



Card Basket Variation Block and Free-Motion Quilting



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Welcome to Block 5 of the [BERNINA's Block of the Month Series](#). This month we will create a Card Basket Variation Block. We will make three of the same 12" block and set them aside until we are ready to add the sashing and to put the final quilt together. Below is a picture of how the blocks will look when the entire quilt is finished.



NOTE: The quilting I used in the finished quilt is a bit different than what I will show you today in our quilting lesson.

Fabric

If you are buying fabric for each block on a monthly basis, you will need three fabrics for this block; a yellow, a pink and the gray background fabric.

Please see more details about fabric requirements [here](#). You will follow the **Alternate Cutting Instructions** below if you are cutting from a kit.

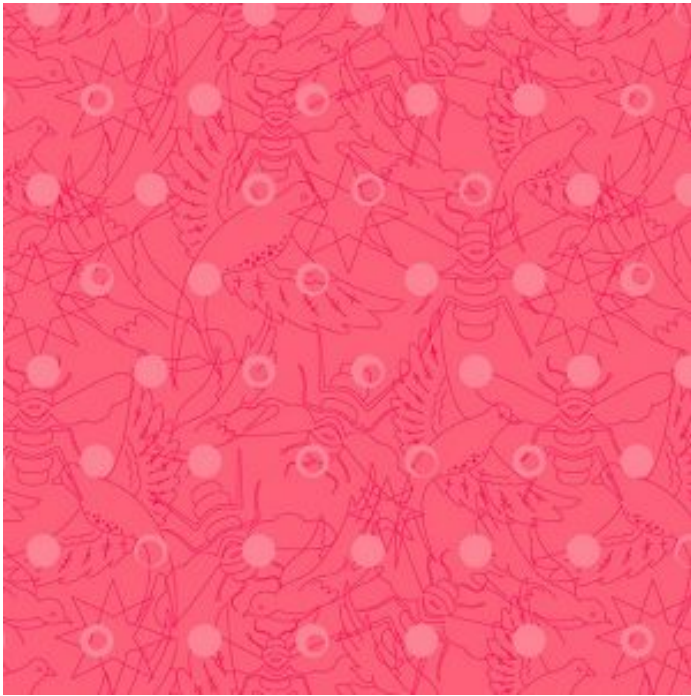
Please also download the [BERNINA Block Party Fabric Chart](#).

If you are using the Sun Print 2017 Andover fabric line by [Alison Glass](#), the specific colors are listed in bold:

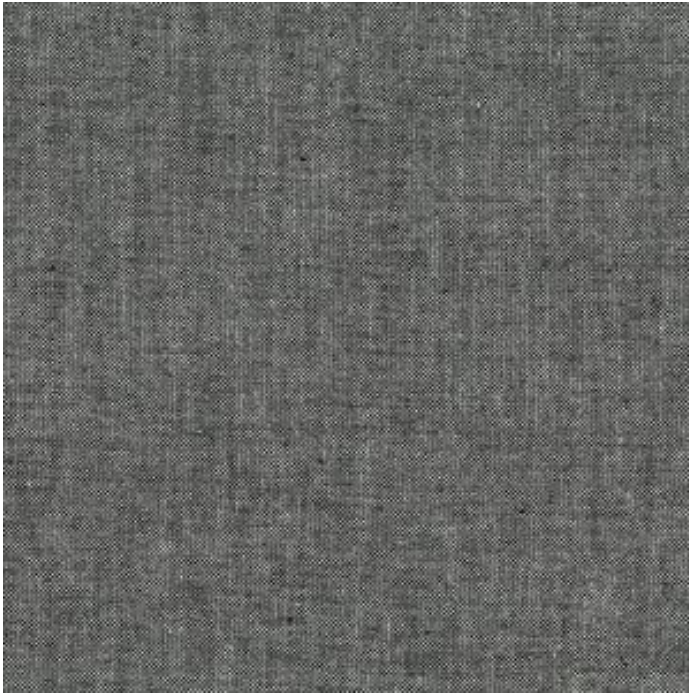
Fabric A Yellow **A-8482-Y** 1/4 Yard



Fabric B Pink **A-8484-E** 1/4 Yard



Fabric C Gray **A-C-Black** 1/4 Yard



Materials to Create a Card Basket Variation Block :

