

FISHTAIL

QUILT BLOCK PATTERN
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Preparation

UNDERSTANDING THE PATTERN

This quilt block pattern includes instructions to create one 6.5" x 12.5" or 6" x 12" (*finished size*) **Fishtail Quilt Block** using improvisational piecing. All seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise specified and instructions for pressing will be mentioned in the steps.

PREPARING YOUR FABRIC

We strongly suggest starching and pressing your fabric with a hot iron before cutting.

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Supply/Fabric Requirements

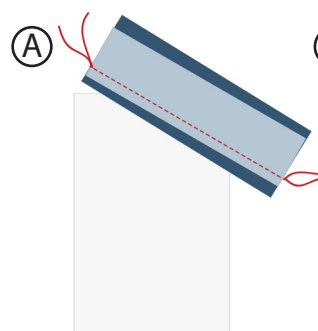
- ☐ (2) 3.5" x 12.5" pieces of leave-in wash-away stabilizer (or copy paper, or muslin)
- ☐ Seam roller (or Iron) for pressing
- ☐ 1/8 yard of Kona Cotton in Prussian, Cadet, Delft, and Fog

Cutting the Fabric

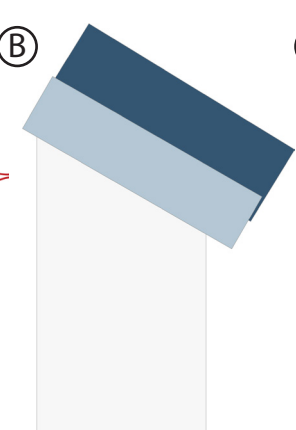
With improvisational piecing, cutting measurements can vary.

- ☐ Cut (2) strips anywhere from 1" to 3" wide from each color
- ☐ Sub-cut those strips to 5" long

Sew, Flip, Sew, Flip




(A) Starting at one end of a 3.5" x 12.5" template, lay two strips of fabric right sides together. Don't worry about the edges of the fabrics matching, this is a very relaxed approach to foundation paper piecing. Sew through both pieces of fabric and the template.

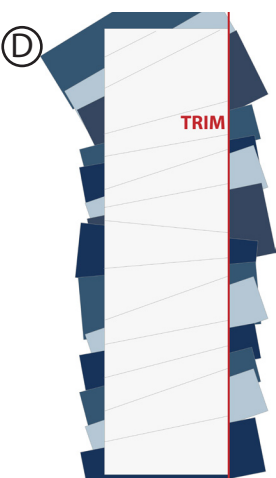


(B) Fold open the top fabric and press with a seam roller. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4".

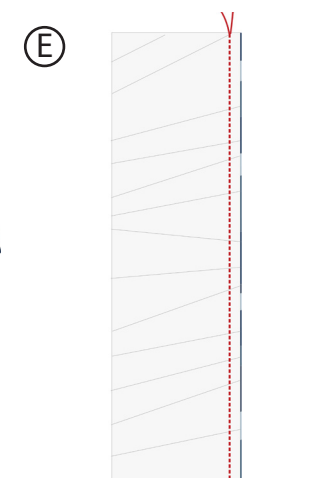
Lay another strip of fabric on top and sew.



(C) Continue this process of sewing, flipping, sewing flipping, until the entire template is covered with fabric. Try angling the strips at different degrees to achieve more wonkiness.



(D) Flip the piece over and use the edge of the template as a guide to trim all of the excess fabric from the piece. Repeat these steps for the second template.



(E) Lay both templates right sides together, lining up all edges, sew with 1/4" seam allowance.

Press the seam open to complete the block!



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