Block #1

1. Cut fabric as shown.



Main Fabric

Cut - 2 - 5 ½" squares

Coordinating/Contrast Fabric

Cut - 1 - 5 ½" square

Background Fabric

Cut - 1 - 5 ½" square

Cut - 5 - 4 ½" squares

2. Gather the one $5 \frac{1}{2}$ " background square and the contrasting $5 \frac{1}{2}$ " square. On the wrong side of the background square, mark two lines that are $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the diagonal. I use the Quilters Magic Wand for this, but you can use whatever tool you have that measures an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Then repeat for the other diagonal.



3. This is where it gets funky!!! You will NOT be sewing on all of the lines.

Stitch down the right side of the diagonal to the middle, cross over to the left and continue stitching to the bottom. Rotate to the other diagonal and repeat.





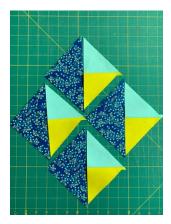
4. Cut between the drawn diagonal lines. Press to the dark. BIAS alert, be careful handling these pieces because of the long bias (stretchy) edge. ☺





5. Cut both of the $5 \frac{1}{2}$ main color squares in half diagonally. Pair one with each triangle unit and stitch along the long side. Press to main color.

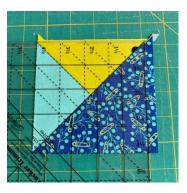




6. Trim these blocks to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". I use the Tucker Trimmer 1 for super easy, accurate trimming, but you can use whatever tool you have.



Line up the 4 ½" diagonal line and the common diagonal line. Trim 2 sides.



Rotate the block and line up the 4 ½" inch line with the two sides you just cut. Trim the remaining 2 sides.

7. Assemble the block as shown. It should measure 12 1/2".

You have just completed the Party Hats block!!!