BERNINA Patchwork Foot #37/37D or

#57/57D or #97/97D

BERNINA Stitch Regulator

OR one of the following free-motion feet:

Darning Foot #9

Embroidery Foot #15

Echo Quilting and Cutwork Foot #44

Free-Motion Embroidery Foot #24

Quilting Foot #29

Quilting Foot #29C

Cutting Instructions

Fabric A:

Cut 3 Squares 5 1/4"; cut in quarters diagonally making 12 triangles

Cut 12 Squares 2 1/2"

Fabric B:

Cut 6 Squares 5 1/4"; cut in quarters diagonally making 24 triangles

Cut 3 Squares 4 1/2"

Fabric C:

Cut 12 Squares 4 1/2"

Cut 3 Squares 5 1/4"; cut in quarters diagonally making 12 triangles

Alternate Cutting Instructions if Cutting from Kit

Fabric A:

Cut a 7 1/2" strip. Cut the 3-5 1/4" squares from the wide strip. The 27" remaining of the

7 1/2" strip will be used later.

Cut a 2 1/2" strip; cut 12 squares. Thirteen inches of the strip will remain.

Fabric B:

Cut a 5 1/4" strip from fabric B. Cut 6 squares.

After cutting the 6 squares, cut the remaining strip 4 1/2" wide. Cut three 4 1/2" squares.

Fabric C:

Cut a 4 1/2" strip. Then cut nine 4 1/2" squares.

Cut a 5 1/4" strip. Cut three 5 1/4" squares, and then three 4 1/2" squares from this strip.

