

Calico Carriage Quilt Designs® Mystery Quilt

Finished quilt is 59" X 59" before quilting

This pattern is based on fabric with 40" of design between the selvages and Fat Quarters that are 18" X 22" cuts of fabric.

All seam allowances are 1/4"

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Fabric requirements:

The body of the quilt is made with 7 fat quarters and the background fabric. Good contrast between all the fat quarters and background will allow the design to pop. Large prints are acceptable as well as a mixture of large and small prints. Busy prints and florals work well. Directional prints will present a challenge and may not work as well. See the helpful hints section on the website for help with directional prints. Fabric requirements are generous to allow for cutting discrepancies.

7 Fat quarters for main design

Background 1 ¼ yards

First Border ½ yd

Outside border 1 ¾ yards

Binding ½ yd for contrast binding

Backing 4 yards

Organize Fat Quarters:

On "Sample Page" use scraps to label fabric #1 through #7 and B for background. See the Final Layout Diagram for the placement of fabrics in the finished quilt. The pieces from fabrics 1, 2, and 3 are larger than the pieces from fabrics 4, 5, 6, and 7. You may choose to use larger prints for fabric 1, 2, and 3.

Cutting Fat Quarters:

From Fat Quarters #1, #2, and #3 cut:

(2) 7 7/8" strips. Turn each strip and cut (2) 7 7/8" squares.

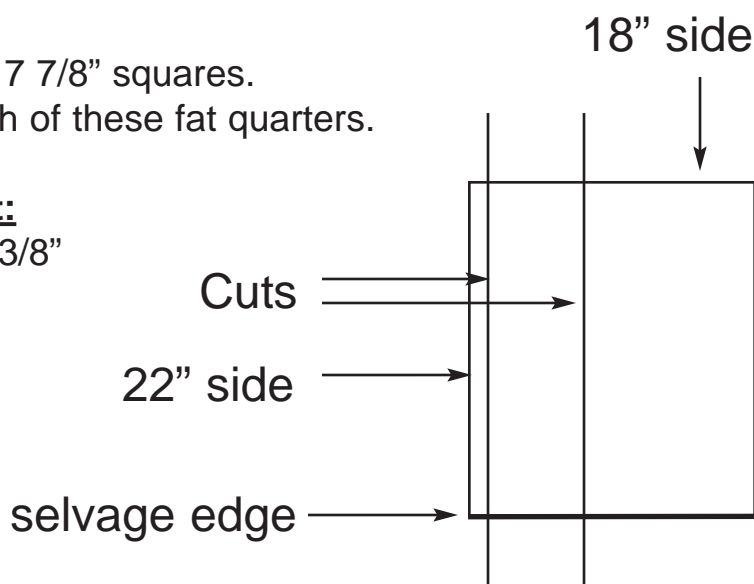
You will need (4) 7 7/8" squares from each of these fat quarters.

From Fat Quarters # 4, #5, #6, and #7 cut:

(1) 4 3/8" strip. Turn strip and cut into (4) 4 3/8" squares.

(1) 4" strip. Turn and cut into (4) 4" squares

When cutting the Fat Quarters have the selvage edge toward you and cut the strips parallel to the long side. See the example.



Cutting background fabric:

All background strips are cut the full width of fabric selvage edge to selvage edge.

From background fabric cut:

(2) 7 7/8" strips. Subcut each strip into (4) 7 7/8" squares.

You will need a total of (8) 7 7/8" squares.

(1) 4" strip. Subcut into (4) 4" squares.

(1) 7 1/2" strip. Subcut into (4) 7 1/2" squares.

(2) 4 3/8" strips. Subcut into (12) 4 3/8" squares.

Making Half Square Triangle Units:

To make half square triangle units for this quilt you will use two squares of fabric placed right sides together. See page 8 for details. To make the process easier, arrange the squares you have cut into piles by the numbers from your sample page. Pick squares from the appropriate piles to make the following combinations.

Using all of the Fat Quarter and background **7 7/8" squares** make the following combinations.

