

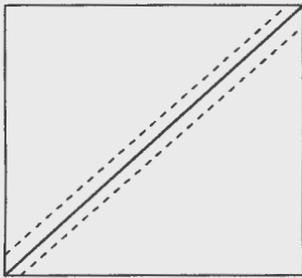
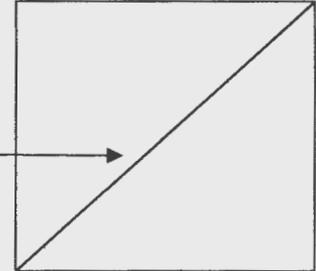
## Disappearing Hourglass Block\*

*\*Adapted from information on the internet by Tina van Roggen 2014*

You need two 7" white squares (provided) and two 7" pastel squares from your stash. (Batiks, tone-on-tones or small prints would work well.)

Because you are working on the bias, I recommend **starching** your squares before beginning.

Place one white square and one pastel square right sides together, matching the corners. Draw a diagonal line on the white square.



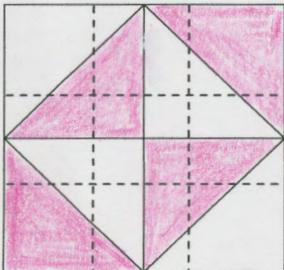
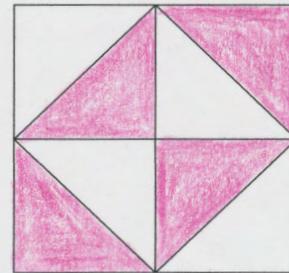
Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the diagonal line on each side, then cut on the diagonal to form 2 half-square triangle blocks.

Press the seams OPEN. (I know, this is not what quilters do, but this block has lots of intersecting lines and this will make the seams less bulky.) Repeat with the other white and pastel squares.

You now have four of the same half square triangle blocks. Trim these to  $6\frac{1}{4}$ ", being careful to make sure the diagonal line is centered.



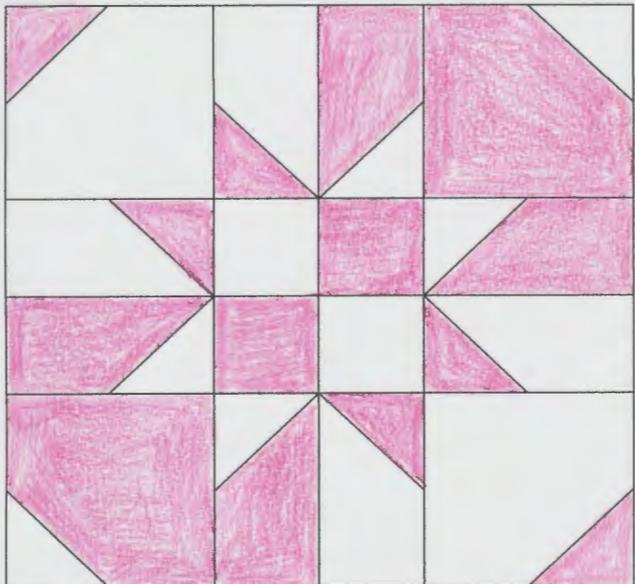
Sew the four blocks into an hourglass block, lining up the seams. Again, press the seams OPEN. This block should measure 12".



Measure 2" from the center line on the right and cut the block. Repeat by measuring 2" from the center line on the left and cutting the block. Do the same thing on the top of the center line and on the bottom of the center line, so you have nine 4" squares.

Rotate all of the squares 180 degrees, EXCEPT for the middle square, which you will rotate 90 degrees.

Sew the blocks back together to form the star. As you sew the seams, do not press them open this time. The block should measure 11". DO NOT TRIM it down – let the person who wins the blocks do that.



When the blocks are sewn together, they form beautiful patterns!