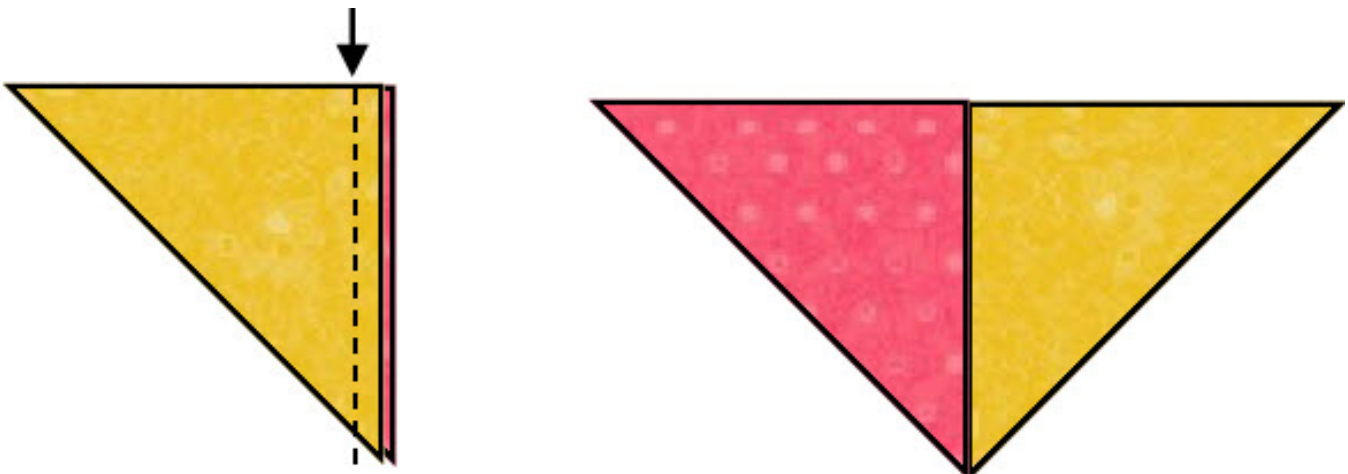
Piecing the Blocks

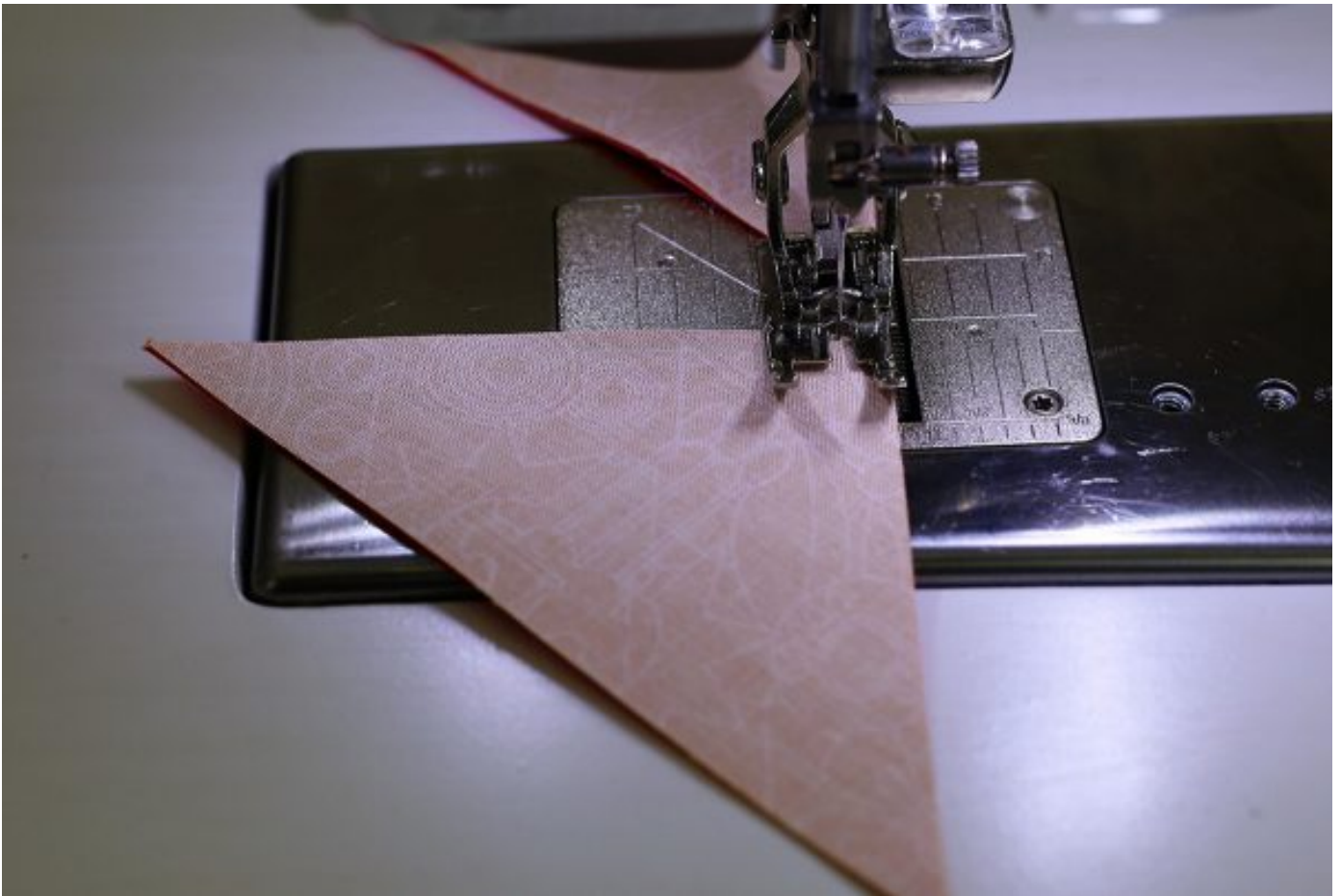
For each block:

