

Amish Stripes and Strings

Quilt Size is 56 x 72

Block Size is 8 inches finished (8.5 inches with seam allowances)

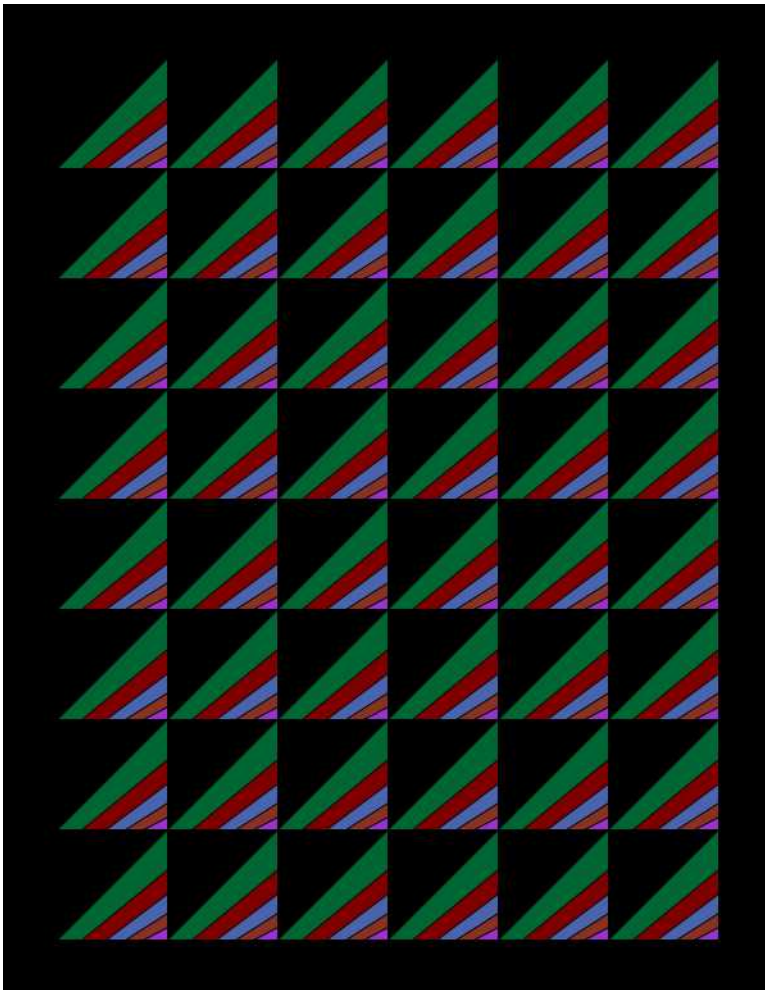
Blocks are set 6 x 8

Quilt Notes

1. The strips in my quilt are of varying widths and unlike this illustration below the same colors are not used in the same place in the blocks – my strip placement was random.
2. Although there are ways to strip piece this block I use a foundation and piece it one block at a time so I can use all my short bits and pieces.
3. The photographs show me using a lightweight interfacing – after trying interfacing for the first time with this quilt – I will NOT use it again. I suggest a muslin foundation.

Cutting

1. Cut 48 foundations from muslin **9 inches** square
2. Cut 24 squares from black fabric **9.5 inches** square and cut in half on the diagonal
3. Cut black border **4.5 inches** wide.



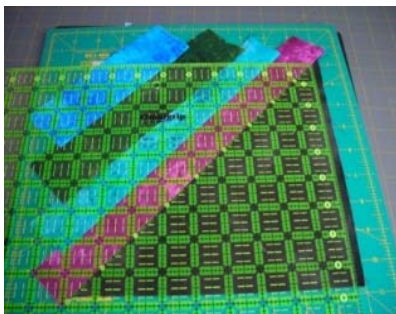


Lay black triangle – right side up - on top half of the muslin foundation as shown.



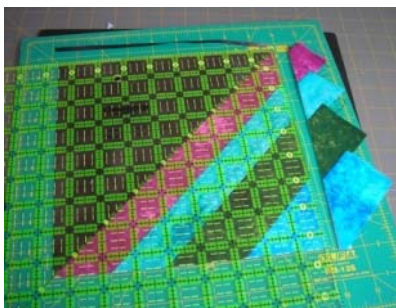
Place first string or strip face down and sew using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Because you're going to cover the foundation and trim block to size seam allowance is not critical.

Continue to add strings until foundation is covered.



Using your diagonal line on your ruler square block to 8.5 inches.

I make my first two cuts with the black triangle in the bottom right corner, then turn the block and make my final two cuts – keeping my diagonal line on that seam between the black triangle and first string



At this point, I trim the foundation from behind the triangle. (I've been saving those to use as foundations for another quilt.)

Layout blocks 6 rows across and 8 rows down with the black triangles in the top left corner as shown on the first page in the quilt picture.