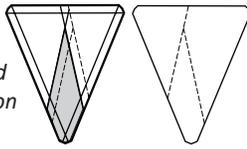## FOUNDATION PAPER PIECING: UNIT A

NOTE - Tracing the Dashed Lines: Place the foundation paper onto a light table. Flip the foundation paper over and trace the dashed lines printed on the front side of the foundation paper, onto the backside of the paper.

Step 1: Find Sec. 1 on the foundation paper. Place a small amount of fabric glue on the **backside** of the paper under Sec. 1.
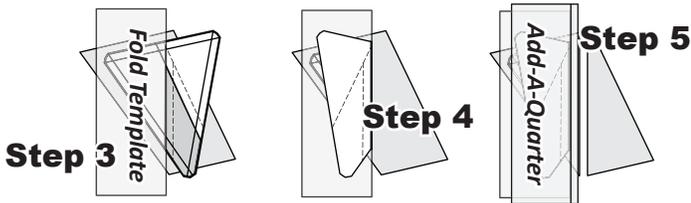
Step 2: Position the first piece of fabric for Sec. 1 **wrong-side-up** on your table. Lift the foundation paper, slide the fabric under Sec. 1 and glue the fabric to the backside of the paper. Steps 1 and 2 are repeated for each foundation unit before moving onto Step 3.

NOTE - Fabric Placement: The wrong-side of the fabric is against the backside of the paper. The fabric must extend beyond the edges of the dashed lines to cover the underneath side of Sec. 1.

Step 3: Place the fold template over the top of Sec. 1. Line the edge up with the solid back line marked Line 1.

Step 4: Fold the paper back over the top of the fold template.

Step 5: Place the **Add-A-Quarter** ruler next to the folded back section lip-side down and trim the fabric with your rotary cutter. This leaves you with a quarter-inch seam allowance which, is lined up with the sew side on the next piece of fabric.
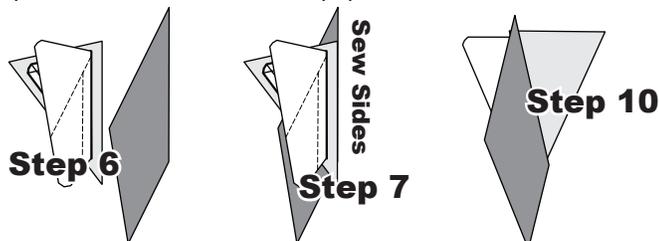

Step 6: Place the fabric piece for Sec. 2, **right-side-up** next to the folded back paper as shown.

Step 7: Lift the foundation paper and slide the fabric under Sec. 2. Line the sew-side up with the trimmed quarter-inch seam allowance. Make sure the fabric extends beyond the boundaries of the dashed lines for Sec. 2. Repeat **Steps 3-7** for each foundation paper before moving onto Step 8.

Step 8: Sew on Line 1. The stitches should start and stop about 1/8" past the beginning and the end of each stitch line. Complete the sewing on each Unit before moving onto the next step.

*NOTE - Trimming the Threads: Sewing past the ends of your sew line makes it possible to cut the thread ends off each time you trim with your **Add-A-Quarter** ruler.*
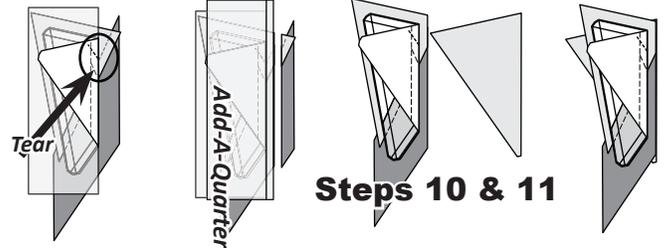
Step 9: Loosen the glue under Sec.1, then press the fabric pieces open on the backside of each paper.

Step 10: Position the fold template over the top of Sections 1 and 2, lining the edge up with Line 2. Fold the paper back and tear the paper along the stitches on Line 2. Stop tearing when you hit the fold template.
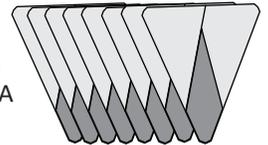
*NOTE - Tear Back the Paper: Tearing the paper along the stitches allows the fabric to relax making it possible to place the **Add-A-Quarter** ruler along the folded edge.*

Step 11: Trim the fabric with the **Add-A-Quarter** ruler, position the third fabric piece **right-side-up** next to the paper. Lift the paper and slide the fabric under Sec. 3 in position.

Steps 10 & 11

Step 12: Open the paper, sew on Line 2 and press.

Step 13: When the paper piecing is complete, press the fabrics on the backside of the paper. Trim off the excess fabric following the perimeter of the outer dark line printed on the foundation paper. Place the pieces back into Bag #A-A and continue with Units B1-B4.

NOTE - Removing the Foundation Paper: Do not remove the foundation papers on Unit A at this time.

STACKING: FOUNDATION STRIP PIECING BAG #A-B

Before you begin paper piecing, stack the strips in the order shown. The strips in Round 1 will be sewn to the first Sec. of each Foundation Sheet. The strips in Round 2 will be sewn to the second Sec. of each Foundation Sheet, Rounds 3 and 4 are sewn to Sec. 3 and Sec. 4, respectively. This stacking order will allow you to chain piece the **(4)** Foundation Sheets at the same time.

► Round 1:

The fabric pieces should already be stacked facing **right-side-up**, with Fabric B2:a on the bottom and B1:a on top.

Fabric #B1:a
Fabrics #B1:b
Fabrics #B1:a
Fabrics #B2:a

► Round 2:

Stack facing **right-side-up**. Fabric B3:a is on the bottom, B2:a on top.

Fabric #B2:a
Fabrics #B2:b
Fabrics #B2:b
Fabrics #B3:a

► Round 3:

Stack facing **right-side-up**. Fabric B2:c is on the bottom, B3:a on top.

Fabrics #B3:a
Fabrics #B3:b
Fabrics #B2:c

► Round 4:

Stack facing **right-side-up**. Fabric B1:c is on the bottom, B2:a on top.

Fabrics #B2:c
Fabrics #B1:c