Create the Quarter Square Triangle unit:

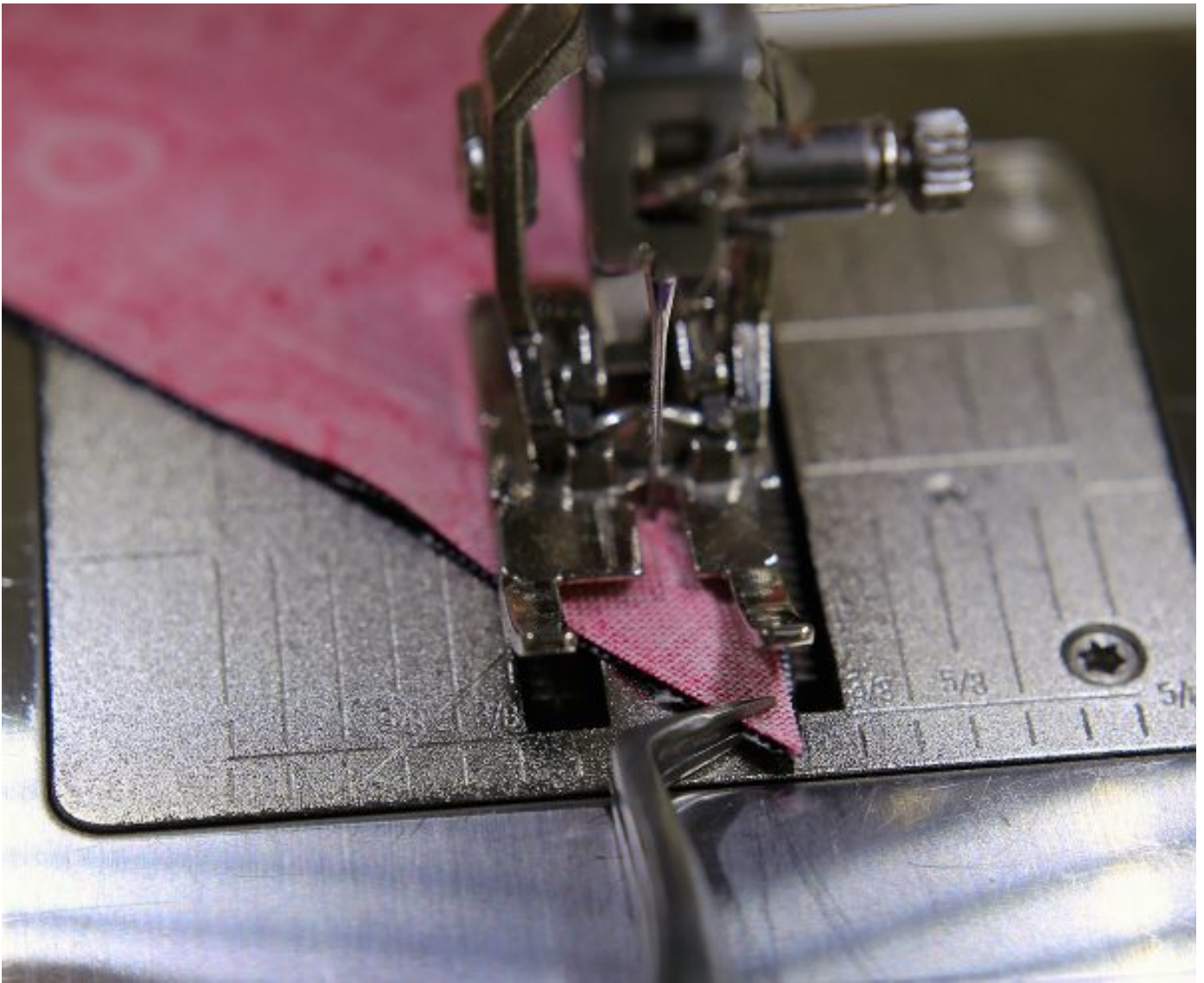
Seam a Fabric A triangle to a Fabric B triangle, beginning on the straight edge. Repeat to create 4 triangle units.

