

56 Marcella

As seen in *The Farmer's Wife 1930s Sampler Quilt* book by Laurie Aaron Hird

FMM60



From MARTI MICHELL Perfect Patchwork Templates Conversion Chart

For personal use in conjunction with the book and these From MARTI MICHELL Tools:

Perfect Patchwork Template Set A, Product #8251. Optional: 6½" Squaring Up Ruler, Product #8973

Marcella Template	56A	56B
is the same as FMM Template	Modified A-2	Modified 6½" square

Observe grainline arrows on template A-2.

Cutting

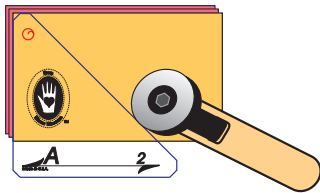
This is a very simple block. You could just use the paper patterns, cut 9 pieces and sew them together—but if you like getting more bang for the buck and enjoy learning template tricks, the following method is quite cool!

The 56A pattern on the CD in the book is a right triangle with a 2¼" finished leg. There is no From MARTI MICHELL right triangle template with a 2¼" leg, so we used this simple modification and encourage you to try it.

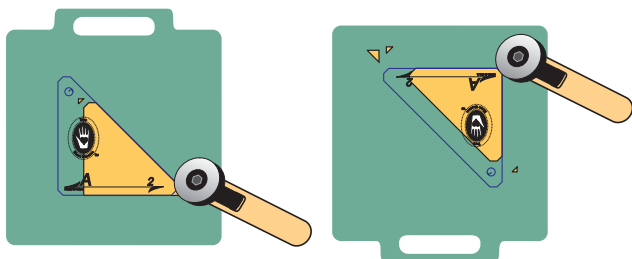
We know that a strip for Perfect Patchwork Templates would be ½" bigger than the size of the finished leg or, in this case, 2¾" wide.

Colors refer to colors of the block in the book.

1. Cut a strip 2¾" x 4" for the "gold" triangles and 2 strips the same size for the "pink" triangles.
2. Stack the 3 strips and true up the left end of the strip if you're right-handed or the right end if you're left-handed.
3. Working on a small or rotating mat, align the corner of the template at the top of the strip and one leg at the trued-up end, as shown.



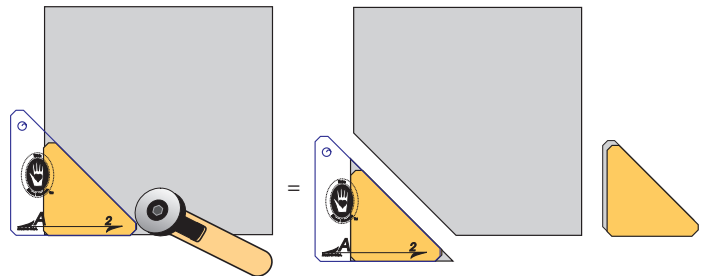
Move the template and rotate as needed to align and cut off the dog ears on all 3 corners.



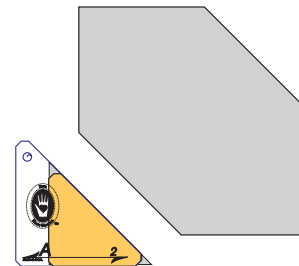
4. Rotate and repeat.

5. Cut a 6½" square for the "gray" pieces.

6. Align the edges of one of the "yellow" triangles right side down on one corner of the 6½" square. Place the A-2 template on top, as shown.



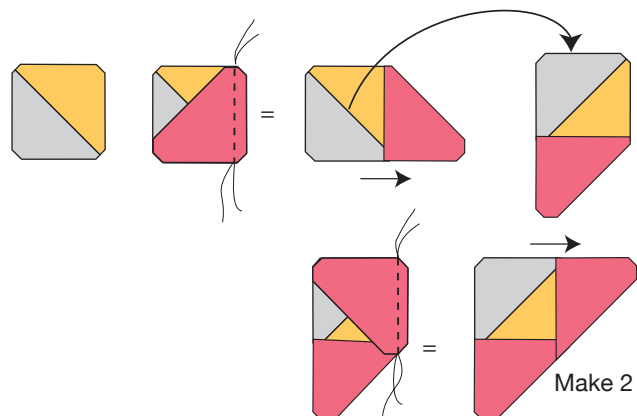
Cut the triangles. Don't separate the pieces, they are ready to chain piece. Trim the corners and repeat on the opposite corner.



The remaining part of the square is not yet the correct size for 56B, but the square corners of the block will be on straight grain.

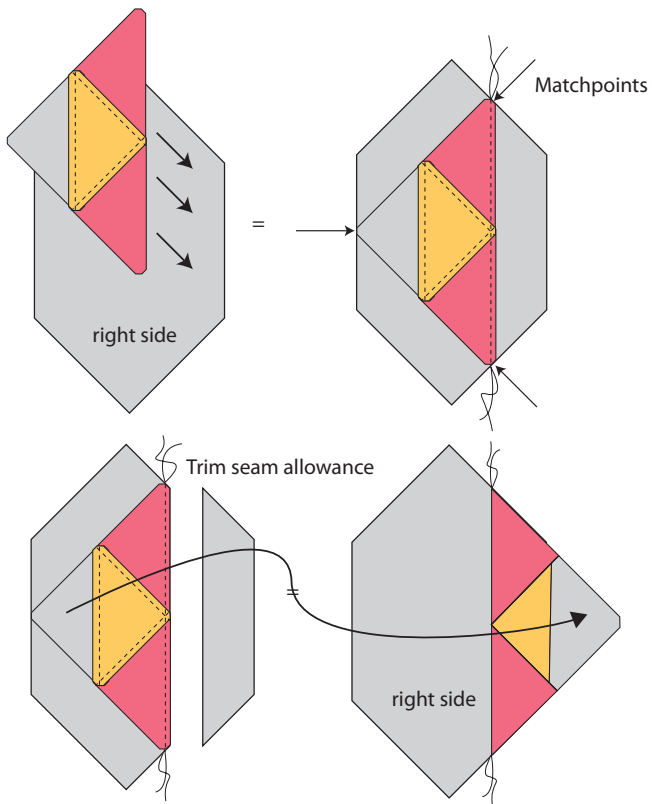
Making the Birds in the Air Units

1. Join the "gold" and corner triangles. Press toward the corner fabric.
2. Continue adding the additional triangles as shown. Make 2.



Completing the Block

1. Align the completed triangles (make sure corners are nubbed off so there are no dog ears). Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the triangle. Trim the seam allowance on the center piece to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press toward center piece.



2. Add the second triangle. Measure $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge of the block, as shown, to align the triangle correctly. Sew in place, trim the seam allowance on the center piece and press toward the center piece.

