

# *Scrappy Hourglass Quilt*

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This quilt is a great scrap quilt. There isn't any organization of the fabrics. The number of light, medium, and dark fabrics doesn't matter. You can make it any size and you can start with any size block.

If you want a different number of blocks, just make sure that half of the squares are one size and half of the squares are an inch larger. The smaller squares will be the plain blocks. The larger squares will be sewed into the hourglass blocks. These will be squared up to the size of the smaller square.

(Sorry for the poor picture of the overall quilt. I will get another picture when my quilt machine gets fixed, and I get the quilt finished.)

### Supplies Needed for this Project:

Makes a quilt 64" x 64"

32 -- 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" squares

32 -- 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" squares

1/2 yard fabric for first border

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> yards fabric for second border

4 yards fabric for backing

2/3 yard fabric for binding

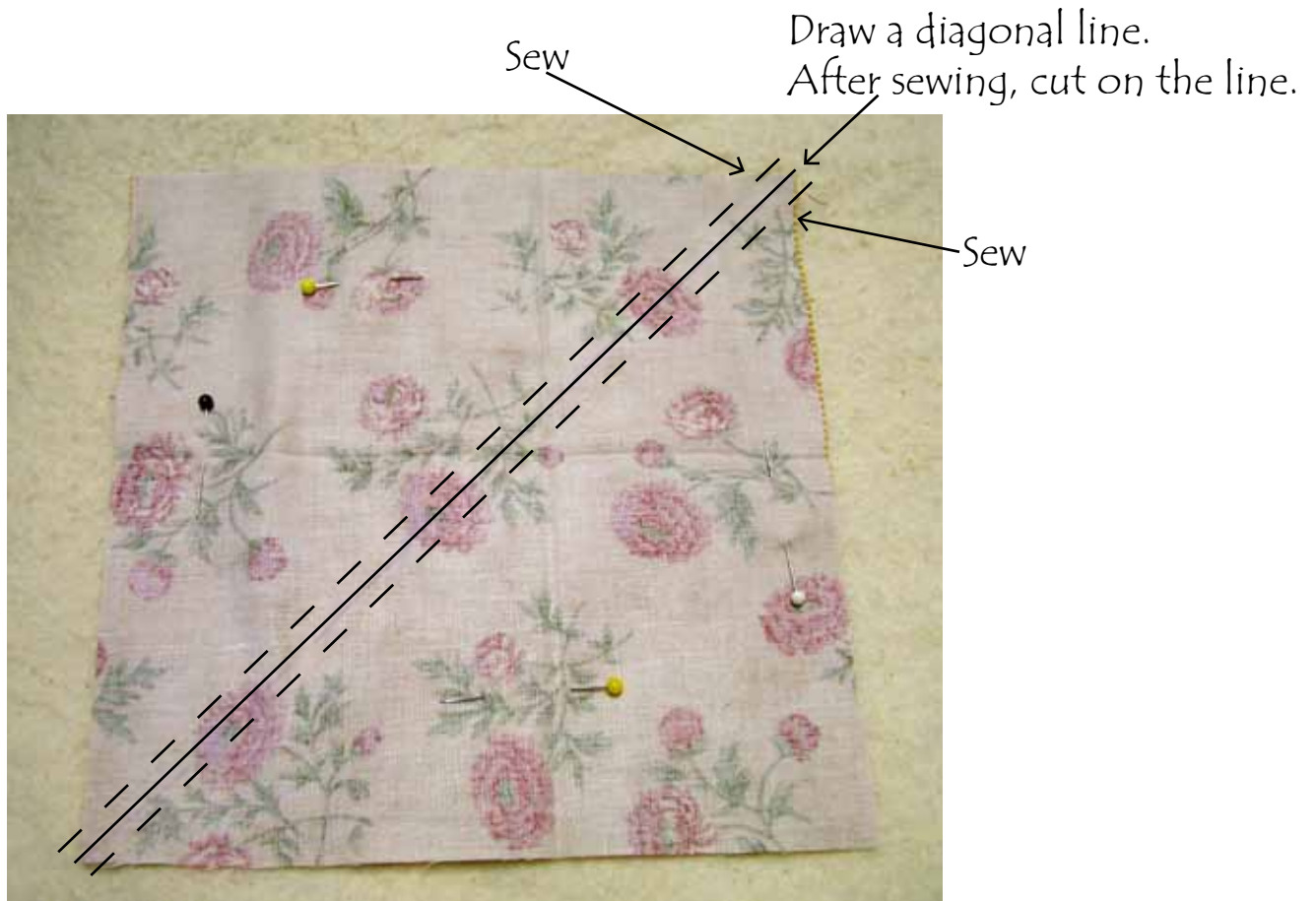
### Optional, but very helpful:

6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" square ruler or larger

(I use a 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" square ruler. The exact size is faster to use, but a larger square ruler will work just fine.)

### Preparation:

Cut 32 -- 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" squares and 32 -- 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" squares. Set aside the 32 -- 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" squares for later.



### Step 1: Make Half Square Triangles

Take any two of the  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Draw a diagonal line on the back of one of the squares.

Place the two squares right sides together and pin.