Always seam with the yellow triangle on top.



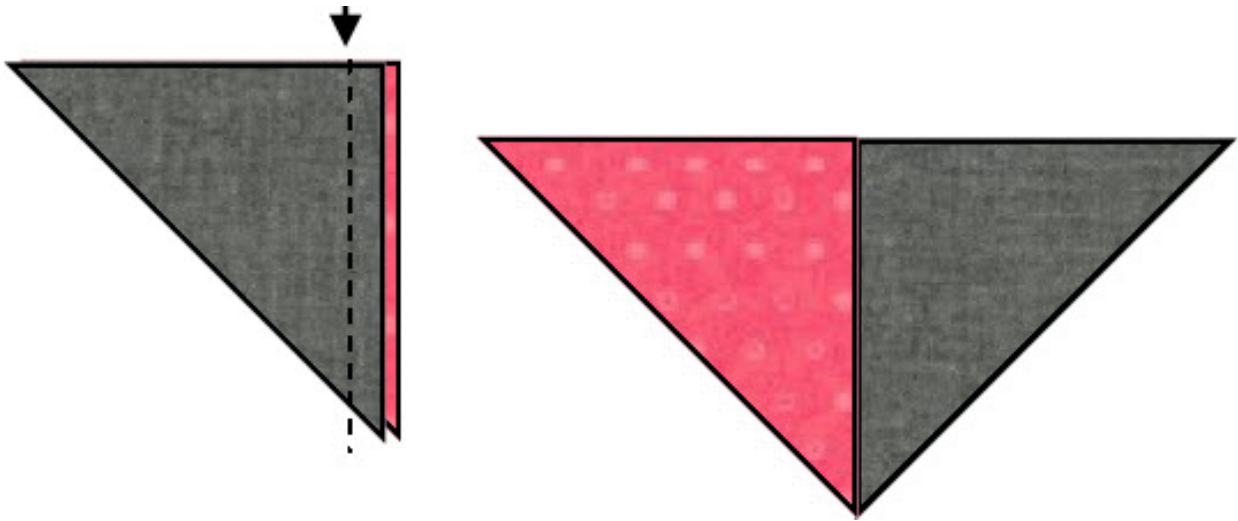


If the points of the triangles seem to scoot out from under the foot, hold them together with a tweezers and guide them under the foot.



Seam a Fabric C triangle to a Fabric B triangle, beginning on the straight edge. Repeat to create 4 triangle units.

