

# **Crushed Diamonds**

## **Supplies:**



K041-370 China Blue - 2 1/4 yards for blocks, border and binding



K041-1019 Black - 4 Yards for blocks + 5 yards for the backing = 9 yards



K041-1387 White - 2 yards

## **Cutting for Blocks:**

Black:

Cut 4 strips into 6" wide strips - sub cut these into 32 - 6" squares

Cut 7 strips into 9" wide strips - sub cut these into 32 - 9" squares

White:

Cut 7 strips into 9" wide strips - sub cut these into 32 - 9" squares

China Blue:

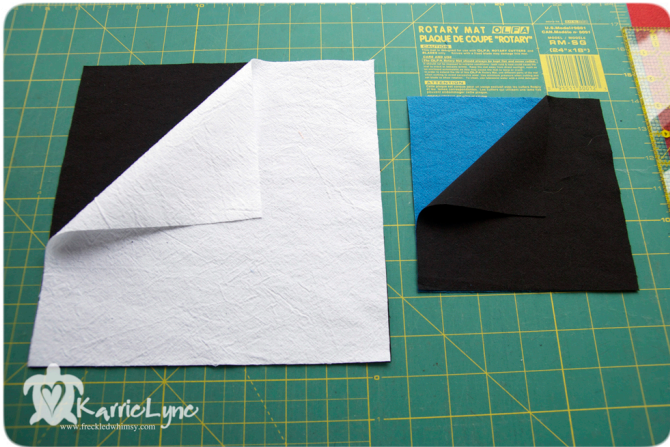
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## **Assembling the Blocks:**

On the WRONG side of each 9" black square and each 6" black square, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner.





Pair up a 9" black square to a 9" white square, RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER, and sew a 1/4" seam on each side of the line you just drew.

Pair up a 6" black square to a 6" china blue square, RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER, and sew 1/4" seam on each side of the line you just drew.

Do this for all (32) 9" pairs and all (32) 6" pairs.



Cut on drawn line for each block.

Press to the black fabric.



You should now have 64 large Half Square Triangle Blocks and 64 smaller Half Square Triangle Blocks.



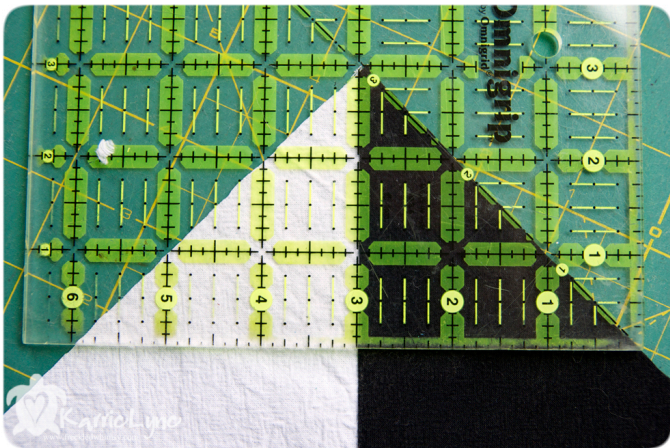


Next you need to trim all of your larger HST blocks to 8 1/2". Don't worry about trimming your smaller HST.

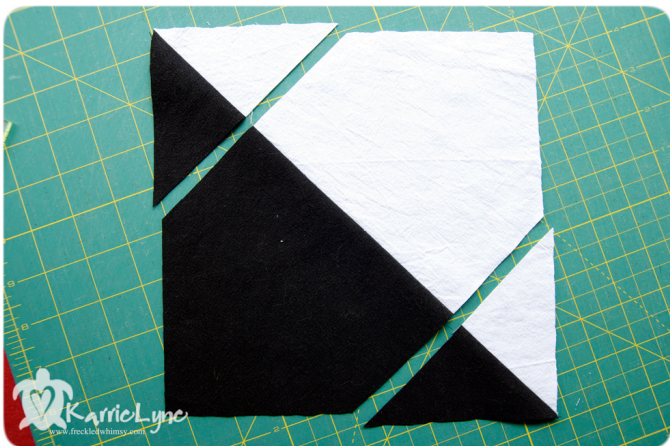
Not sure how to go about this? No worries. Check out my step by step tutorial on my blog ( <http://www.freckledwhimsy.com/2010/07/charm-pack-quilt-along-step-one.html> ) to show you how. You just need to change the measurements on your ruler from 4 1/2" to 8 1/2" for this quilt.

