

DIVINE DIAGONALS

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Finished top size: approx 66" x 66"
See last page for other sizes!

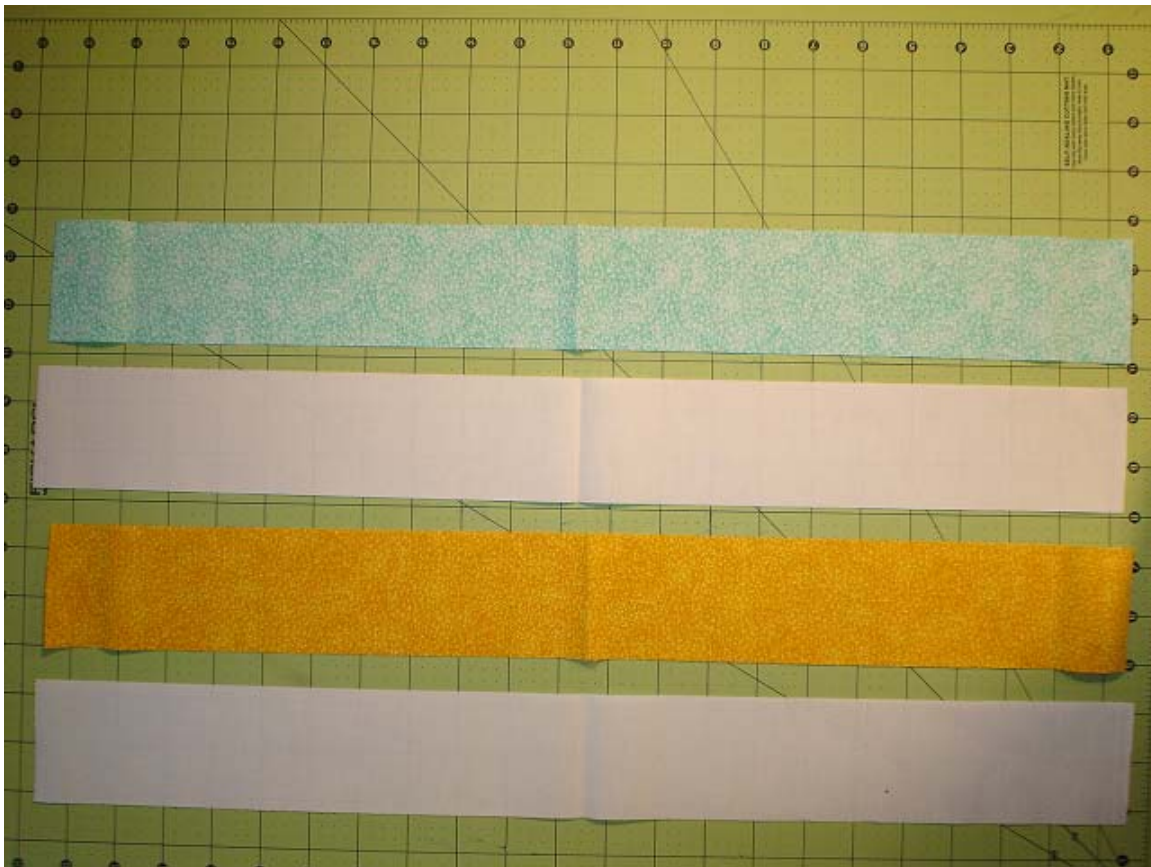
This very easy quilt pattern is suitable for brave beginners! All you need is a rotary cutter and rotary board with a 45 degree angle mark, a ruler and a sewing machine!

