

String Diamond Charity Quilt

Special thanks to the Ladies of the Quiltessa's quilt group for being pattern testers, head scratchers, and aha moment makers, while sewing "ugly strings" into wonderful charity quilts.

Supplies:

Again I used the 12"X18" sketch pad from OLLIE'S

Rotary cutter

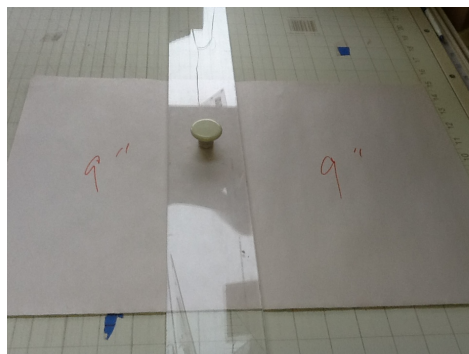
Ruler

Scissors and lots of strings

1 ¼ yards of a "constant" fabric cut into 18 – 2 ½" strips

***** With Loretta Bedias help I have cut kits for 5 quilts that contain the constant strips and papers. Just ask me if you would like one to try. If you need strings just let me know.

***** TIP – use a smaller stitch length when sewing this pattern. It keeps the edges together better after trimming. Use a 3/8" seam allowance as the quilts are washed often. (side of pressure foot)**
First: Cut 18 pages from the sketchpad into 9" X 12" sections.



I pull and cut 8 pages at a time

Cut: 18 – 2 ½” strips from the same fabric to use as your “constant”. This will help visually to give the quilt some unity and outline the diamonds.

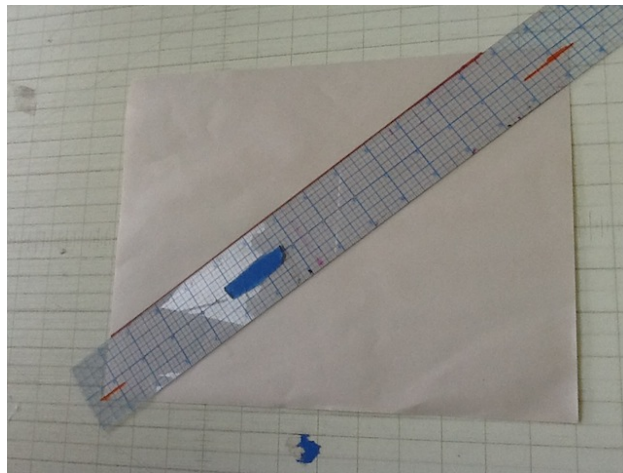


Recut strips into 36 - 17” lengths

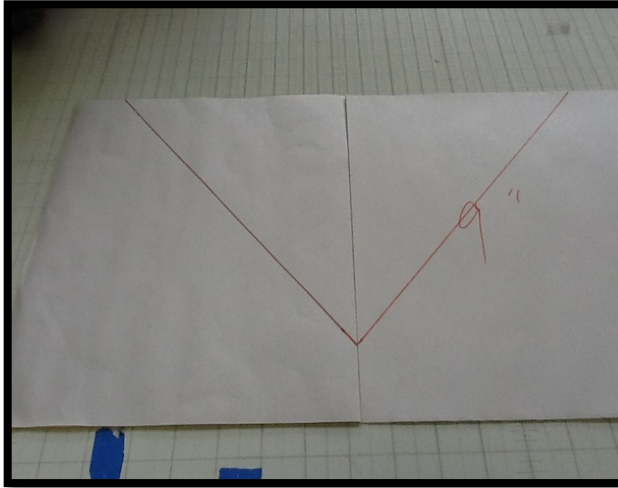
****This next part is tricky but easy, just go slow and think it thru

You need to Mark a guideline for your center strip on the paper. Your strip is 2 ½”. One half is 1 ¼” inches.

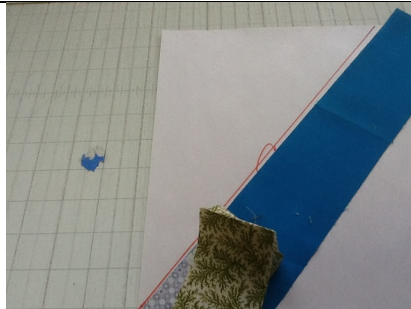

Take the 1 ¼” mark on your ruler and line it up corner to corner. Draw a guide line.

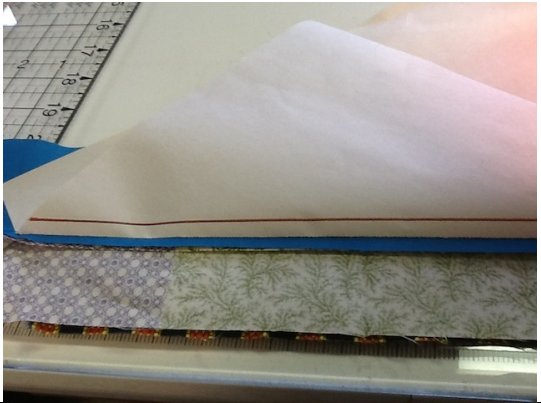



Tip – draw a line corner to corner then measure 1 ¼” from centerline.

<p>Your block is made with 4 papers and you must have mirror images. It is important to draw your lines in both directions.</p> <p>(You should have two set that look like this)</p>	
	<p>Lay your papers out to check if you have them correct.</p>

Ready to sew!

<p>Lay your constant strip edge along your drawn line right side up.</p>	
<p>Place a string right side down and sew, keep them beside your drawn line.</p>	
<p>Finger press open.</p>	

<p>Lay your next strip down but before you sew fold back the paper. This saves you from having to tear out lots of paper.</p>	
<p>Continue sewing strips until the paper rectangle is covered.</p>	
<p>Large triangles are great for covering the two corners.</p>	
	<p>(I have included some with each kit)</p>
<p>Press strips until flat. You can even use a little starch.</p>	

Turn rectangle over and trim excess fabric with rotary cutter and ruler right next to the paper. It should measure 9" x 12"



Remove papers and sew the blocks together.



Quilt layout is 9 Diamond blocks set 3 X 3