

Jinny's Method for Framing a Rectangular Quilt with a Border Print

Because *Mardi Gras* is rectangular, the side border print strips must be pieced to ensure perfectly matching motifs in the border corners, as on the featured quilt. Here are Jinny's step-by-step instructions for cutting and piecing the strips.

1. Place one 2" x 60" inner border strip across the middle of the quilt, centering a mirror-image motif from the border print at the exact center of the quilt (**Figure 1**). Using a right-angle, 45° triangle to mark miter along one end of the strip, positioning triangle at edge of quilt as indicated (see arrow in diagram) to ensure that the seam allowance is included. Mark, then cut the miter (make sure miters are exact mirror-images).
2. Carefully pick up the mitered edge of the border strip and bring it over to the other end of the border strip at the opposite side of the quilt. Position it at the precise point where the miter will be, making sure the fabric design matches. Cut the second miter.
3. Using this first mitered strip as a pattern, place it on the remaining 60" inner border strip, matching the design exactly, and cut an identical strip. Reserve these two strips for the top and bottom inner borders.

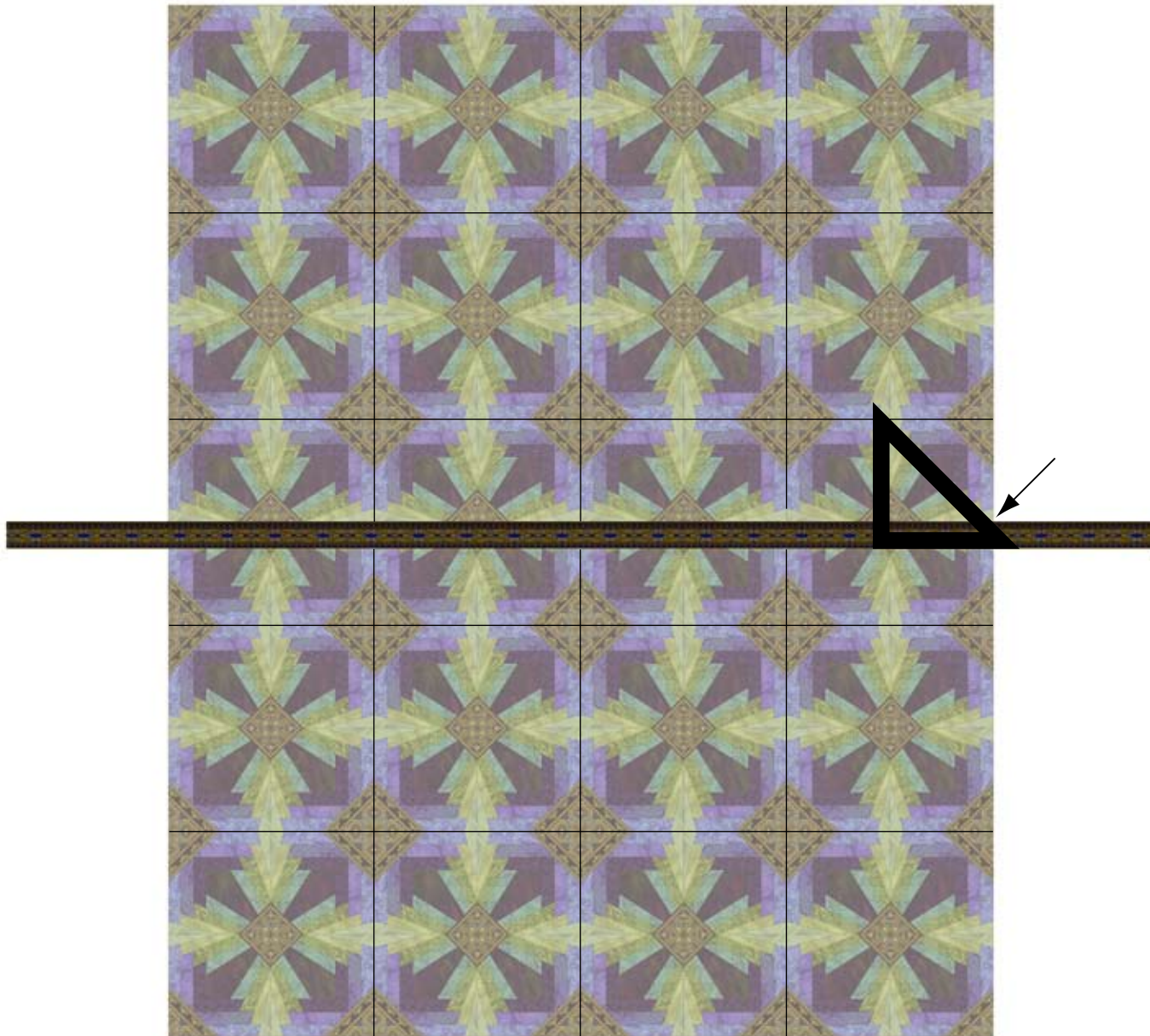


Figure 1 – Cut Top & Bottom Inner Border Strips