Supplies needed for throw size: 36 color strips, 36 white strips

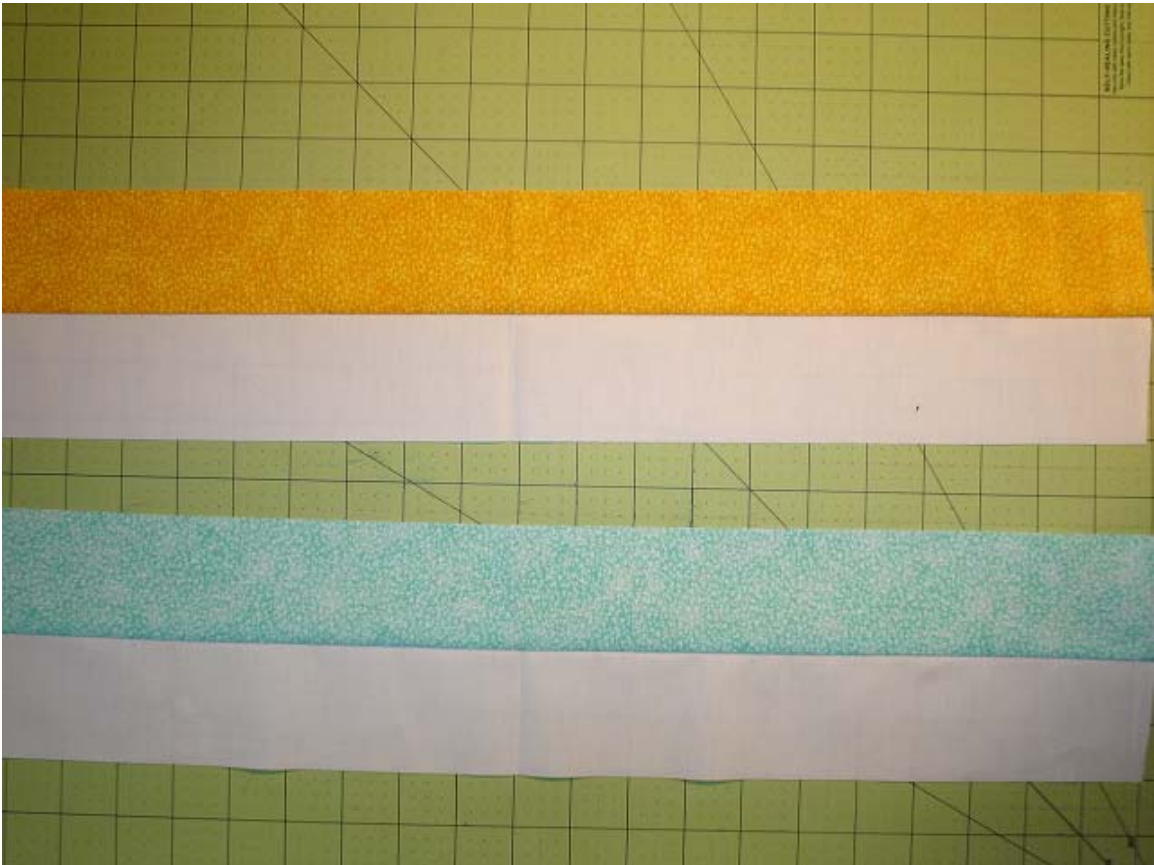
Layout: 12 blocks across, 12 blocks down, 144 blocks total