Now we need to cut the corners off. Yep, that's right. :)

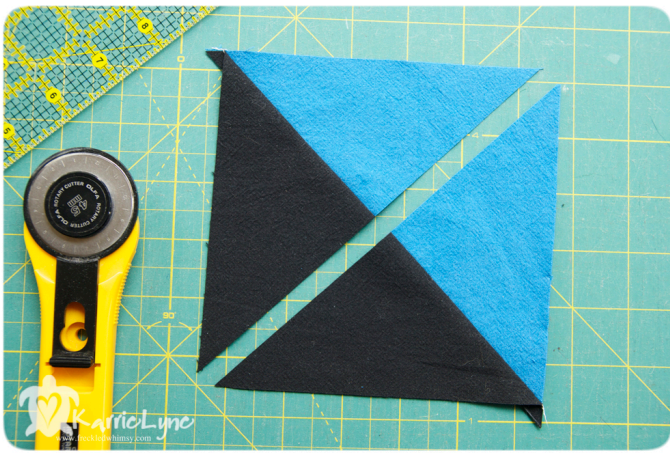
On your large HST blocks only, we are going to cut triangle ends off three inches from the tip towards the center.



Line up the 45 degree line of your ruler along the top of your block, the 3" mark should be at the tip of your block. Make sure you have white on one side, and black on the other. Don't cut the solid corners off. :) The left side of your blocks edge should meet at the 6" mark of your ruler. Also check the 3" line of your ruler to make sure it lines up with your seam. \*\*See photo as reference.

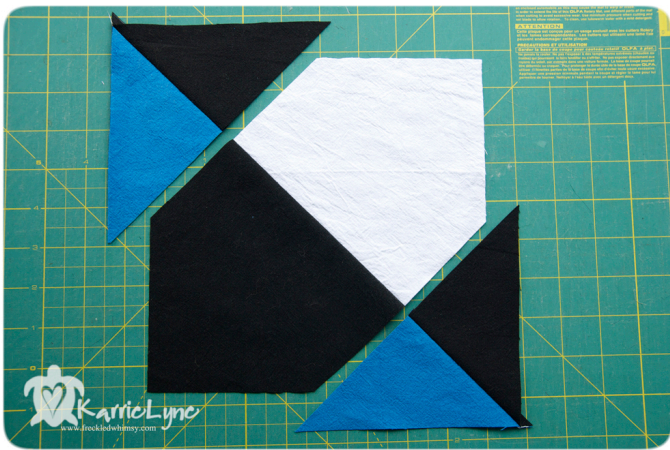


Now cut. Then repeat for the opposite corner. Do this for all 64 blocks. Put the triangles aside. You can use these on the back if you'd like, or in another project.



Using the smaller HST blocks, we are going to cut these in half. Solid point to solid point. Do this for all 64 blocks. Keep each half in a separate pile.

Time to sew these two pieces together!



Using one of the black and white blocks and one of each of the smaller HST halves, lay out your block per the photo below. Be sure that the blacks are opposite of each other.

**\*\*You will notice that your teal/black triangle is too big. This is ok. We are going to trim that later to make perfect 8 1/2" blocks.**



Flip a teal/black piece right sides together with the black/white piece. Be sure to match your center seam. This is important. Sew at 1/4" seam.