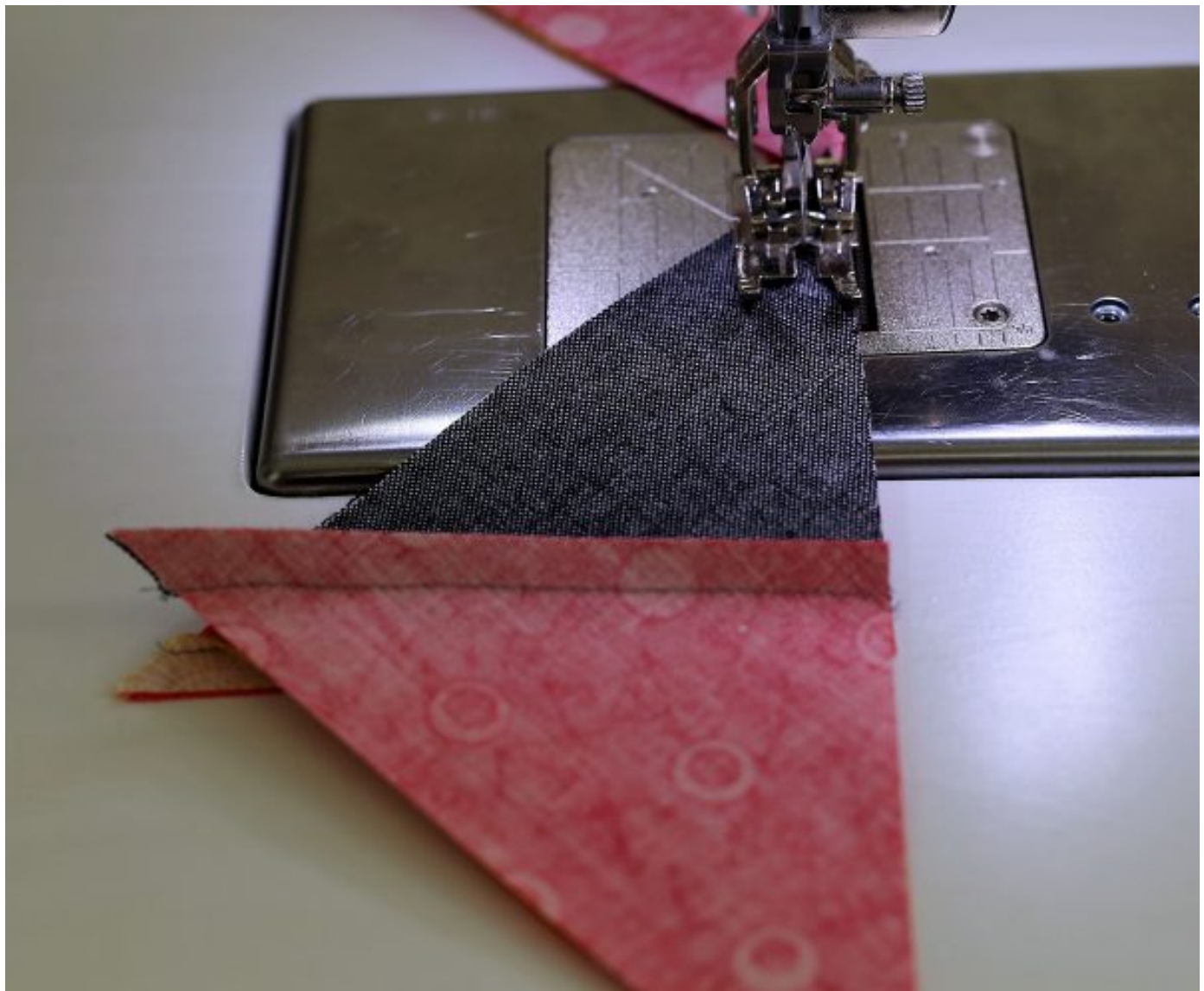
Always seam with the gray background on top.



Press seams toward the yellow and the gray.



Seam the two different triangle sets together to create a square.



Create the Center Square

Draw a diagonal line on the **wrong** side of 4 small Fabric A squares.

Place a square on each corner of the pink center square and sew on the diagonal line. Trim the excess to 1/4". Repeat for all four sides.



Finishing the block

Seam together a 4 1/2" Fabric C square to a quarter square triangle unit.

Seam another 4 1/2" Fabric C square to the other side. Make 2 units.

Take note as to the orientation of the center pieced square in the picture below.
Always sew down the pink side.



Seam together the center square in between two quarter square triangle units as shown in the center row below.



Stitch together the three rows to create a block. Repeat all the steps to make three blocks.



Set aside these three blocks for now if you are making the entire quilt. The entire quilt top will be pieced together before the final quilting of the layers is done.

Each month I give you instructions for a different quilting technique. Experiment with the techniques and when it comes time for the final quilting you will be ready to decide which quilting techniques you like best.

Also, join Denise Jones this month. She has a fabulous project using these three blocks and the techniques in the quilting lesson. Her next project will post on August 21st.

Free-motion Quilting: A Quilting Lesson