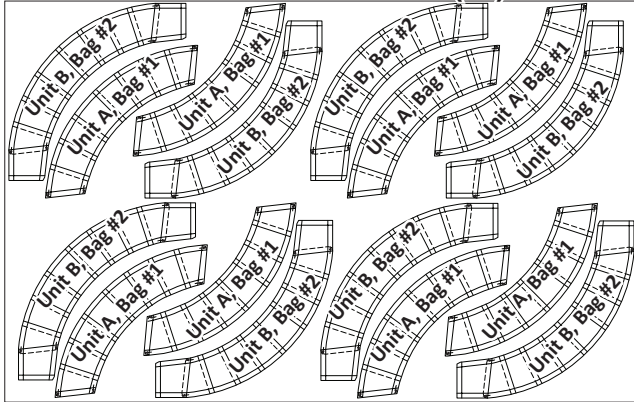


CHAPTER ONE: GROUP A: STRIP PIECING ARCS

Foundation Papers: The following newspaper should be included in your pattern to complete the Strip Pieced Arcs. You will need to cut out (84) each of the foundation papers for Unit a and Unit B. Place the foundation papers into the proper bags as noted. Reference (LINE 3 = Unit A and LINE 4 = Unit B) in the table on Page 4 for the number of each Unit A and Unit B to cut out for the size quilt you are making. The cover quilt is 80" x 80" and is highlighted in grey.

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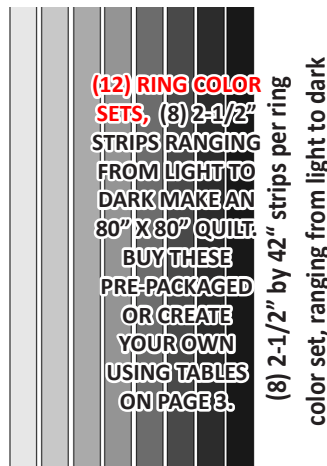
Foundation Strip Piecing: This technique involves sewing oversized strips of fabric under the foundation paper to create a strip set. The strip sets are cut apart and trimmed to the proper size after the sewing is completed. This is done to speed up the piecing process.

Foundation Paper Piecing: The technique of Foundation Paper piecing involves sewing fabrics to a foundation of paper that has preprinted lines and sewing instructions. This allows for perfect points and seam allowances when piecing an intricate quilting design. Oversized pieces of fabric are sewn under each section on the foundation paper, then trimmed down to the proper size.

Optional Smart Corners: The foundation papers included with these instructions were printed with the option to trim Smart Corners on each of the Foundation Units. Smart corners, eliminate all the dog ears making the assembly process much easier for beginners. Some of the graphics in this booklet have been update to show the trimmed Smart Corners and others have not. Please don't worry about this, as it has no bearings on the actual assembly instructions.

CHOOSING YOUR FABRICS

Fabric Strips: 2-1/2" strips are required to complete this technique. You can cut your own or purchase pre-cut strips Pre-sorted, in packages of (48) (See Booklet #1 for more information), These pre-packaged strip sets take all the work out of pre-planning your Colors. If you have purchased the pre-sorted and pre-cut strip sets, skip the *Making Your Own Strips and Ring Color Sets* sections that follow and continue with Choosing fabrics for the Corner Accent squares.



Making Your Own Strips: If you are creating your own strip set or need to sort various strips from some pre-cut packages that have not been sorted already, please follow the instructions below.

Ring Color Sets: Quiltworx has created its Arc unit to require (8) fabrics for each arc unit ranging in value from light to dark. We refer to these fabric strips as a *Ring Color Set*. You have options in how you plan this design. The minimum number of fabric colors required to complete your rings is (8). If you choose to create a wider range of ring color sets, multiples of (8) colors are selected. The Swatch Boxes on Page 3 have been provided to help you prepare your Ring Color Sets if you have chosen to make your own. Note that if you only choose (8) fabrics, only fill in Ring Color Set #1 and cut the number of strips noted in Line 2 of the Tables on Page 2. If you choose (16) fabrics, fill out Ring Color Set #1 and #2, and cut the number of strips noted in Line 2 from each of the fabrics chosen. Repeat this process for up to (12) Ring Color Sets, or (96) different fabrics. A small swatch of each fabric can be cut out and placed into the Swatch Box to keep you organized.

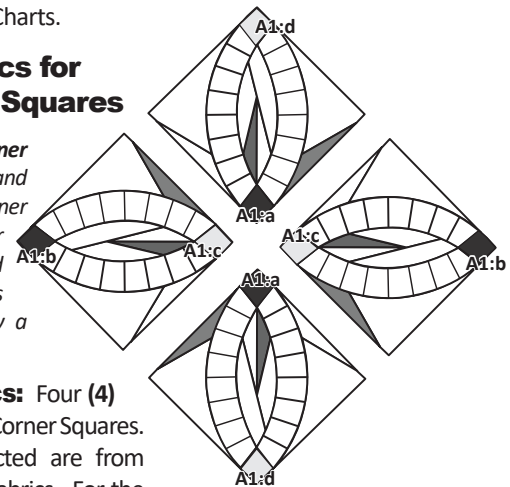
Number of Ring Color Sets Needed: Reference (LINE 7) in the Cutting Chart on Page 4 for the number of Ring Sets recommended for each of the different sizes. For the 80" x 80" quilt on the cover, you need (12) Ring Color Sets, which totals (96) individual strips.

NOTE - My Quilt is Bigger and Needs More Ring Color Sets than (12), What do I do?: Either purchase an additional package of strips, or cut additional strips from the chart. Use the same format of the table on Page 3 to organize the strips you cut on a separate piece of paper.

How Many Units Can I Make from Each Ring Color Set?: Each Ring Color Set yields a maximum of (8) Unit A arcs and (8) Unit B arcs. However the number of arcs sewn onto each Ring Color Set changes for the different quilt sizes. Example: The 80" by 80" quilt only requires you to place (7) Unit A and Unit B arcs on each strip. Some of the larger quilts require you to make (8) arcs per strip. This information is provided in the cutting Charts.

► Choosing Fabrics for Corner Accent Squares

NOTE - How Do I Pair my Corner Fabrics to Each Other: A1:a and A1:c are used for the corner squares that are in the center of the star. A1:b and A1:d make up the corner squares that are not surrounded by a star.



Corner Square Fabrics: Four (4) colors are selected for the Corner Squares. Typically, the colors selected are from (2) dark and (2) medium fabrics. For the Wedding Star, Fabric A1:a is the darkest accent fabric, which is normally black. Fabric A1:c should be selected from one of the (8) Medium fabrics used in your star. Fabrics A1:b and A1:d can be anything you like. Feel free to choose colors that make the most sense for your quilt. Swatch boxes to place your fabrics in are included below.

