

Perfect Piecing

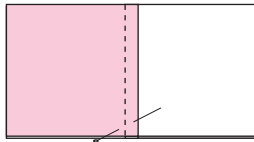
SEAMS

When using your 1/4" foot on your sewing machine, the edge of the fabric should run along the edge of the presser foot while piecing.

Set your sewing machine to a stitch length of 10 to 12 stitches per inch, which is equivalent to a 2.0 - 2.5 mm setting.

PINNING

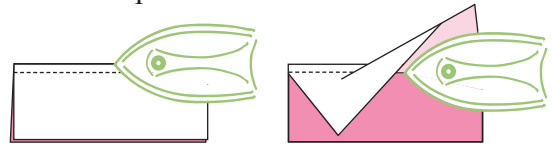
To line up the seams on the patchwork pieces perfectly, pin the pieces together first.



When piecing rows together, it is helpful to pin where the seams line up in opposite direction, in order to make sure the blocks abut when they are sewn together.

PRESSING

For accurate patchwork, press as you sew. Press the seam flat to set the stitches, then use your iron to press to one side. Do not press the seams open.



Some of the common pressing rules are:

- Press the seam allowances towards the darker fabric.
- Press the seam allowances in each row in opposite directions, so when the rows are joined the seams abut.
- To prevent creases, always press from the right side of your quilt top.