

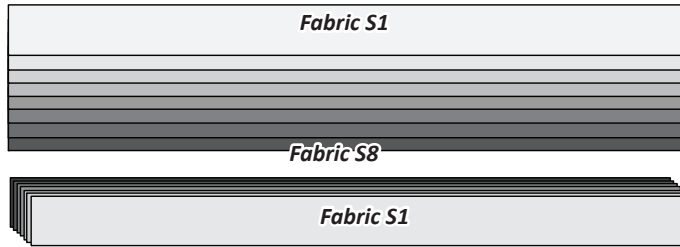
BAG A: CUTTING AND STACKING INSTRUCTIONS

► Strip Cutting Instructions: Bag A

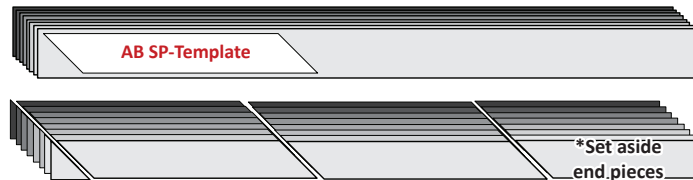
Bag A includes enough strips and paper to complete (4) identical Diamond Blocks. If you have not already done so, cut (1) 2-1/2" by 42" strip from each fabric S1 to S8 in Bag A.

Step 1: Press and stack the strips across the width of the fabric facing *right-side-up* in descending order starting with Fabric S8 on the bottom finishing with S1 on the top.

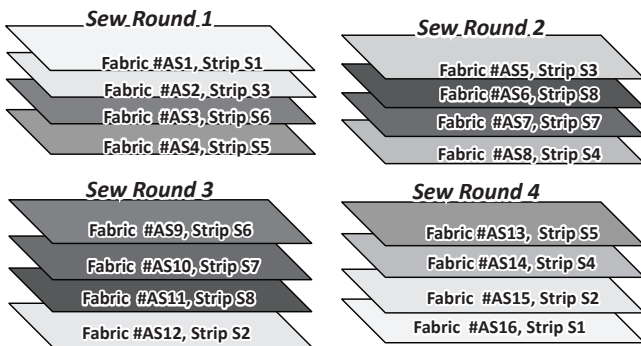
Fabric S1 to S8



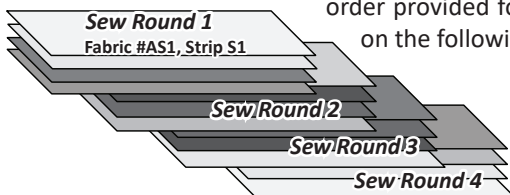
Step 2: Position the *AB Strip Piecing Template* on top of the stack and use it to cut (2) pieces from each strip. Clip the remaining end pieces together and set aside at this time.



Step 3: After the SP-Template pieces are cut, re-stack the pieces in to your sewing order. Recall at this point that there are (16) sections on your Foundation Sheets (called Fabrics #AS1 to #AS16), and each Strip S1 to S8 is used in (2) of those sections. You will have (4) rounds and they will be set up as shown: .



Step 4: The fabric strips are now stacked together into (1) group of strips. The groups are stacked in descending order starting with Round 4 on the bottom, finishing with Fabric #AS1, Round 1 on the top. The strip piecing process is designed to add each piece of fabric to the foundation papers in the sequence in which the fabric are stacked. The process is very simple if you follow the sewing order provided for each Round 1-4 on the following pages.



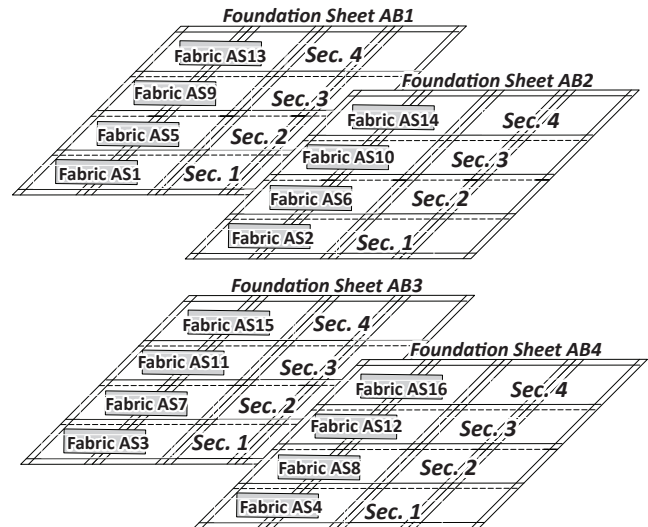
BAG A: PREPARING THE FOUNDATION SHEETS FOR PAPER PIECING

Foundation Sheets AB1-AB4, Bag #A: The foundation papers for Unit AB1-AB4 were designed for strip piecing. The (4) foundation sheets are assembled by sewing (4) strips onto each sheet. After the fabric is sewn onto the foundation sheets, the units are cut apart and reassembled to create (4) diamonds.

Assigned Fabric #: On each Foundation Sheet you will find (4) rows and each row includes (4) diamonds labeled as Sec. 1, 2, 3, and 4. Under each Sec. # you will find an assigned Fabric #AS. The Fabric #s are different on each of the Foundation Sheets.

- Example: *Foundation Sheet AB1:* Fabric #AS1 is assigned the (4) diamonds referenced for Sec. 1. Fabric #AS5 is assigned to the Sec. 2 diamonds, Fabric #AS9, to the Sec. 3 diamonds and Fabric #AS13 to the Sec. 4 diamonds.

Illustration 1: Cut (1) small swatch from the leftover end pieces set aside for the swatches. Fabric swatches for each Fabric # are glued onto the foundation papers to help prevent you from sewing the wrong colors under the wrong section numbers.



When you are done pasting the fabric swatches onto your papers, the papers are stacked in the sewing order with *Foundation Sheet AB4* on the bottom to *Foundation Sheet AB1* on the top.

FOUNDATION PAPER PIECING: BAG #A

► Round 1: Fabrics AS1 to AS4

The strips in the first round are glued onto the backside of each *Foundation Sheet AB1, AB2, AB3, and AB4.*

1. Place Fabric AS1, Strip S1, under *Foundation Sheet AB1, Sec. 1.*
2. Place Fabric AS2, Strip S3 under *Foundation Sheet AB2, Sec. 1.*
3. Place Fabric AS3, Strip S6 under *Foundation Sheet AB3, Sec. 1.*
4. Place Fabric AS4, Strip S5 under *Foundation Sheet AB4, Sec. 1.*

Step 1: Trace the dashed lines onto the backside of each Foundation Sheet. Find the diamonds labeled Sec. 1 on *Foundation Sheet AB1.*