DIRECTIONS

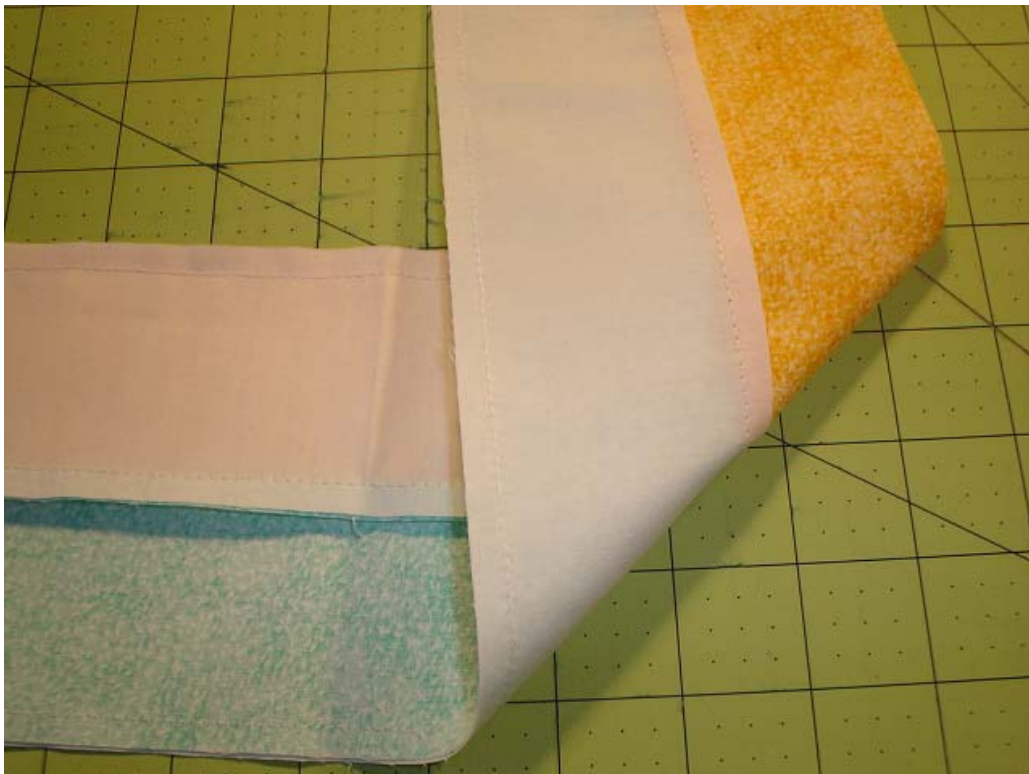
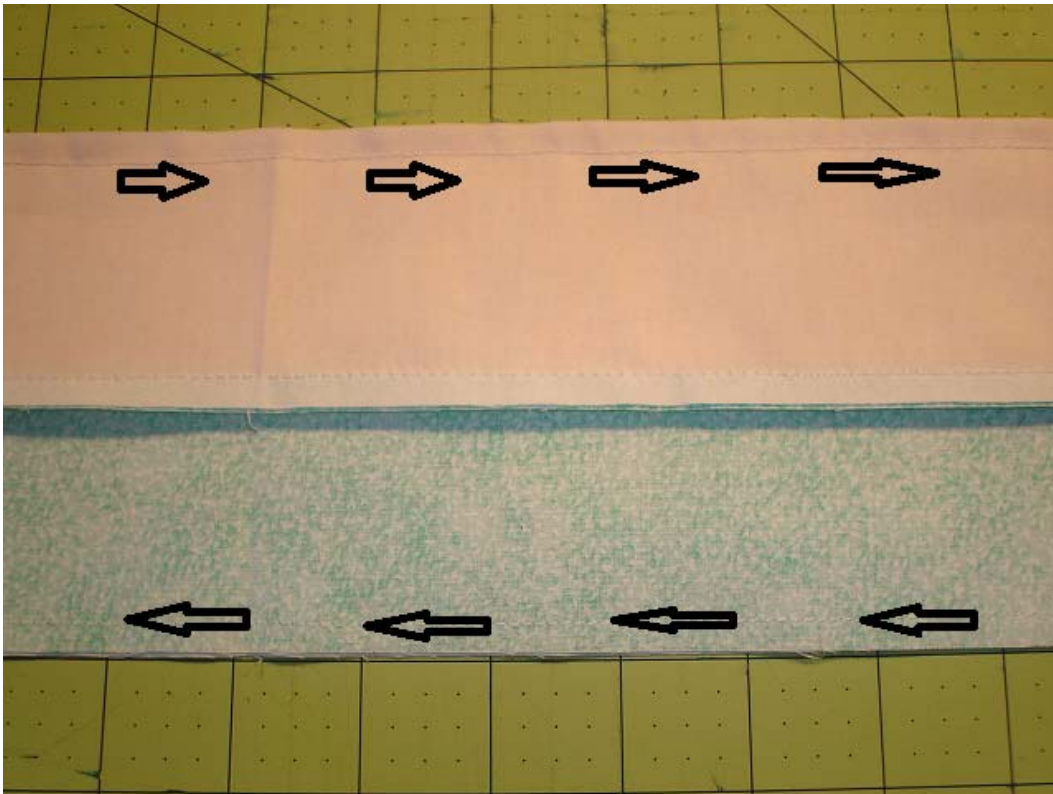
1. First, choose your fabrics. You'll be making blocks in sets of 4 strips: 2 whites, and 2 colors. Choose which 2 colors will go into each of your blocks. I'd recommending using a lighter/darker value for each pair (instead of a black and navy together, for example, choose a black and red, or navy and tan).



