

Half Square Strings

Quilt size is 61 x 76

Block size is 7.5 inches (8 inches with seam allowances)

Blocks are set 8 x 10

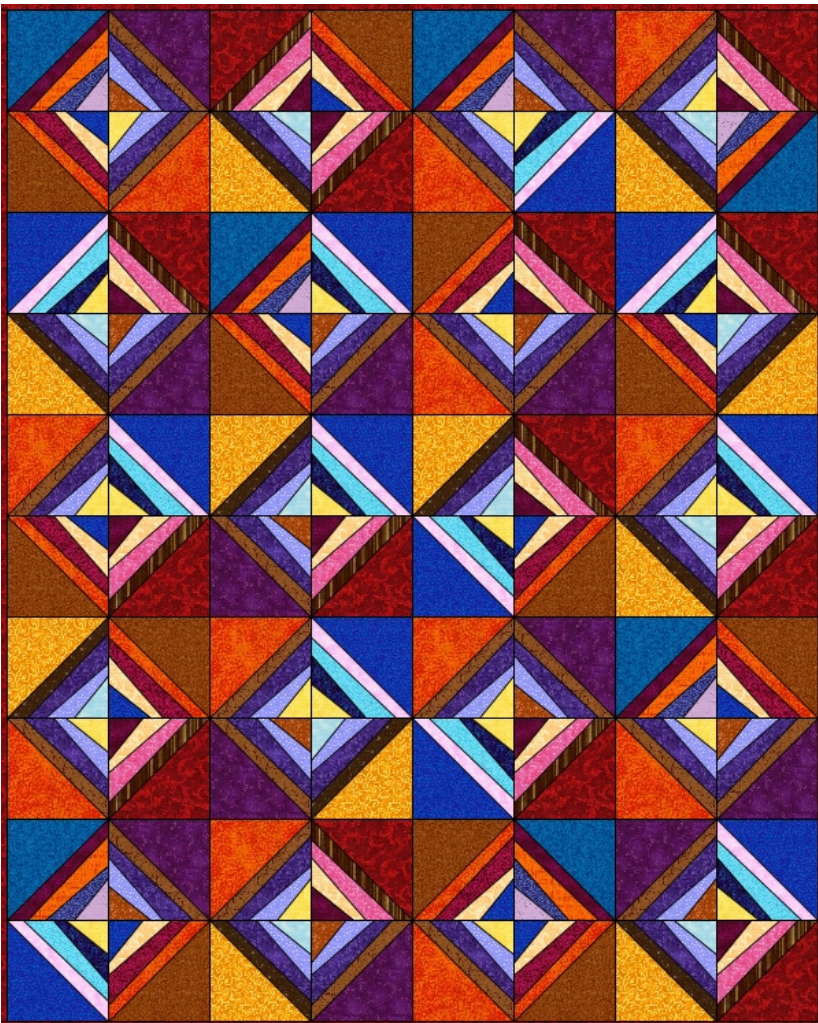
A child's size version can be made 46 x 61 inches with a 6 x 8 setting.

Quilt Notes

- Blocks are pieced on a muslin foundation to enable me to use all my smaller bits and pieces
- I cut my wider strips and strings into wedge shapes to make my blocks more interesting
- I do iron after adding each string but sew a round of strings to 5-10 blocks at a time.
- I make my blocks oversized and cut them to size
- You may cut away the foundation from behind the large triangle after the block is trimmed if desired

Cutting Instructions

- Cut 80 muslin squares **8.5 inches**
- Cut 40 squares from a variety of fabrics **9 inches** and cut in half on the diagonal
- Use assorted strips and strings of varying widths



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Block construction



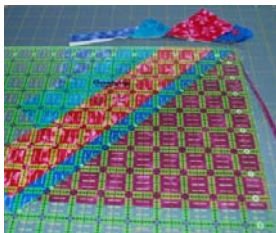
1. Lay a scrap triangle right side up on half of the muslin foundation.



2. Place the first string right side down and sew.



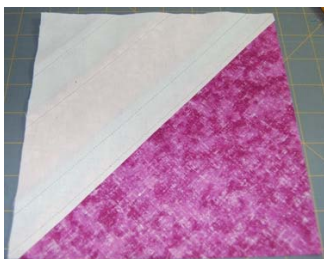
3. Continue adding strings until foundation is covered.



4. Starting with the triangle block on the bottom (R) - trim block using the diagonal line on your ruler.



5. I trim the first two sides and then flip the block and trim to **8 inches**



6. If desired, trim foundation from triangle side of the block. This will keep it from flapping around during construction of the top and decrease some of the weight a foundation adds to the final quilt.