

PAPER DOLLS SEW-ALONG—FINISHING

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- ♦ *I've used (2) different soft white background fabrics for visual interest.*
- ♦ *If your quarter-square triangle blocks are turning out too small simply cut the base squares to measure 4 1/2in, then trim the finished blocks evenly on all sides to measure 3 1/2in when done.*

Cutting Instructions

- 1. From the solid soft white fabric, cut:**
 - ♦ (3) strips, 4 1/4in x WOF. Crosscut (21) 4 1/4in squares for the final border.
- 2. From the soft white print fabric, cut:**
 - ♦ (3) strips, 4 1/4in x WOF. Crosscut (21) 4 1/4in squares for the final border.
- 3. From the assorted coloured fabrics, cut:**
 - ♦ (8) 1 7/8in x 2 3/4in rectangles,
 - ♦ (28) 1 7/8in x 8in rectangles, and
 - ♦ (40) 1 5/8in x 6 1/4in rectangles for the first border.
 - ♦ (42) 4 1/4in squares for the final border.
- 4. From the fabric you have chosen for the binding, cut:**
 - ♦ (7) strips, 2 1/4in x WOF.
- 5. From the backing fabric cut (2) pieces approximately 75 1/2in long. Remove the selvedge.**

How to Finish the Quilt

1. The quilt is made up of (5) rows each with (7) blocks. Use the photograph as a guide to lay out all of the blocks on a flat surface. When you are happy with the placement of the blocks, sew them together in horizontal rows. Press the seams in each row in opposite directions.

Pin and then sew the (5) rows together, carefully matching the seams to make the centre of the quilt. Press the seams downwards.
2. Fuse the (3) balloons and (2) hand-held flowers to the quilt, overlapping the seams where indicated and if necessary. Stitch as before. Backstitch the balloon strings using contrasting thread.
3. Sew (10) 1 5/8in x 6 1/4in rectangles together end to end to make a long strip. Repeat to make (4). Press well.
4. Use Diagram 1 as a guide to pin and then sew the strips together in pairs, carefully matching the seams, to make a long border strip. Repeat to make (2).
5. Pin and then sew them to the left and right-hand sides of the quilt, carefully matching the seams. Press the seams inwards.

Diagram 1 ▼



6. Use Diagram 2 as a guide to pin and then sew (2) 1 7/8in x 2 3/4in rectangles and (7) 1 7/8in x 8in rectangles together end to end to make a long strip. Repeat to make (4).

Diagram 2 ▼



7. Use Diagram 3 as a guide to pin and then sew the strips together in pairs, carefully matching the seams, to make a long border strip. Repeat to make (2).
8. Pin and then sew them to the top and bottom of the quilt carefully matching the seams. Press the seams inwards.

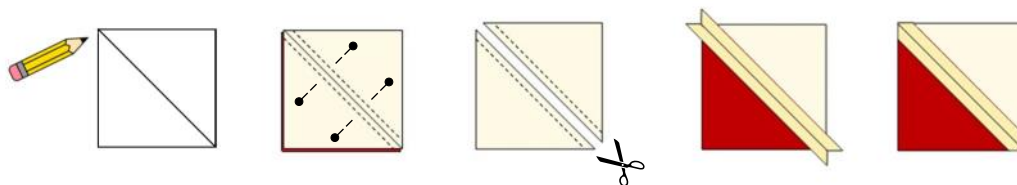
Diagram 3 ▼



9. Sort the 4 1/4in white and coloured squares you have cut for the border into (42) pairs—(1) soft white and (1) coloured square per pair.
10. Select a pair to begin. Use a sharp pencil or erasable pen to draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of (1) 4 1/4in square.

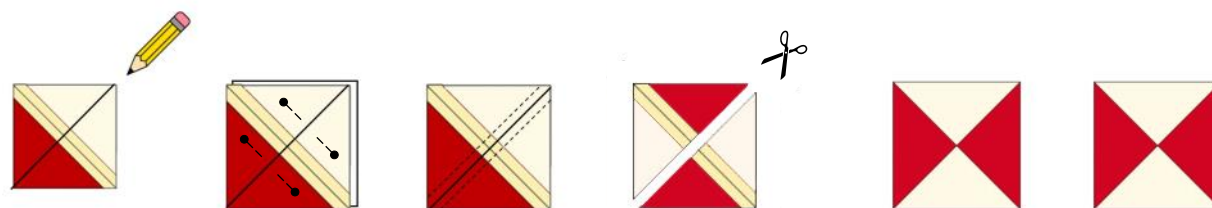
Place the (2) contrasting squares together with right sides facing. Pin. Sew a scant 1/4in seam either side of the drawn diagonal line. Cut the unit in half along the drawn line to give (2) half-square triangle units. Press the seams open and trim the tails.

Diagram 4 ▶



11. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of one half-square triangle unit. Diagram 5. Place the (2) half-square triangle units together with right sides facing, making sure that the seams match. Pin.
12. Sew a scant 1/4in seam either side of the drawn diagonal line as before. Press, then cut the unit in half along the drawn line to give (2) quarter-square triangle units. Press the seam open.
13. Trim the (2) quarter-square triangle units evenly on all sides, if necessary, to measure 3 1/2in square. Take care to align the diagonals of the seams with the diagonals on your ruler. Repeat to make a total of (84) 3 1/2in quarter-square triangle blocks.

Diagram 5 ▶



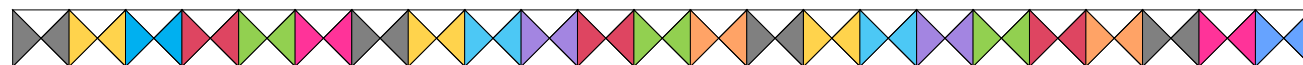
14. Pin and then sew (19) quarter-square triangle blocks together end to end to make a long border strip. Repeat to make (2).
Pin and then sew them to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press the seams inwards.

Diagram 6 ▼



15. Pin and then sew (23) quarter-square triangle blocks together end to end to make a long border strip. Repeat to make (2).
Pin and then sew them to the left and right-hand sides of the quilt. Press the seams inwards.

Diagram 7 ▼



16. Sew the (2) pieces of backing fabric together along the long edges. Press the seams open, then trim to make a piece measuring approx. 69 1/2in x 75 1/2in.
17. Press the quilt top well. Layer the backing, wadding (batting) and quilt top, then baste them together using your favourite method. Start quilting from the centre and work your way out to the edges.
18. Sew buttons to the character's faces for eyes where indicated on the pattern template (*optional*). Sew the buttons in place through all thicknesses of the quilt using strong thread. Knot securely.
19. Sew the (7) 2 1/4in orange binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Trim the seams to 1/4in and press them open. Fold the binding strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides facing, and press well.

Use your favourite method to sew the binding to the quilt, then label and date your quilt to finish.

*Thank you everyone for joining in with our
Thermoweb Paper Dolls Sew-Along.*

*Coming Soon!
Bonus Christmas blocks!*

Much love to everyone, Loui xx



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