

Paper Piecing

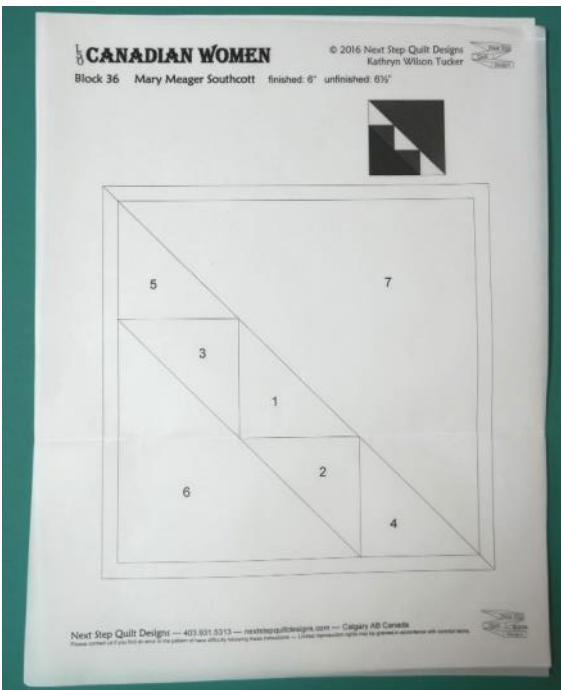
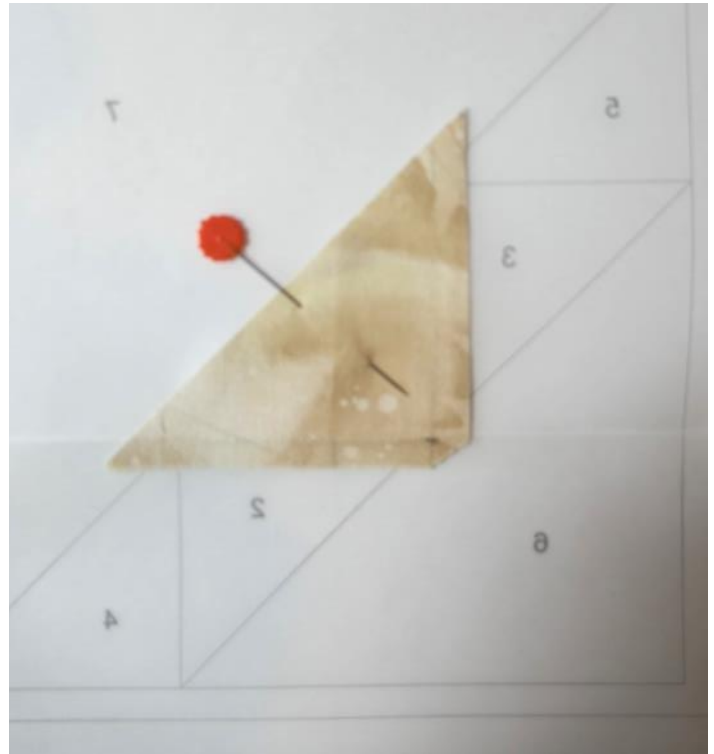
Tools: letter paper or velum/paper piecing paper, post card or index card, Add-a-Quarter ruler or 6"x12" ruler with a 1/4" seam marked on it, flower head or very very small head pins, your thumb nail, hera marker or wooden iron.



Procedure:

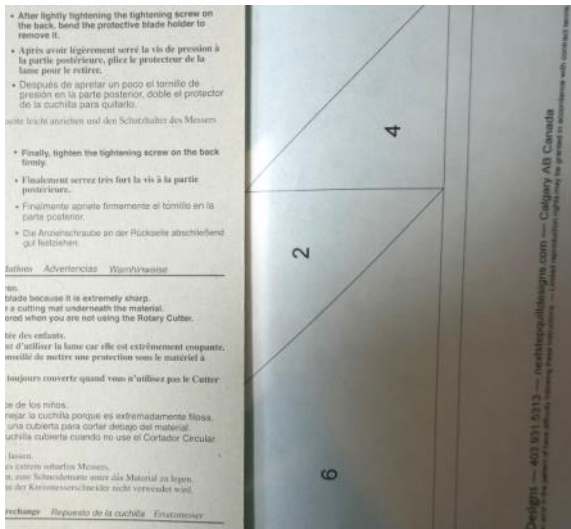
1. Trace or photocopy block outline diagram onto plain paper or a see through paper. The numbers in the triangles and squares are the sewing order.
2. If you are using opaque paper, pin poke a hole in each corner where the lines intersect. OPTION: fold paper on each line.