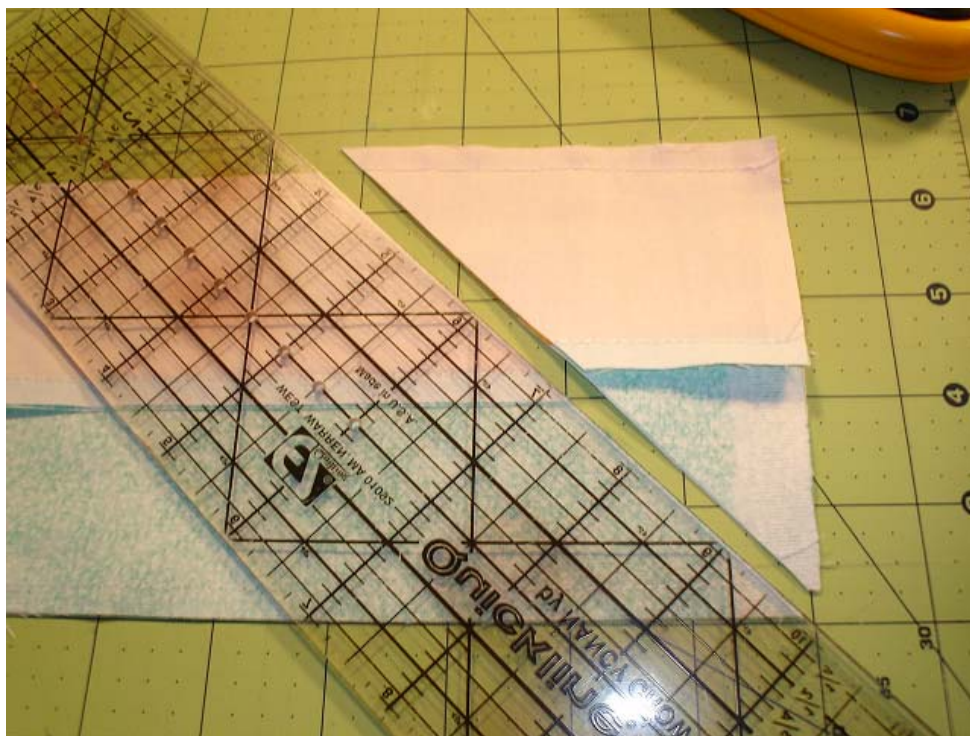
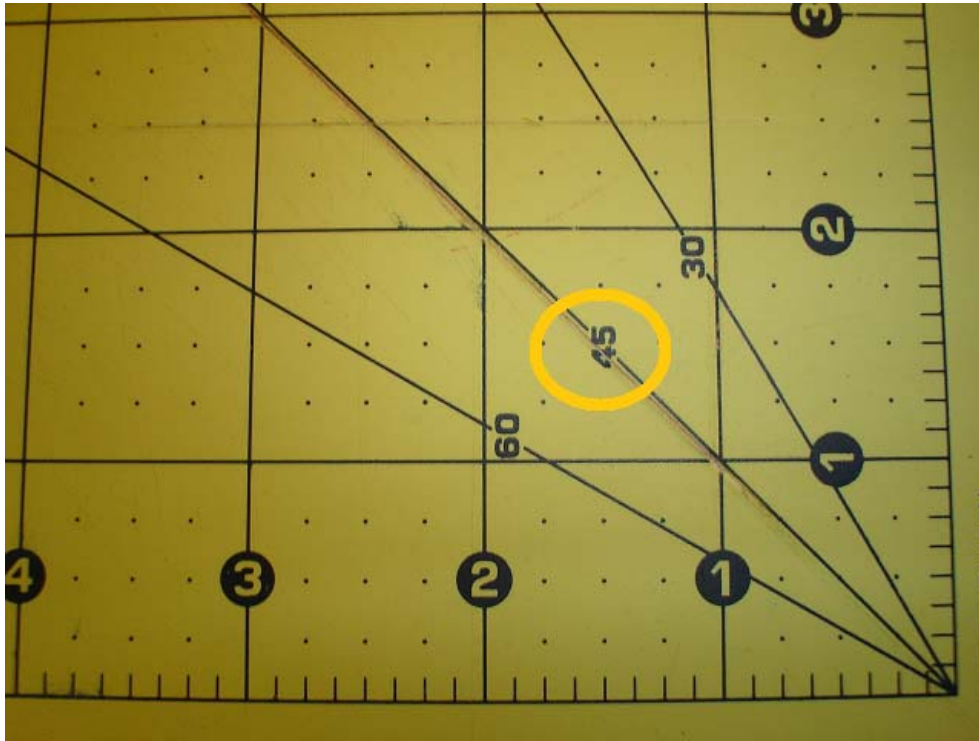
2. Sew your 4 fabrics into two pairs, one color each with one white. Press open toward the color.



