

Featuring No-Hassle Triangles Gauge by Nancy Zieman

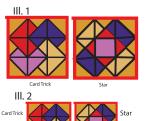
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Stars & Cards

Traditional to "unexpected" design using "No-Hassle" Triangles Gauge by Nancy Zieman

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Design Challenge:

Take two traditional blocks with ½ and ¼ square triangles and create an "unexpected" design. Ready...Begin! Start this challengerby selecting the traditional blocks.

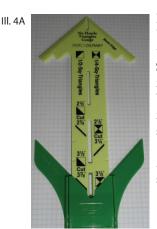
2. Arrange the blocks to create the size and shape quilt top. Layout blocks and let your eye explore designs.



3. Choose the color palette. The color wheel is a fabullows tool to help with palette choices.

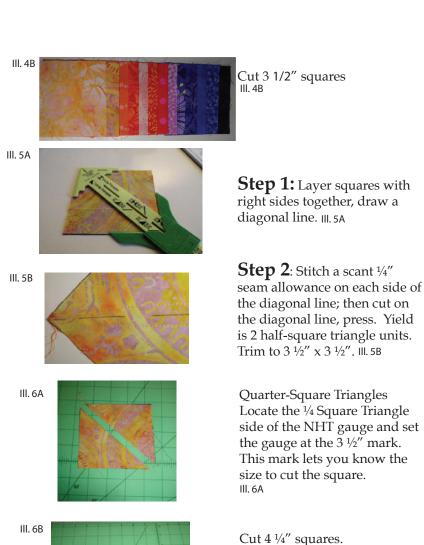


Change the look by using color placement to past emphasis where it is unexpected.



Prepare Half- & Quarter Square Triangle Units The No-Hassle Triangles Gauge has the formulas for making Half- & Quarter-Square Triangle and is a "spot-on" guide for the diagonal line. The finished size block for this little quilt is 9". Each of the four blocks is made up of nine 3 ½" square units. Half-Square Triangles

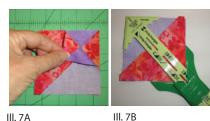
Adjust the NHT Gauge to $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " to see the size of the square to be cut. III. 4A



Locate the 1/4 Square Triangle side of the NHT gauge and set the gauge at the $3 \frac{1}{2}$ mark. This mark lets you know the size to cut the square.



Cut 4 1/4" squares. Follow Steps 1 & 2 for the Half-Square Triangle Units. III. 6B



Step 3: Trim Half-square triangles to 3 1/2" Layer the half- square triangle units so the seam allowance opposes. Move the guide to the 3 1/2" mark and draw a diagonal line. III. 7A, III. 7B

III. 8



III. 9







Step 4: Stitch a scant ¼" seam allowance on both sides of the diagonal line; then cut on the diagonal line, press. Yield is 2 quarter-square triangle units.*(III. 8)

*Note: This design requires cutting at the diagonal line before sewing as the units are paired with a half-square triangle or non-matching quarter square unit.(III. 9)

Sew

Follow illustration for shapes and color for each unit. Trim to $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $3 \frac{1}{2}$ ".

Assemble Units into Blocks by sewing into rows. Press seams in opposing directions; then sew rows together. Star Cut 2 center squares 3 ½ x 3 ½" (III. 10)

Make 2 Star Blocks Trim to 9 ½" x 9 ½" Card Trick Block (III. 11)

Make 2 Card Trick Blocks Trim to 9 ½" x 9 ½' Assemble top as shown.(III. 12)

Finish

Borders: Cut 2 strips each 2 ½" wide by the length of each side. Sew these 2 borders to the sides. Cut 1 strip 2 ½" wide by the length of the top including the 2 side borders, do the same for the bottom. Sew these borders to the top and bottom of the quilt. Backing & Batting: Cut the backing and batting approximately 2" larger than the top. Quilting: This little quilt is the perfect size to practice your machine quilting. Binding: Cut binding 2 ½" wide by the combined length of all sides of your quilt and add 6". Fold binding in half wrong sides together and sew on to quilt. Sign, Name, Date: So important to log this information.

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