Sew a scant (just barely less than)  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on BOTH sides of the line.

Cut ON the line.

Repeat with all  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Either press seams open or press seams to one side knowing that some of the seams may need to be re-pressed in the opposite direction. This is because it is scrappy and not organized by light and dark.

Now there are 32 Half Square Triangle blocks.

Seams lined up with  
Seam Allowances in the  
opposite directions



Sew

Draw a diagonal line.  
After sewing, cut on  
the line.

Sew

## Step 2: Make Hourglass Blocks

Take 2 of the Half Square Triangle blocks. Draw a diagonal line on the back of one of these blocks.

Place these 2 blocks right sides together with the seam lining up exactly. Notice that I pressed my seam allowances to one side. The blocks are placed together so that these seam allowances are going opposite directions. I like to pin on the seam because it tends to shift while sewing.

Sew a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on BOTH sides of the line.

Cut ON the line.

Press seams either to one side or open, whichever you did in Step 1.

Repeat with all Half Square Triangle blocks so there are now 32 Hourglass blocks.



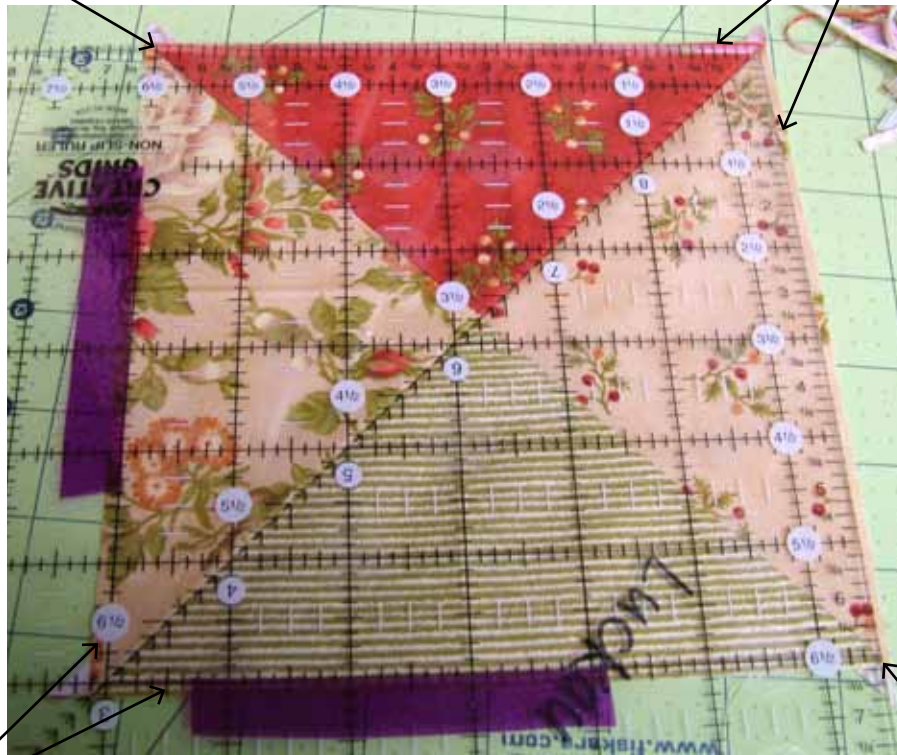
Close up of seams.



After sewing on both sides of the line, cut on the line.

Seam matched  
to the corner.

Block hanging past ruler.



Block hanging past ruler  
(or past the  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " mark).

Seam matched  
to the corner.

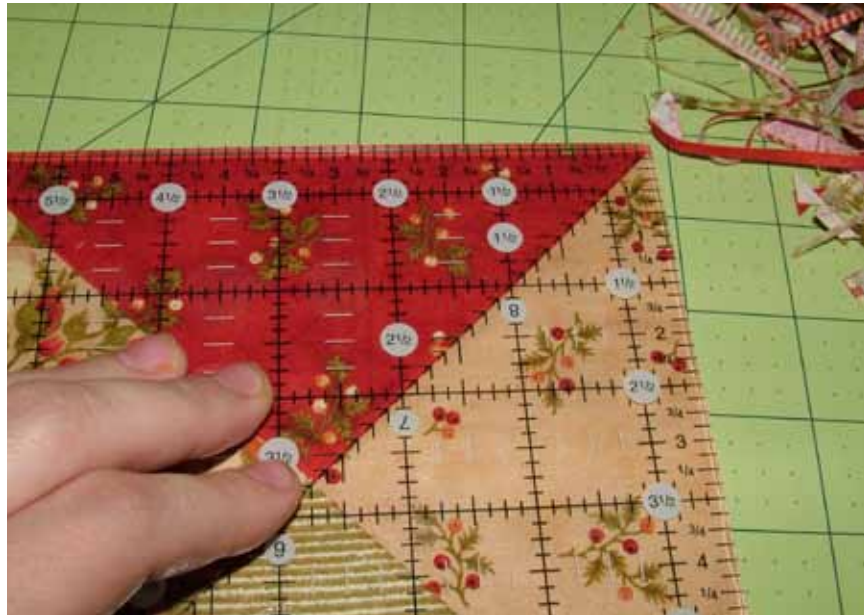
### Step 3: Square Up Hourglass Blocks

Take all of the Hourglass blocks. Now they will be "squared up" to  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ." (Notice that because I have used a  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " ruler, I have marked where  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " is to make it easier to see where to cut.)