3. Working with bias. Place the (3/4") **B** triangle wrong side down on the unprinted side of the paper on top of section 1. Make sure it covers all of section 1 and has at least 1/4" seam allowance all the way around. Using the pins, pin **B** triangle in place on the paper. DO NOT PIN ON THE SEAM LINES.

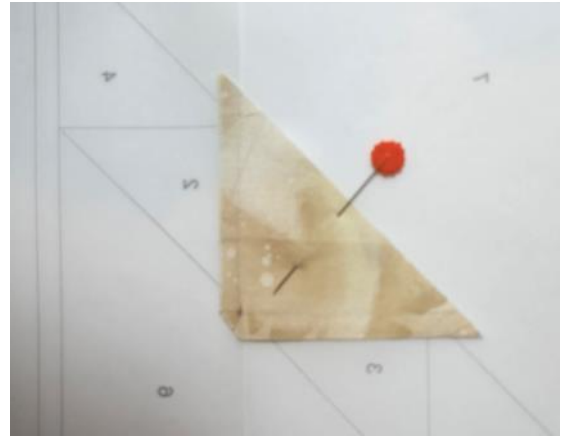


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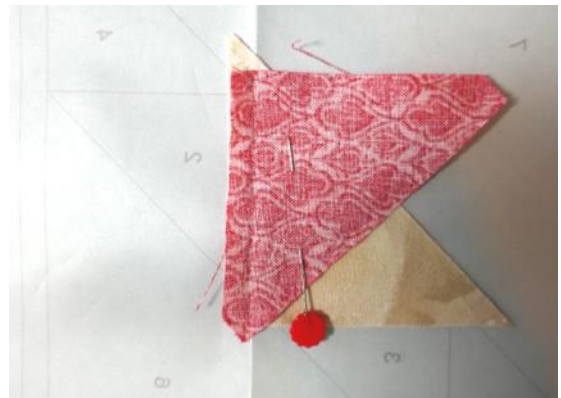
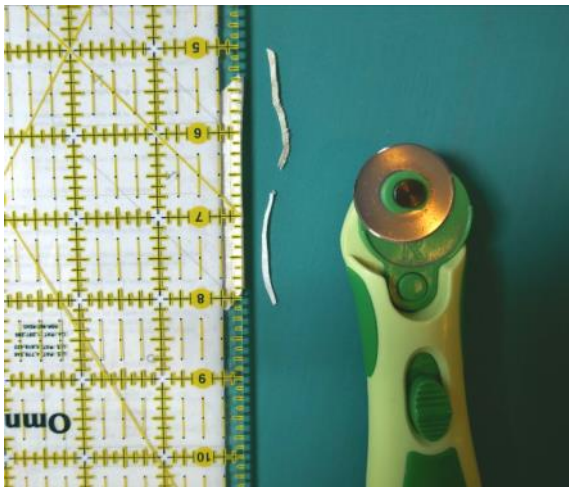
4. With paper side up, place the postcard or index card on the seam line between section 1 and 2. Fold back the paper along the card edge exposing the seam allowance fabric. Place the 1/4" line of the ruler on the fold so that 1/4" of the ruler extends into the seam allowance OR If you have a Add-a-Quarter ruler, place the lip edge against the fold so that 1/4" of the ruler extends into the seam allowance and trim fabric with rotary cutter. Make sure you are only cutting the seam allowance.



5. Turn the paper and pinned fabric over so the fabric side is up.

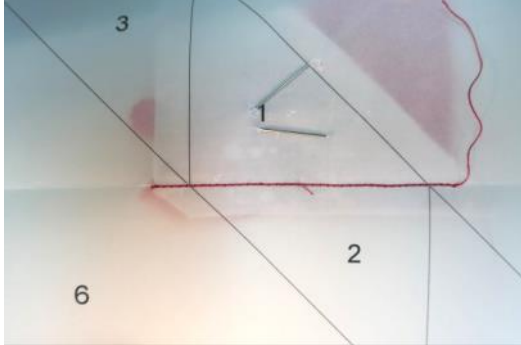
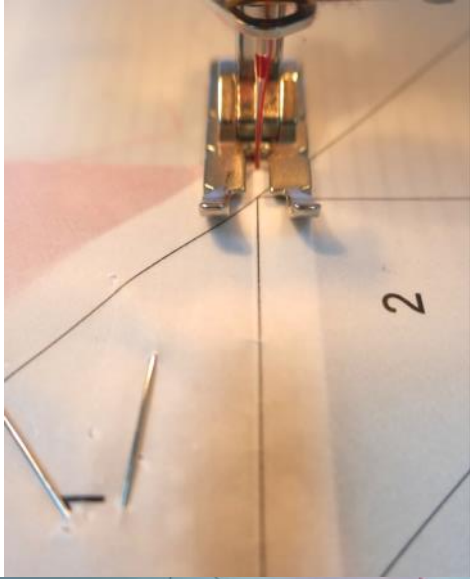


