

# Autumn Breeze<sup>©</sup>

A Mystery Quilt

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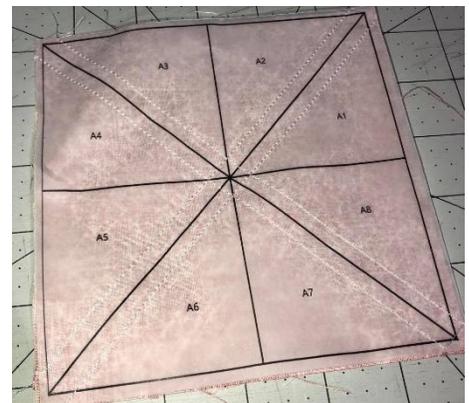
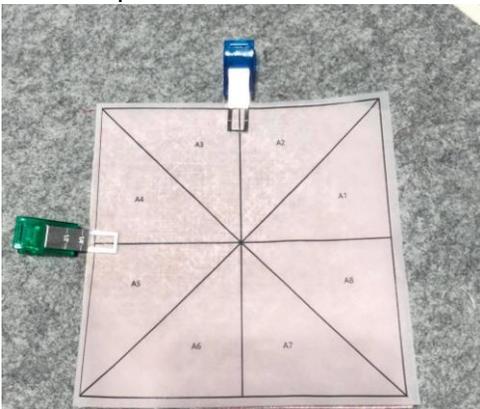
For Mystery Quilts Anonymous

Clue 1

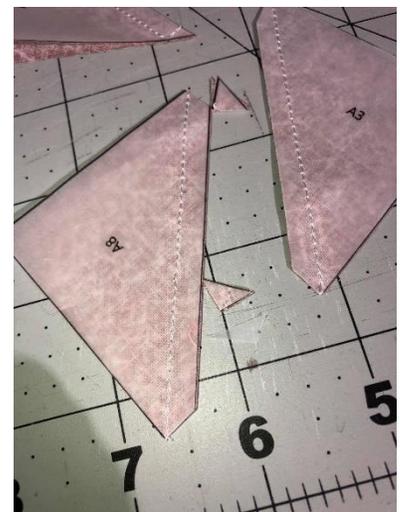
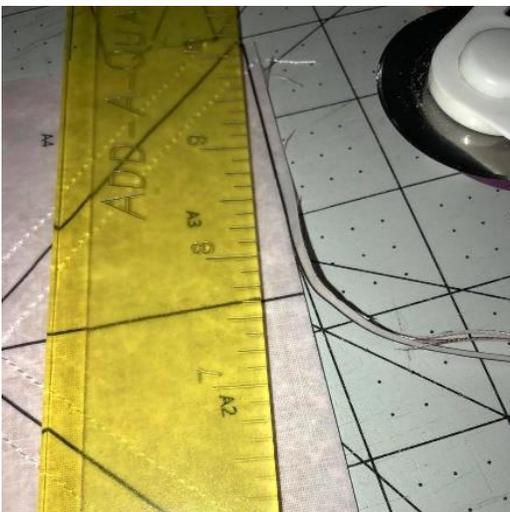
Today we are going to make half-square triangles. We are using only the background and Medium 1 fabrics for these. We are making the same amount for all layouts.

Cut eight squares of each (Medium 1 and Background) at 5 1/2" and pair each right side together.

We will use the Magic 8 method that you should be familiar with by now. I have been able to make a foundation version of the Magic 8 grid. If you use this, it is not necessary to draw any lines on the fabric or to trim the individual units to size after separating. I used tracing paper. You can use any lightweight paper that goes through your printer. Newspaper print works well too. Print out 8 copies. Yes, there is a 1" reference square! You can ignore the numbering of the sections. I couldn't get rid of them. Cut out each paper square slightly larger leaving about an eighth to a quarter of an inch outside the dark outside line. Pin or clip the paper to one pair of your fabric squares making sure the printed square is not outside the edge of the fabric. Reduce the stitch length on your machine to about 1.5 to make paper removal easier later. Sew 1/4" from both sides of ONLY the diagonal lines. Do NOT sew using the vertical or horizontal lines, only the diagonal lines. Repeat for all 8 sets.



You will now cut on all the solid lines beginning with cutting the excess from outside the square. You will have 8 triangles. At this point, you can cut little triangles off the two corners inside the seam allowance. This will take care of your dog ears.



Remove the papers: Fold back the paper from the fabric on the sewn line and crease to weaken the paper more. Place your fingers toward the middle and close to the seam line with the paper in one hand and the fabric in the other so you can snap them apart. The lighter the weight of your paper, the easier it will be. Press open to the darker fabric and each will measure 2 1/4". No further trimming should be necessary.



If you don't want to use the papers, you can use the original method of Magic 8: Draw an X from corner to corner on the back of the lighter fabric. Place right sides together with the opposite fabric square and sew 1/4" from both sides of the drawn lines. Cut vertically 2 3/4" from the edge bisecting the area that the sewn lines crossed in the center to cut the block in half. Turn and do the same to cut the block into quarters. Now cut on your drawn lines to separate each quarter into two triangles. Press open and square up each unit to measure 2 1/4". Make 64 HST.

Some additional cutting (all sizes):

<b>BACKGROUND</b> Cut 4 strips 2 1/4" x WOF	Cut from strips 16 rectangles 5 5/8" and Cut 12 squares 2 1/4"
<b>MEDIUM 1</b> Cut 3 strips 2 1/4" x WOF	Cut from strips 48 squares 2 1/4"
<b>DARK</b>	Cut 8 squares 2 1/4"

That's all for this week. Set aside and we will make some more pieces next clue.