The first step in squaring up is to place the ruler correctly on your block as shown above. There are two things to look for:

The diagonal seams should line up at the four corners of the ruler.

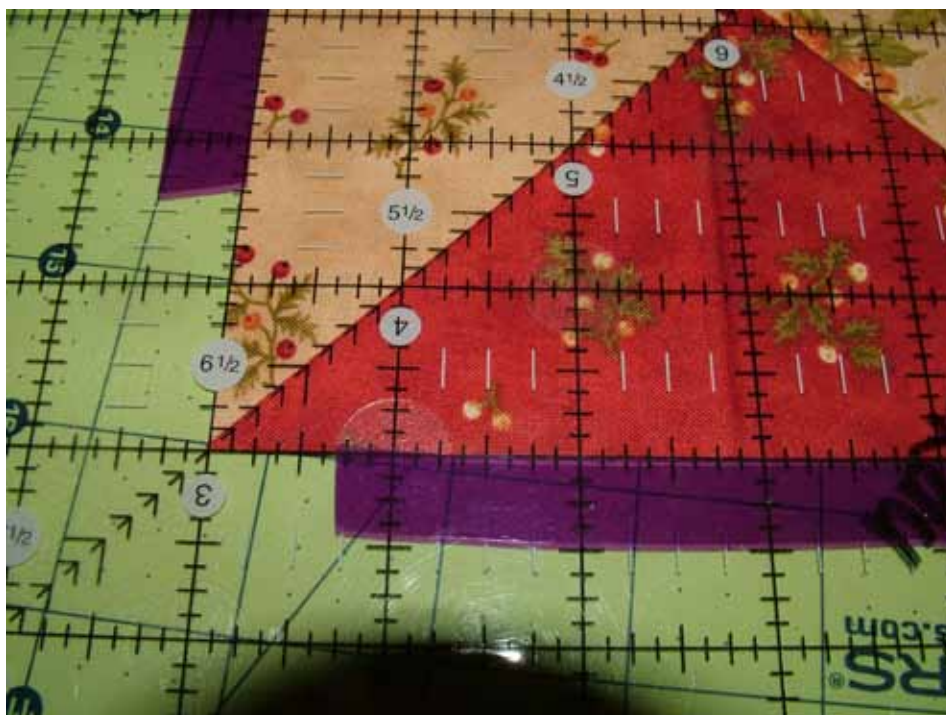
The block should be hanging past the ruler on all four sides.



Step 3: Square Up Hourglass Blocks continued . . .

Trim along the right and top of the block. If using a  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square ruler, then you can also trim the bottom and left sides of the block.

Otherwise, turn block so the bottom and right lines up with the  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " mark on the ruler as shown below.



Seam matched  
to the corner.

Block hanging past ruler.

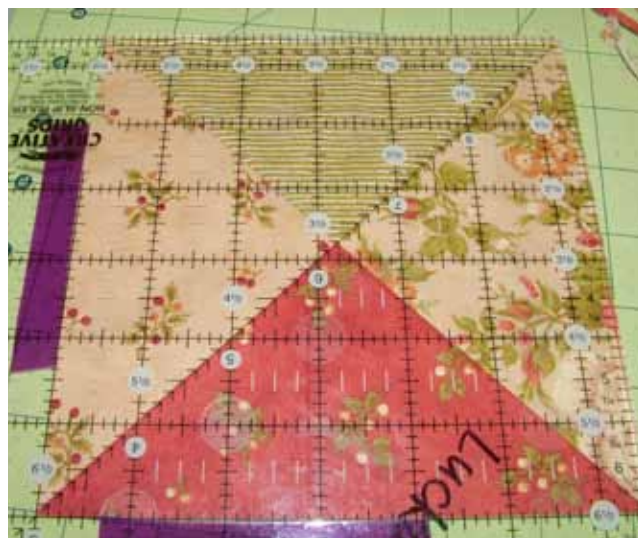


Block lined up with ruler  
(or with the 6½" mark).

Seam matched  
to the corner.

Step 3: Square Up Hourglass Blocks continued . . .

Trim along the right and top of the block again. The block now measures 6½" x 6½" and looks great!





#### Step 4: Finish Quilt Top

Layout quilt alternating the Hourglass Blocks with the Plain Blocks as shown above. Scatter lights and darks throughout the quilt.

Sew blocks into rows. Press seam allowances towards the plain block. Sew rows together. Press.

Border 1: Cut 6 -- 2½" strips and sew onto quilt.

Border 2: Cut 7 -- 6½" strips and sew onto quilt.

After quilting, you will need 7 -- 2½" strips for the binding. For tips on machine binding see my tutorial at:

<http://www.moosequilts.blogspot.com>

After the quilt is bound, be sure to wash it. Scrap quilts are meant to be used and washing them makes you want to cuddle up with the quilt even more than you already did!