6. Place the (3/4") R triangle for section 2, right side together, on top of Step 5 triangle, positioning it so that fabric piece 2 extends 1/4" over the line between section 1 and 2 into section 2, lining up the just cut 1/4" seam. Pin. **THE AH HA** Check to see if R triangle will cover the entire area of section 2 including a 1/4" seam allowance all the way around by folding back section 2. See faint red outline through paper. If paper is opaque, put a pin in the corners thru to the fabric. If okay, then turn paper and fabric over so the paper side is up otherwise, adjust accordingly.



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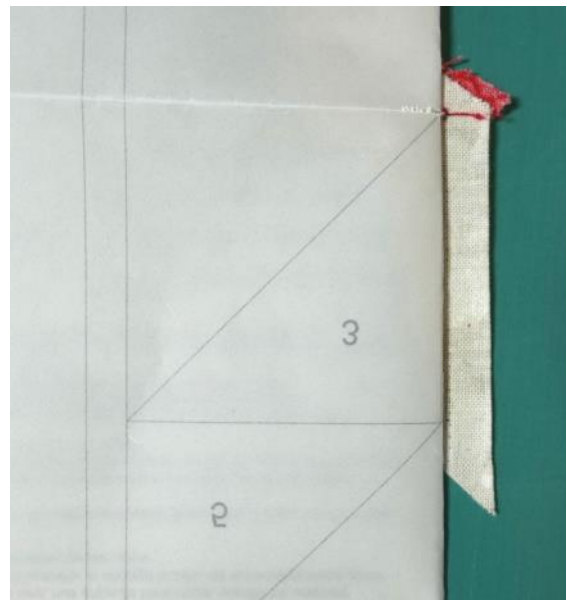
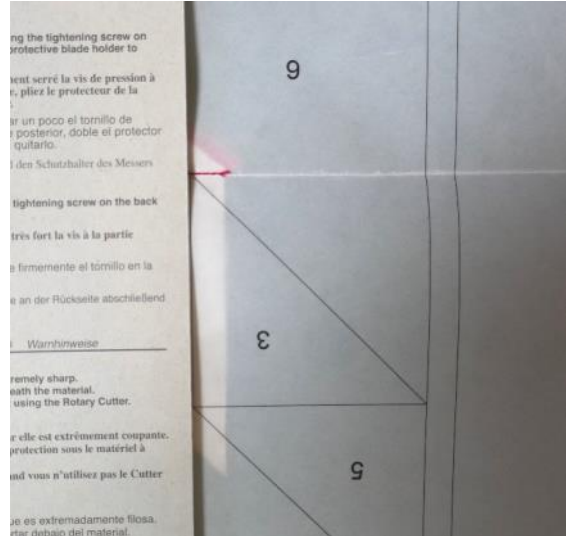
7. Set stitch length to 15-18 stitches to the inch. Sew on the line between section 1 and 2 starting about ¼” before the line and ending ¼” beyond the line.



8. Turn paper over so the fabric side is up. Open **R** fabric. It should cover section 2. If it does not, unpick the seam and adjust accordingly. Press the seam using your thumb nail, a hera marker or wooden iron. Press **R** triangle flat against the paper and pin in place by section 4. **DO NOT PIN ON THE SEAM LINES.**



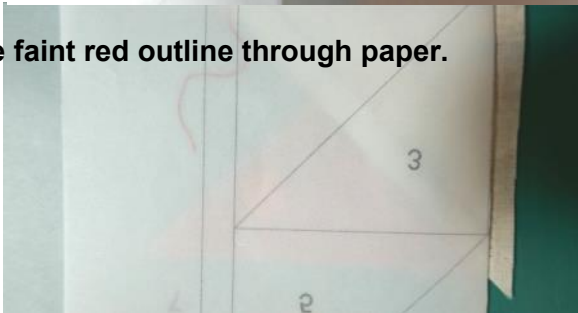
9. Turn paper over. Place the postcard or index card on the seam line between section 1 and 3. Fold back the paper along the card exposing the seam allowance fabric. Place lip edge of the Add-a-Quarter ruler against the fold so that ¼” of the ruler extends into the seam allowance. **OR** Place the ¼” line of the ruler on the fold so that ¼” of the ruler extends into the seam allowance. Trim off with rotary cutter. Make sure you are only cutting the seam allowance.



