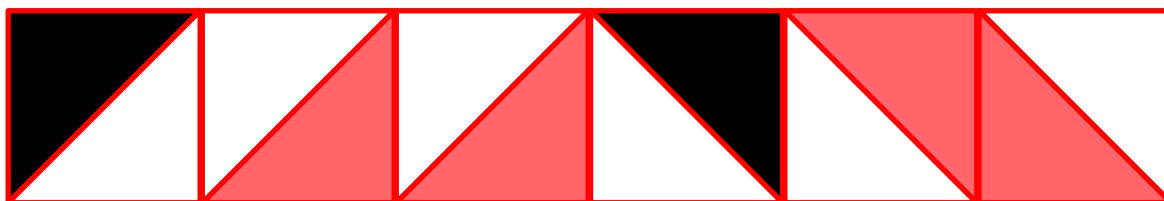
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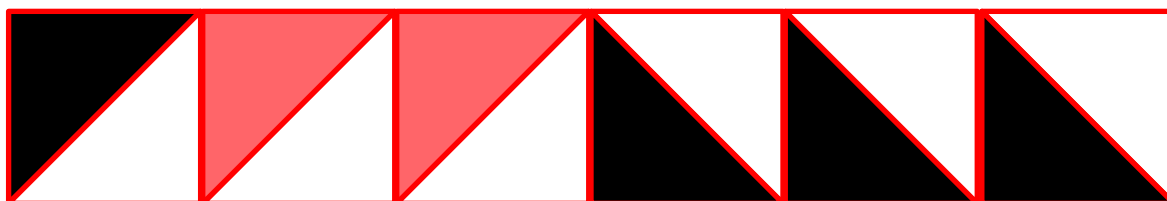
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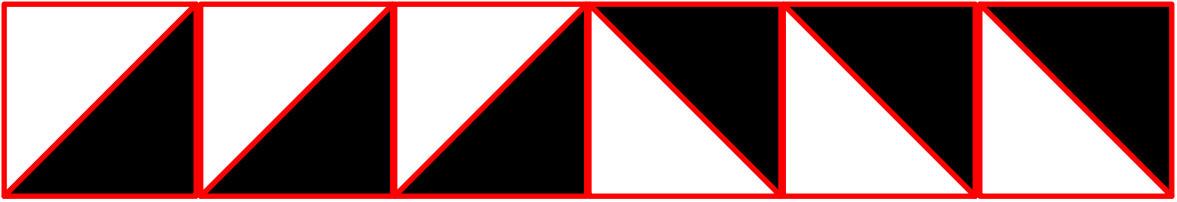
**Row 6**



**Row 7**



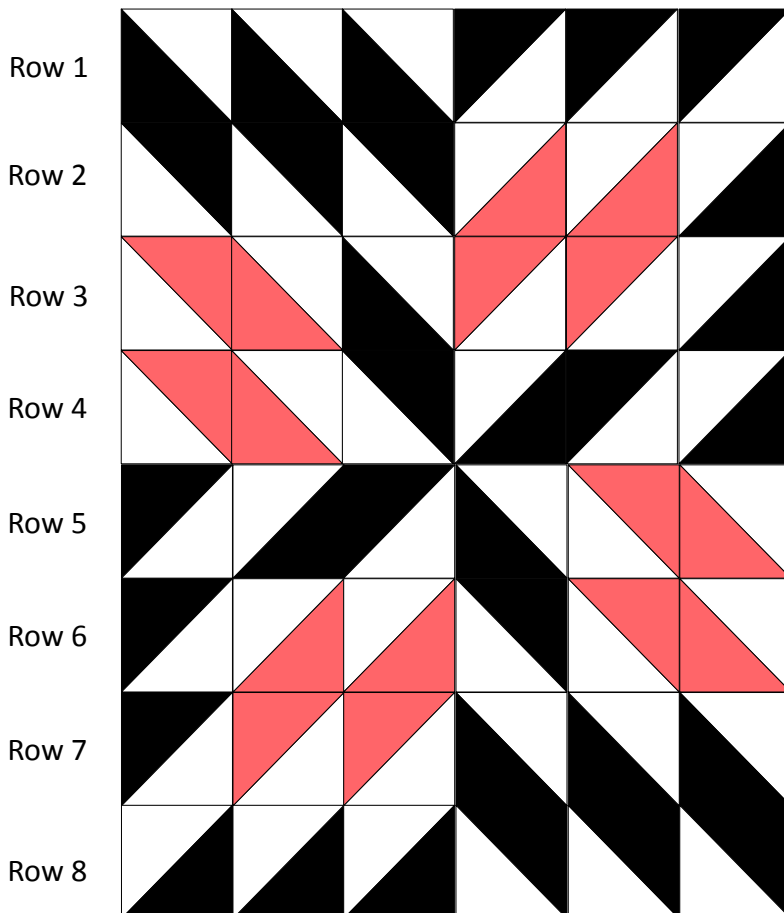
## Row 8



## Step 7

Press all of your seams to one side (towards the darker fabric if possible). Sew rows together in numerical order. Don't forget to line up/nestle your seams to get nice crisp points. Press all your new seams to one side. (See Fig. E)

Fig. E



## **Step 8**

Remove salvages from your backing fabric. Cut the fabric into two 1 ½ yard pieces. Sew the two pieces together along the former salvage line. Press open.

## **Step 9**

Baste together your backing/batting /quilt top together as desired. Quilt and bind as desired.

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