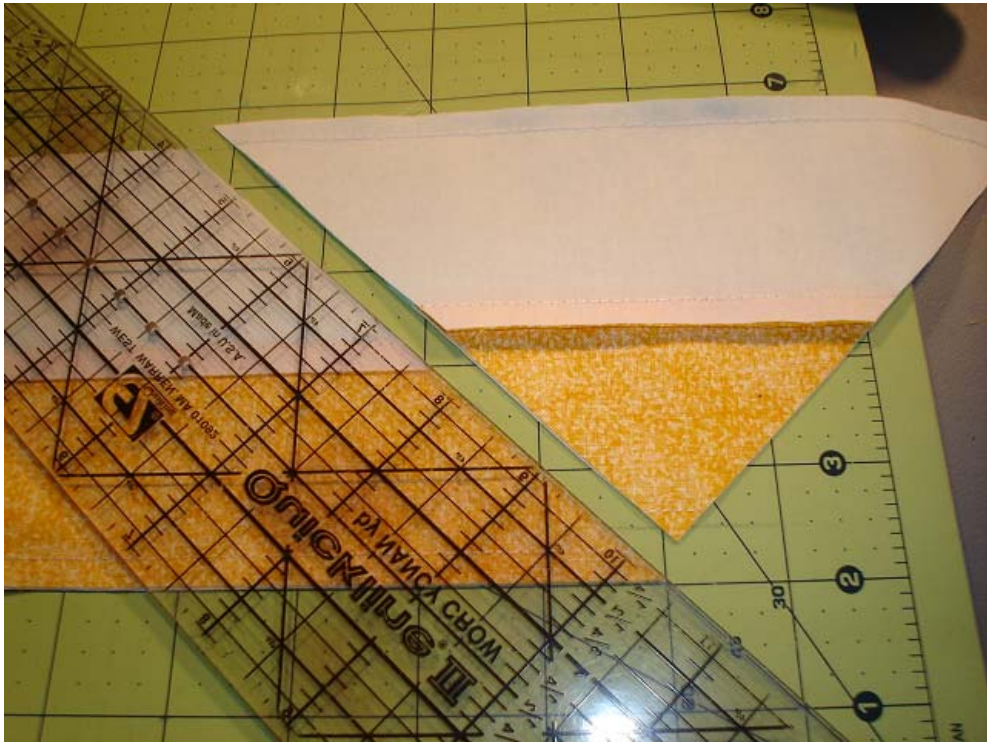
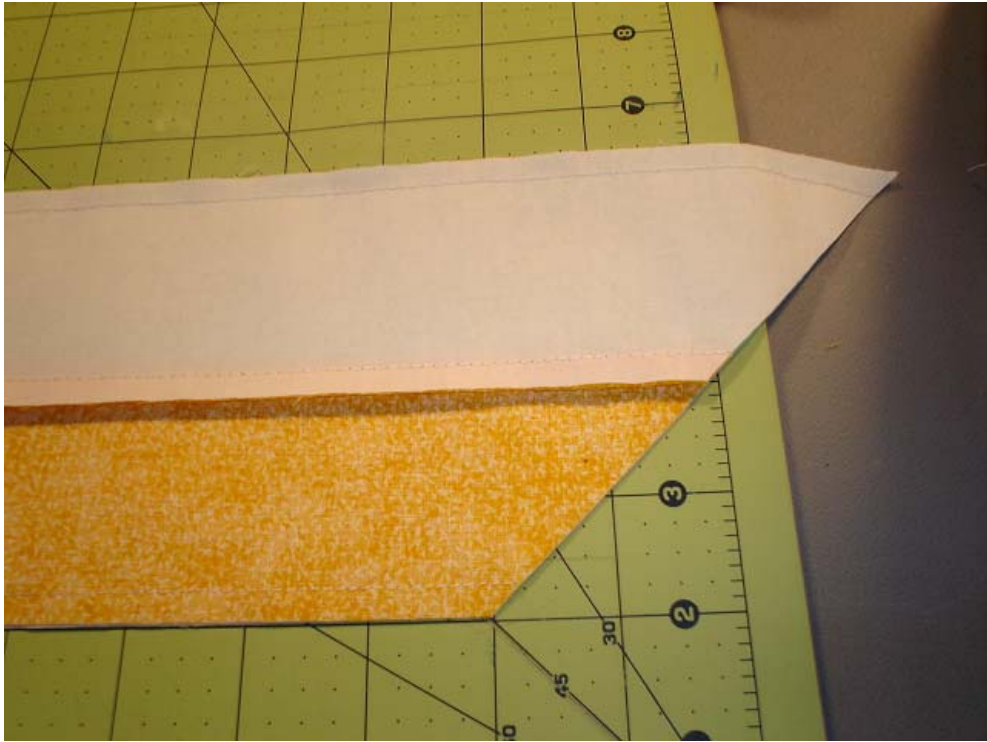
3. Sew your two pairs together, white to color, right sides together, down BOTH SIDES. (This will create a tube.)