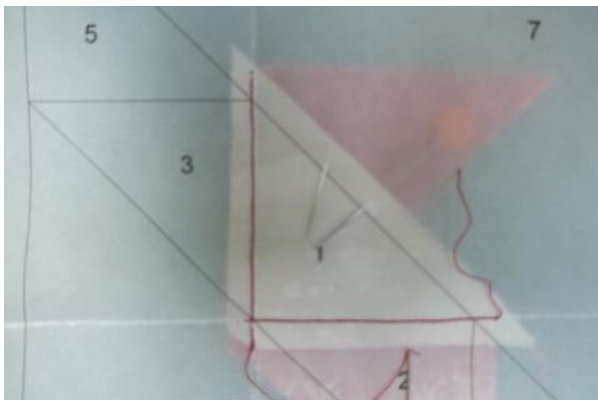
10. Turn the paper over so fabric side is up.
11. Place the (3¼") **R** triangle for section 3, right side together, on top of Step 5 triangle, positioning it so that **R** extends ¼" over the line between section 1 and 3 into section 3, lining up the just cut ¼" seam. Pin. **THE AH HA** Check to see if **R** triangle will cover the entire area of section 3 including a ¼" seam allowance all the way around by folding back section 3. See faint red outline through paper. If paper is opaque, put a pin in the corners thru to the fabric. If okay, then turn paper and fabric over so the paper side is up otherwise, adjust accordingly.



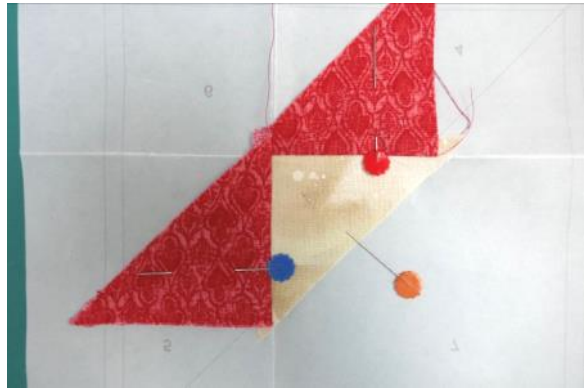
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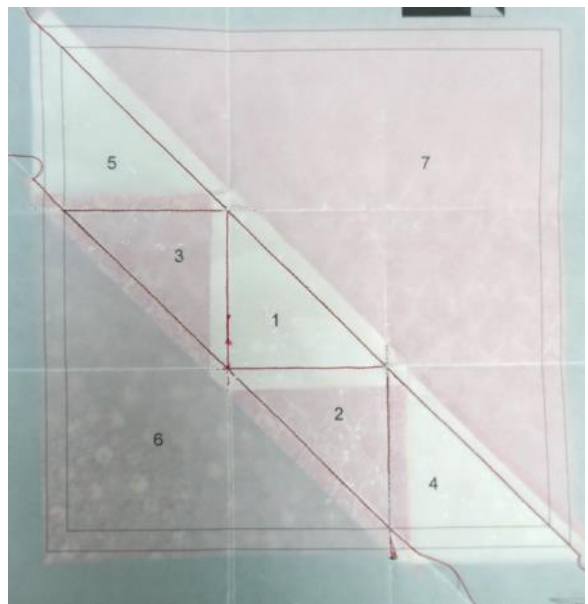
12. Sew on the line between section 1 and 3 starting about ¼" before the line and ending ¼" beyond the line.



13. Turn paper over so the fabric side is up. Open **R** fabric. It should cover section 3. If it does not, unpick the seam and adjust accordingly. Press the seam using your thumb nail, a hera marker or wooden iron. Press **R** triangle flat against the paper and pin in place by section 5. DO NOT PIN ON THE SEAM LINES.



14. Repeat steps 9 through 13 for sections 2-4, 3-5, 2/3-5, and 1-6 using the [2] (3¼") **B**, [1] (7¼") **R** and [1] (5¼") **M** triangles.



15. Final press with iron, paper side down.
16. Trim to 6½" square. Carefully remove all paper. ∞



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