

Leap Year Baby Quilt
Community Service Sew-In Thursday, February 29

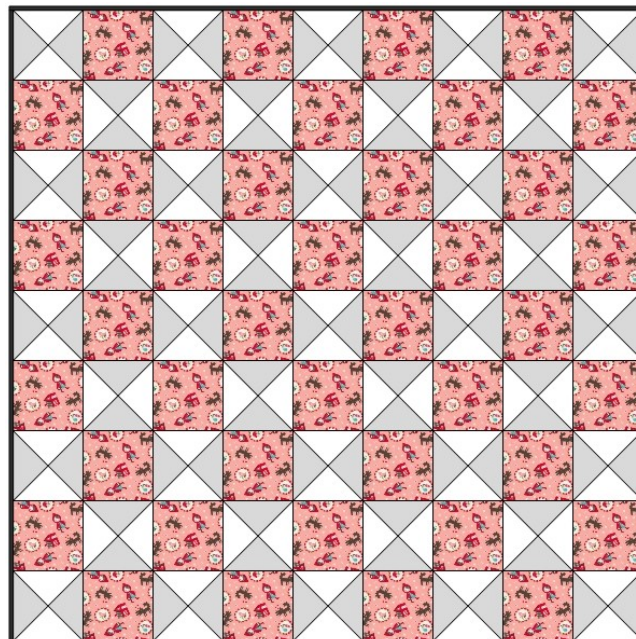
This baby quilt is made with 5" square (unfinished) blocks, using 41 quarter square triangles (QST's) and 40 squares. The plain squares are made from one or more "focus" fabric(s) cut into 5" squares. Charm packs could be a good source. The QST's are made from two solids/blenders, one light and one medium or dark; both cut into 6" squares.

The following table gives you an idea of minimum fabric requirements, assuming one focus fabric. You will probably need a little more yardage to allow for straightening, etc.

Fabric:	Yardage	1st Cut:	2nd Cut:
Focus Fabric	25" WOF minimum	(5) 5" strips WOF	(40) 5" Sqs
Light Fabric	24" WOF minimum	(4) 6" strips WOF	(21) 6" Sqs
Medium/Dark Fabric	24" WOF minimum	(4) 6" strips WOF	(21) 6" Sqs
Binding	12" WOF minimum	(5) 2 ¼" strips WOF	
Backing	66" WOF	48" x 48" (pieced)	

QUILT CONSTRUCTION

1. Cut the squares as shown in the table above (2nd Cut).
2. Make 41 QSTs from the 6" squares. Refer to "How To Make QSTs" attached.
3. Arrange squares as per picture, alternating focus fabric squares with QST's. Note orientation of the QST's. Sew rows pressing seams in one direction for odd numbered rows and in the other direction for even numbered rows. Sew rows together, nesting seams.
4. Quilt and bind as desired.

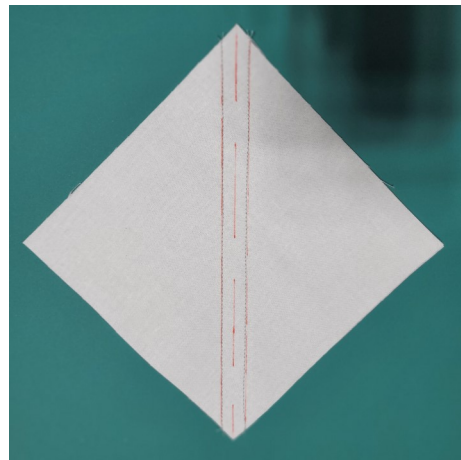


How to Make 5" (Unfinished) Quarter Square Triangles (QSTs)

STEP 1: Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of 6" light square. Draw sewing lines a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side.



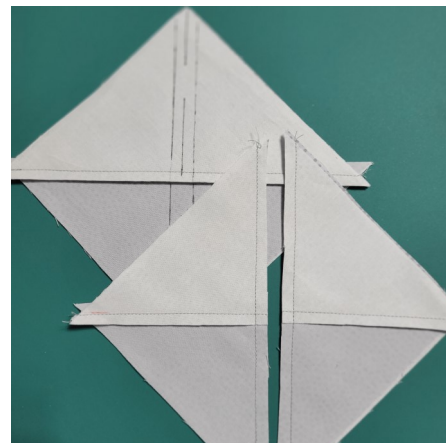
STEP 2: Pair light square with dark square, right sides together. Sew on both sewing lines, or slightly toward center. No fat seams.



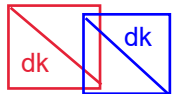
STEP 3: Cut on center line. Press toward dark side. DO NOT TRIM. You have two (2) HSTs.



STEP 4: Place two HSTs, right sides together, nestling seams tight. Draw lines as in Step 1, sew & cut as in Step 2 and 3.



Make sure when placing the HSTs right side together that dark and light are opposite each other.



STEP 5: Twirl center seam as with any four patch block and press.



STEP 3: Align diagonal lines of a 5" square ruler with seams. Trim block to 5" square.