Two each of the following:

1+B 1+2 2+B

Four each of the following:

3+B

Using all of the Fat Quarter and background **4 3/8" squares** make the following combinations

Two each of the following:

5+B 6+B 5+6

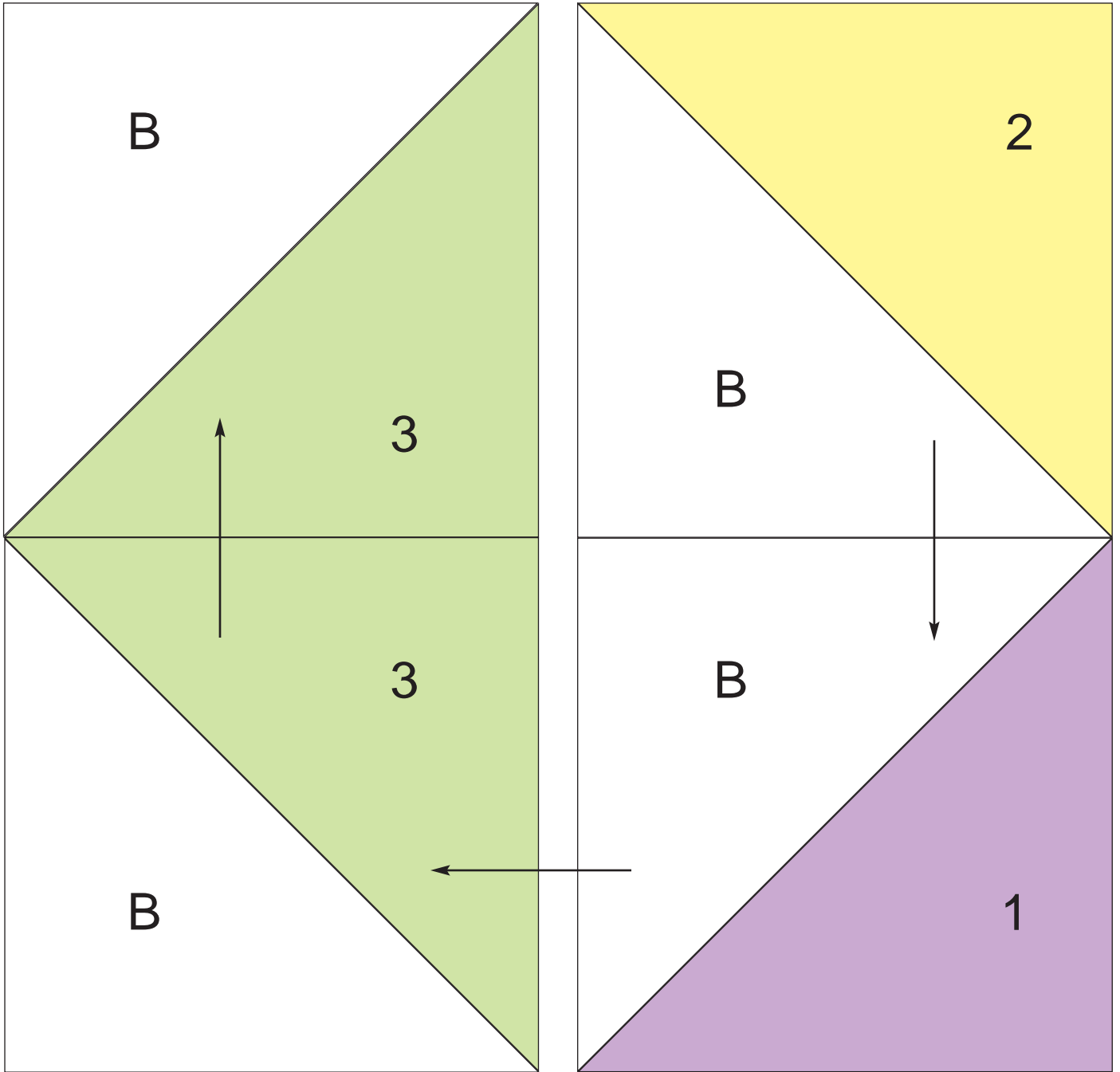
Four each of the following:

4+B 7+B

With each of the above combinations draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the lighter of the two fabrics. Place the squares right sides together and pin. Sew one quarter inch away on each side of the line. Cut on the drawn line and press the seams to the darker side. This is the half square triangle unit. Lay sections out according to each section diagram. Sew and press seams in the direction the arrows point. Using the "Final Layout Diagram", layout and sew the center of the quilt.

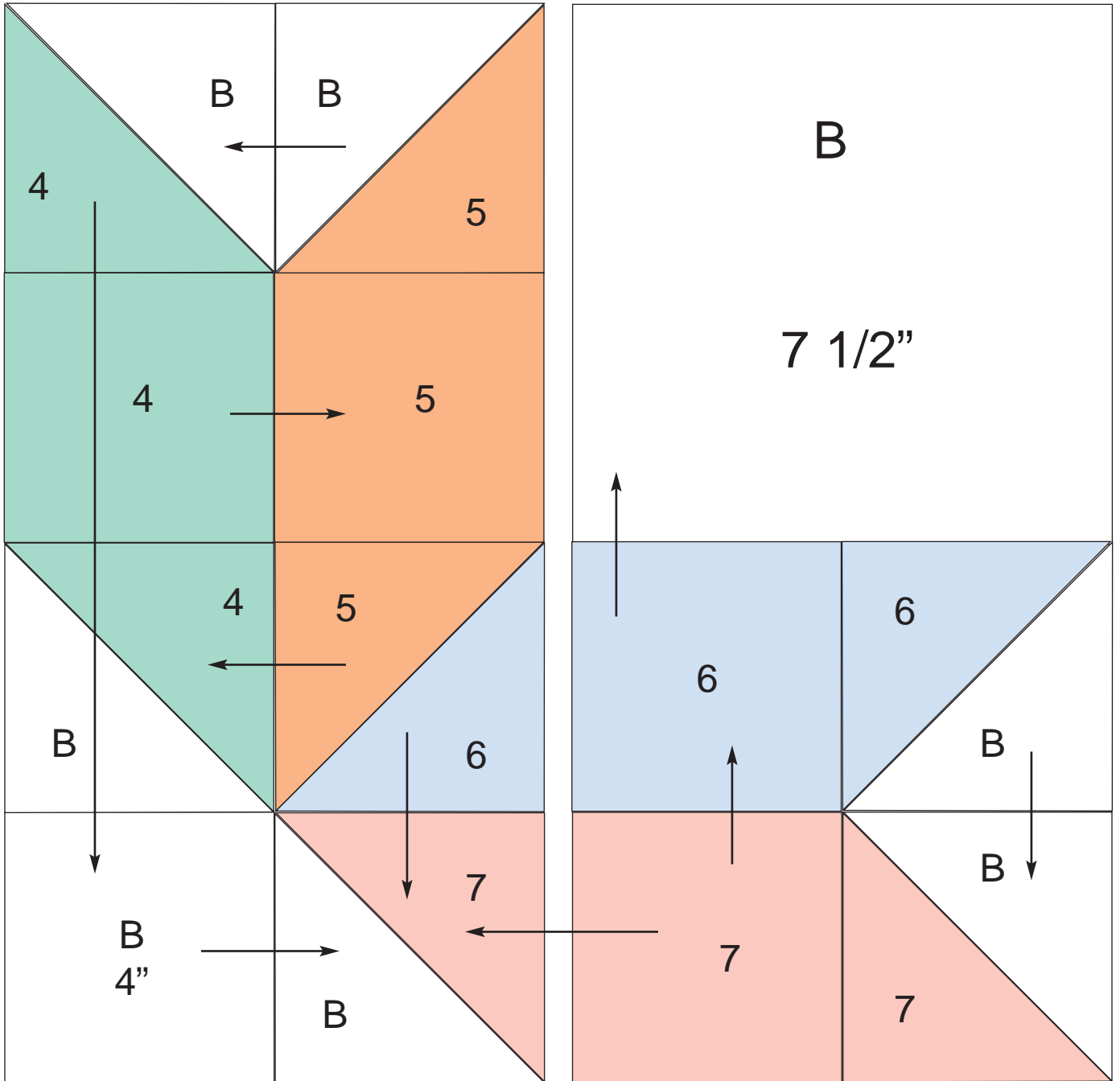
Section One:

Use large half square triangle units to make **four** sections like this.
The arrows indicate the pressing directions.



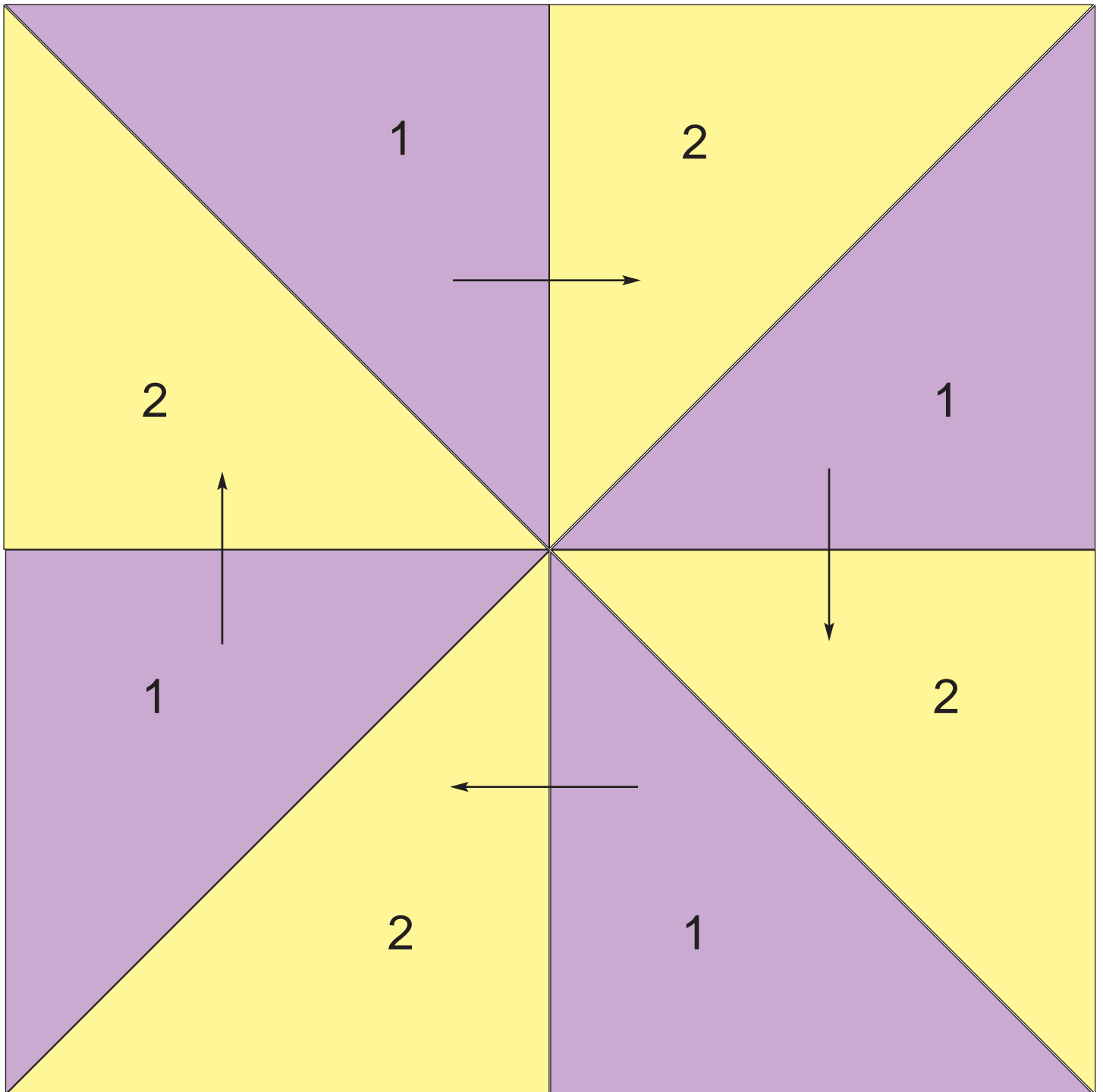
Section Two:

Use large and small squares and half square triangle units to make **four** sections like this. The arrows indicate the pressing directions.



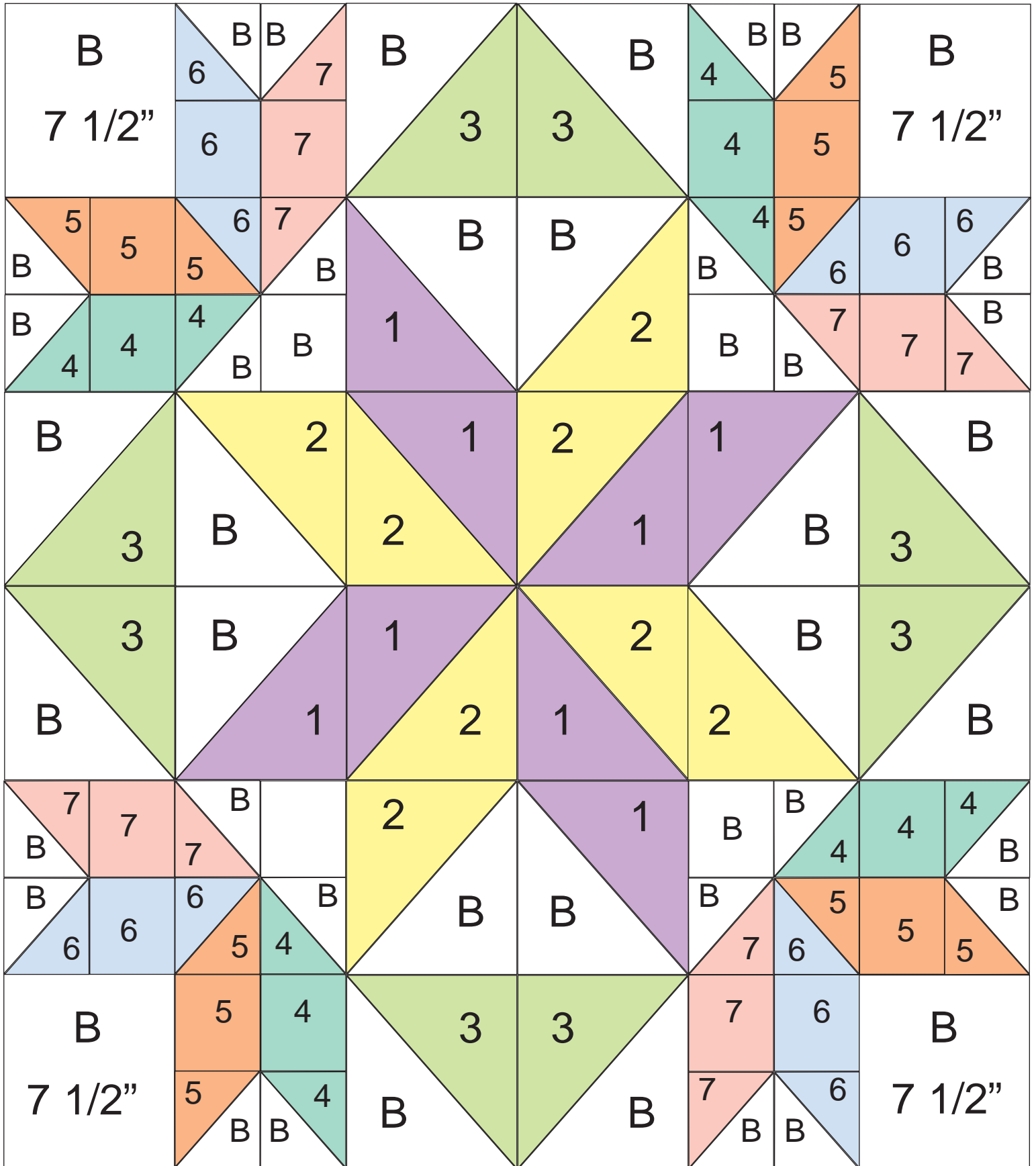
Section Three:

Use large half square triangle units to make **one** section like this.
The arrows indicate the pressing directions.



Mystery Quilt Final Layout Diagram:

Use sections one, two and three to layout the quilt center. Pay close attention to the direction each section is turned before sewing sections together.



First border:

Cut (5) 3" wide strips **selvage to selvage**. Cut one strip into four equal pieces. Sew one short strip to each long strip to make four border pieces. Measure center of quilt from top edge to bottom edge, cut two border pieces that size and sew to left and right sides of quilt. Press seams toward borders. Measure center of quilt from border edge to border edge. Cut remaining border strips that size and sew to top and bottom of quilt. Press seams toward borders.

Outside Border:

Cut (4) 6 1/2" strips **lengthwise grain parallel to selvage** from entire length of outside border fabric. Measure and sew these to quilt as described in first border directions.

Please visit your local quilt shop for help with quilting and binding your quilt.

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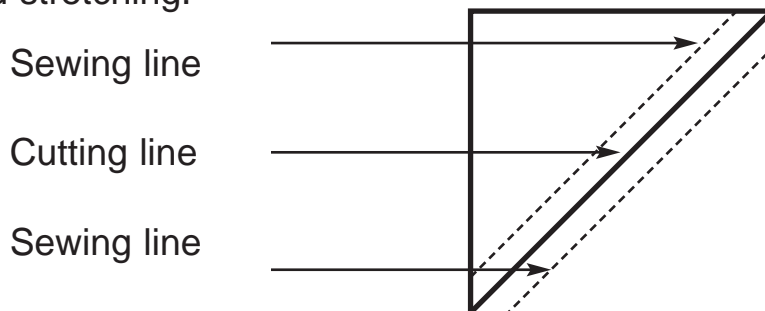
Making Half Square Triangle Units step by step

To make half square triangle units for this quilt you will use two squares of fabric placed right sides together. To make the process easier, arrange the squares you have cut into piles determined by the numbers from your sample page. Pick squares from the piles to make the appropriate combinations.

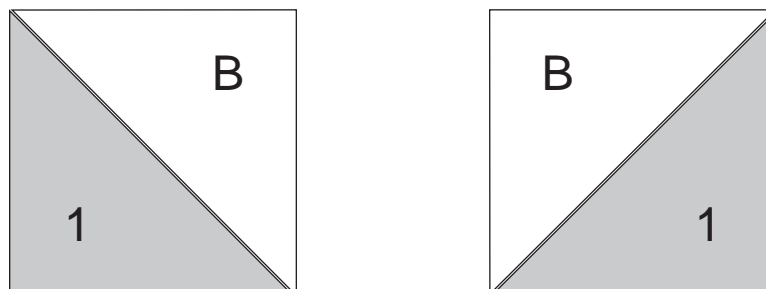
The example shown uses one square of fabric #1 and one square of background fabric to make two half square triangle units.



Choose the lighter of the two fabrics and draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the wrong side of the fabric. Place the two squares right sides together. Sew 1/4" away from the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line. Press seams to the dark. When drawing the line on each square it is helpful to place the square of fabric right side down on a piece of fine sandpaper. The sandpaper holds the fabric and keeps it from slipping and stretching.



Results in two half square triangle units



Sample Page

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 B

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Completed Mystery Quilt



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