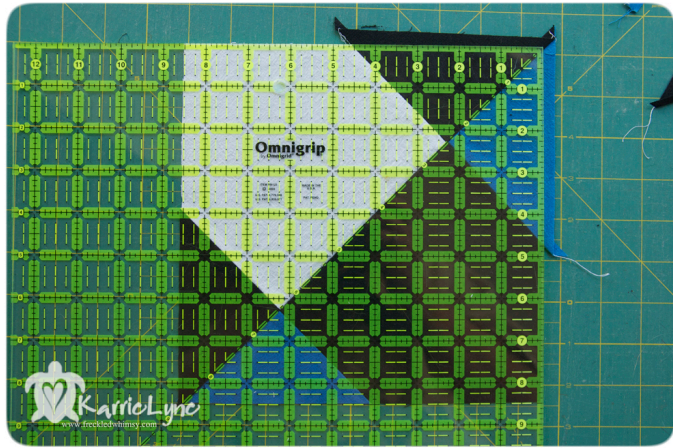
I highly recommend that you chain piece. It goes so much faster! Do one side at a time for each of the 64 blocks. Then repeat for the other side.

Press.





Repeat this for all 64 blocks.



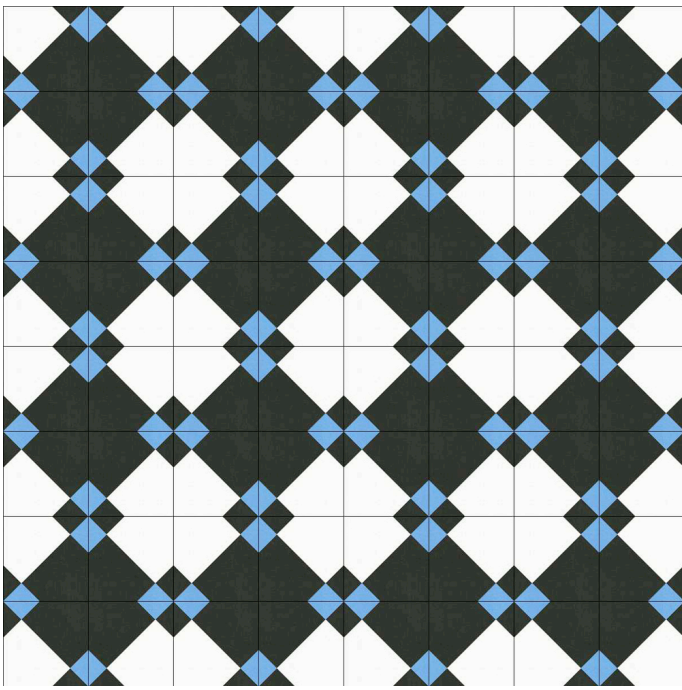
Time to trim again! :)

You have already established your block size to 8 1/2" when you trimmed your HST. Using your rulers 8 1/2" marks on the left and bottom and your HST edges, you can trim each corner. (See Photo Below)

**\*\*Note:** When trimming, make sure the seam on your triangle runs along the 45 degree mark on your ruler when trimming.



Turn your block and trim the other corner. Do this for all 64 of your blocks.



Layout your blocks like this photo. Eight blocks by eight blocks.

Now all you have to do is lay out your blocks, sew them into rows, then sew the rows together!

### **Adding Borders:**

From the China Blue, cut 8 strips into 2" wide strips. Sew two strips together, four times. You will have to trim your borders to equal the length of your quilt.

From the black, cut 8 strips into 3 1/2" wide strips. Sew two strips together, four times. You will have to trim your borders to equal the length of your quilt.

Now all you have to do is sandwich your quilt, baste it, quilt it, add the binding and you're done!!



I quilted mine in a very simple straight line design. I stitched 1/2" on either side of each continuous seam. So diagonal both ways, then horizontal, then vertical.



Do any of you have little helpers like I do when it comes to quilting?



Enjoy!

Much Love!!!

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