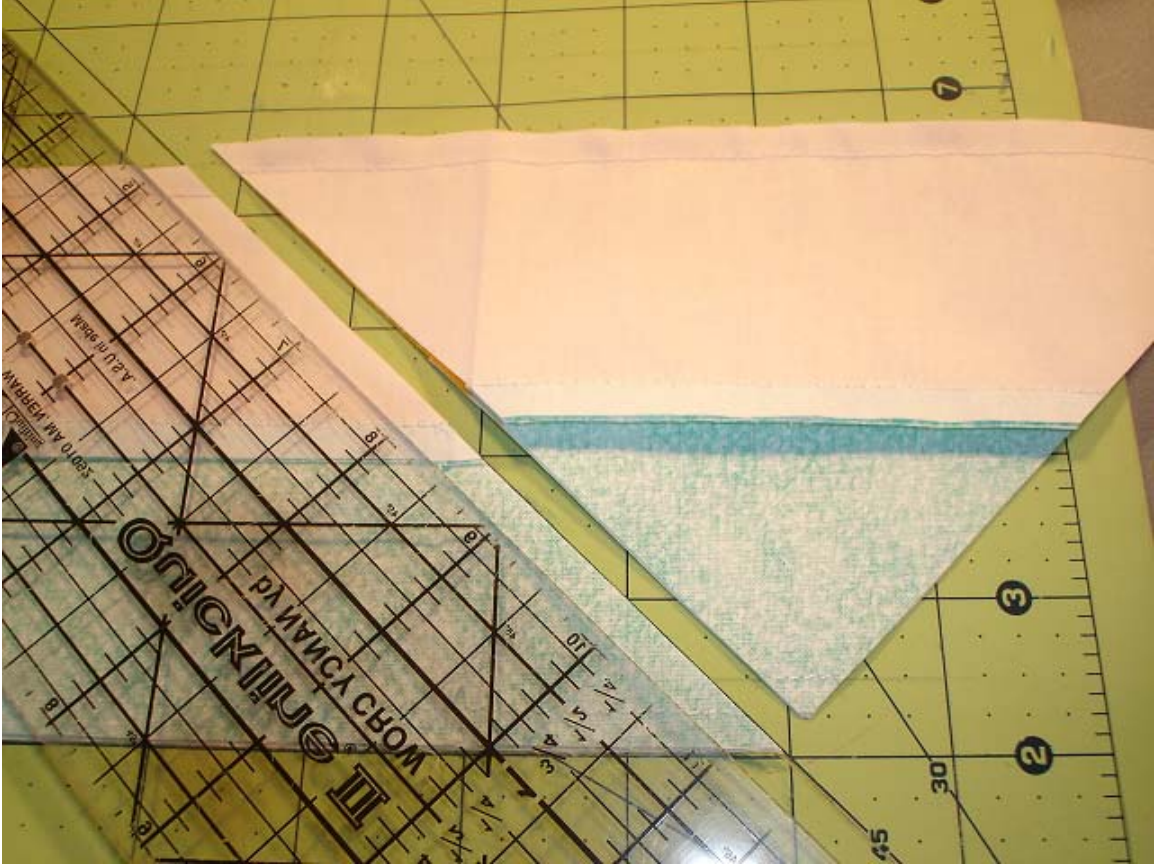
4. Line up the corner of your tube with a square on your rotary board that is divided by the 45 degree line. Cut along the 45 degree line. (What you cut off in this step is scrap/garbage).



