

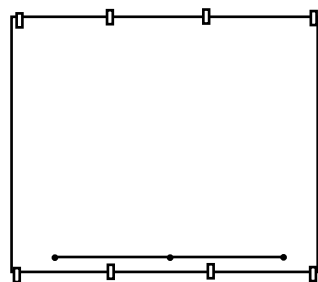
Blocking Guide

A blocking guide can be a great tool for accuracy with piecing that involves bias edges.

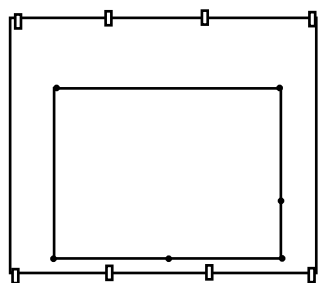
To create blocking guides for this quilt, follow the instructions below.

Press 1 1/2 yards muslin. Lay on large table surface and tape with masking tape to secure. Do not stretch or distort the fabric.

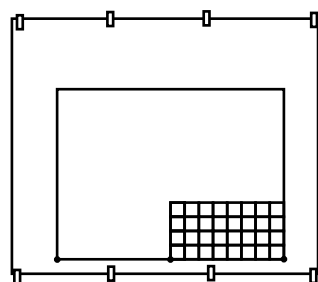
1" from bottom edge, draw a straight line 40" long with an indelible pen. Mark a dot at the ends of this line and directly in the center. This will be referred to as a baseline.



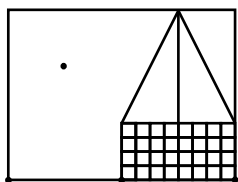
Use a large square, and draw a line perpendicular to the first line, approximately 1" from the right edge of the fabric upward 30". Mark a dot 10" from the corner and at the end of the 30" line. (Do not use the fabric edges for reference, as they may not be square!).



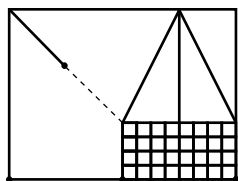
Draw another 30" line perpendicular to the left hand edge of the baseline, and mark a dot at 30". The distance between the two top dots should be 40", and the corners should be square.



Create an accurate 20" wide x 10" tall rectangle aligned with the bottom left corner. Mark dots along the edges every 2 1/2". If connected, these create a grid.



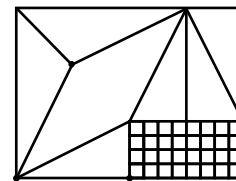
Extend the middle line in this grid upward an accurate 20" (will align with top line) and mark a dot. Connect each corner of the grid to that dot to make a triangle.



Make a pencil line from the corner of the grid to the upper left corner of the large rectangle. This will be referred to as the diagonal.

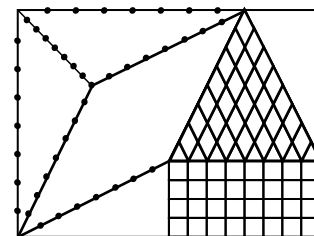
Measure 10" in and 10" down from the upper left corner of the large rectangle. Put a dot at this mark, (it will align with the diagonal). Darken the portion of this line from the dot to the outer corner with your marker.

Connect this dot with the top of the triangle, and with the lower left corner of your guide.



Next, draw a line from the dot on the lower left corner of the guide to the upper left corner of the square grid to complete the diamond.

From the upper left hand corner of the large rectangle, place a dot every 3 3/4" along both the top and left sides. This will divide the sections between the tip of the large diamond and the outer corner into 8 even sections.



Use the length of Guide A to mark dots along all four sides of the diamond shape (Section 4 and 5).

Guide A

Mark a dot every 1 3/4" along the diagonal as shown.

Add 1/4" seam allowance around the triangle, diamond, and upper corner triangles (Sections 6 and 9) with a mechanical pencil.

Pin this guide to your pressing surface (the section you are blocking, the rest can extend off the ironing surface). Carefully pin the sewn triangles or diamonds over it, aligning all edges to the seam allowance markings. Place a pin through the seams 1/4" from the edges, matching to the dots on the guide. You may want to lightly mist this unit with water or spray starch, and again press. If your triangle does not match this guide, make corrections prior to continuing. Repeat the blocking process with every unit.