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QUILTS & PATTERNS

PLAYGROUND SKILLBUILDER

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TEMPLATE HALF RECTANGLES

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In the interest of finishing the pattern we'll be taking a few shortcuts. These half rectangles have peculiar math which cause them to not behave in the typical way you see half rectangles explained in other online tutorials. The final block of three half rectangles should be 15.5 inches wide by 20.5 inches tall before it is sewn into the quilt. Technically each block should be 7.1667 inches tall by 15.5 inches wide. This works out to a smidge larger than 7 1/8th. It is simply easier to use a template versus deal with the weird math. The plus side is you get experience with templates! Fabric is pliable and we can make it work, at least that is always my attitude when piecing.

COLOR GUIDE

CUTTING CHART

C2	C3	C4	C6
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(1) TEMPLATE	(1) TEMPLATE	(1) TEMPLATE	(3) TEMPLATE

CUTTING INSTRUCTION

Print the template at actual size or 100% per your printers instructions. There is a one inch print test square to check your printer's accuracy. Rotate the tip of the wedge and tape it at the solid straight line to the other solid straight line of the bottom piece. Use it to cut out your units. Right side of the fabric should face you with the template on top of it.

If you haven't used templates before or are unsure of how steady you can be with a ruler and rotary cutter directly I recommend tracing the wedge template onto your fabric and then using your traced lines to cut it out with your ruler and rotary cutter. Make sure to notch the bottom corner to help you line up your units when you piece.

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PIECING INSTRUCTION

We are going to use the C4-C6 colorway as the example but all of the half rectangles are pieced in the same way.

1. Lay out your units as they should look when finished with C4 on the bottom and C6 on the top.

2. Rotate the units so that the seam you are sewing is the same way it will be going through your machine.

3. Flip the teal unit along the seam line so the right sides of the fabric are together.

4. Use the notched corner to line up your wedges. A small piece will hang out at exactly the 1/4 inch seam line. Sew 1/4 inch from one corner to the other corner.

5. Press as desired. Note the two narrow corners will not be points. They should be approximately 1/4 inch so they can be sewn into the quilt and leave perfect points. The individual block should measure approximately 7 ⅛ x 15 ½ inches wide. (Don't go crazy if it isn't a perfect 7 ⅛, we'll square the block up next.)

6. Repeat the previous steps for the other two half rectangles. Sew them together as seen above with a 1/4 inch seam allowance and then trim your final block to 15 ½" wide by 20 ½" tall.

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Your template should look like the diagram below once taped.

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