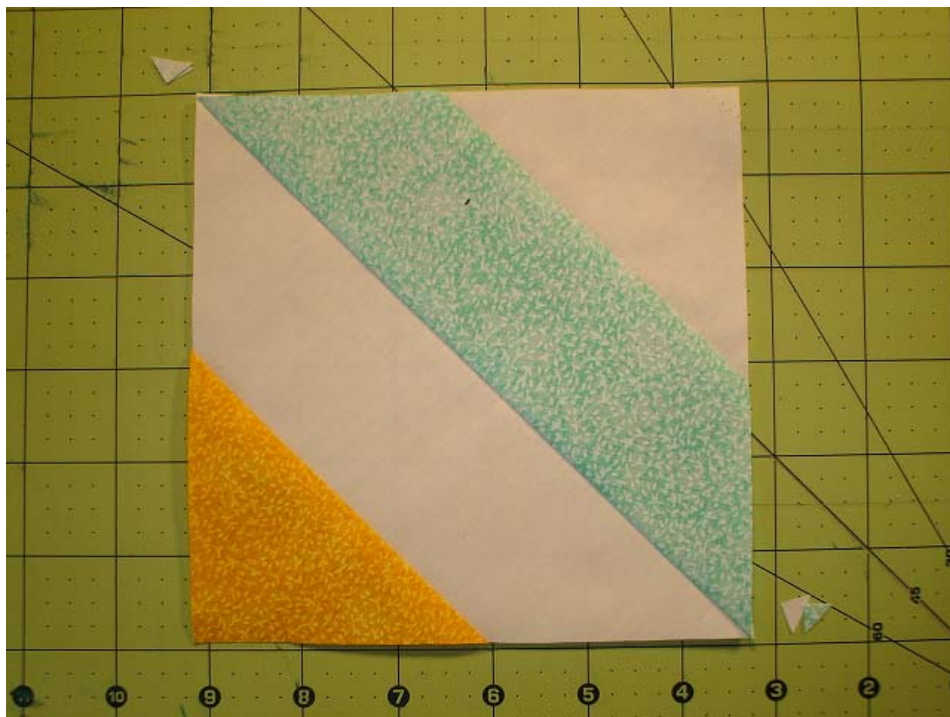
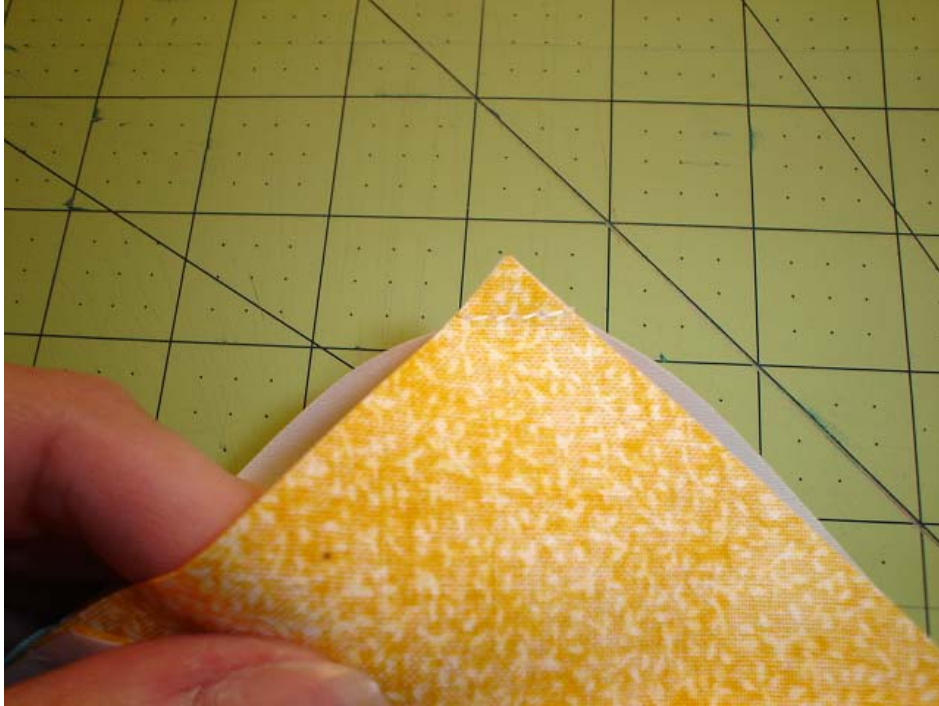
5. Flip your tube and line up the lower right corner again with the 45 degree line and cut. This will form your first square!



Continue to flip and cut until you have 8 squares. You may be able to cut a 9th square, depending on how long your strips are. That square can go in your orphan block stash!



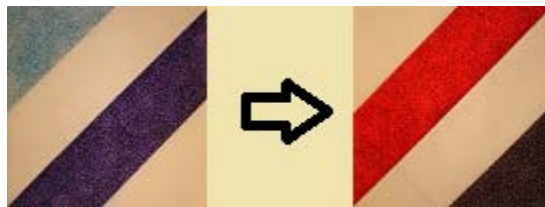
6. The corners of your squares will have stitching through them which will pull right out without a seam ripper. Press open your squares and trim the triangle edges.



Layout:

You will be making two different row layouts, each with an alternating block placement.

In row one, ALL OF YOUR BLOCKS WILL HAVE THE CORNER TRIANGLES POINTING UP/LEFT, and DOWN/RIGHT. You will start with a block that has a COLOR triangle in the upper left. The second block will have WHITE in the upper left. The third will go back to color in the upper left, the fourth, white in the upper left, and so on for however many blocks are in each row for your particular quilt size. Throw size will have 12 blocks in each row.



In row two, ALL OF YOUR BLOCKS WILL HAVE THE CORNER TRIANGLES POINTING UP/RIGHT, and DOWN/LEFT. You will start with a block that has WHITE in the upper right. The second block will have COLOR in the upper right. The third will go back to white in the upper right, the fourth, color in the upper right, and so on.



Continue alternating as in row one and row two for however many rows in your size quilt. Throw size will have 12 total rows.

My layout above uses 10 different blocks (yours may have more or less, depending on what size you're making and how many fabrics you want to use). I repeated the same sequence of 10 throughout the quilt. If you start with the block in the upper left and continue to the right and then down through the quilt, you'll see that every 10 blocks the pattern repeats. The only difference is how they are turned!

So in this picture, there are 12 blocks in the first row. My 10 different blocks are laid out and then the 11th block is back to block 1, the 12th is block 2, etc. The first block in the next row is block 3, just rotated differently.

The easiest way to figure out what sequence to put your blocks in is to lay out the first ten, and then swap around blocks until you find a nice color balance. Then just stick to that sequence throughout the rest of the quilt!

I CAN'T EMPHASIZE ENOUGH THAT THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO TRY ANYTHING TRICKY OR TIME SAVING! The smart thing to do is lay out ALL your blocks on the floor, and sew them together row by row checking frequently to make sure nothing is turned the wrong way! Otherwise you'll have a **hot date with the seam ripper!** Been there, done that, too many passport stamps from Seamripperland - take my advice and don't go there!!

OTHER SIZES (All supplies can be found at <http://jellyrollfabric.net>)

Baby: 64 blocks, 8x8 layout = Approx 44" x 44"

For Step 1: 8 sets of 4 strips

For Layout: Make 8 rows of 8 blocks

Supplies needed: 16 color strips, 16 white strips

Shopping List: (1) 20-strip color roll, (1) 20-strip white roll

Throw: 144 blocks, 12 x 12 layout = 66" x 66" (pictured above)

For Step 1: 18 sets of 4 strips

For Layout: Make 12 rows of 12 blocks

Supplies needed: 36 color strips, 36 white

Shopping List: (2) 20-strip color rolls, (2) 20-strip white rolls

Twin: 192 blocks, 12 x 16 layout = 66" x 88"

For Step 1: 24 sets of 4 strips

For Layout: Make 16 rows of 12 blocks

Supplies Needed: 48 color strips, 48 white

Shopping List: (3) 20-strip color rolls, (3) 20-strip white rolls

Full/Queen: 288 blocks, 16 x 18 layout = 88" x 99"

For Step 1: 36 sets of 4 strips

For Layout: Make 18 rows of 16 blocks

Supplies Needed: 72 color strips, 72 white

Shopping List: (4) 20-strip color rolls, (4) 20-strip white rolls

King: 400 blocks, 20 x 20 layout = 110" x 110"

For Step 1: 50 sets of 4 strips

For Layout: Make 20 rows of 20 blocks

Supplies Needed: 100 color strips, 100 white

King size layout would benefit from the use of many different fabrics.

Shopping List: (5) 20-strip color rolls, (5) 20-strip white rolls