

~Carolina Crossroads~ Part 5!



100 3" hour-glass blocks!



These quarter square triangles are easily cut into matched pairs with the companion angle ruler. I love this ruler!



Start by laying a 2" red (or whatever color you are using in place of my red) accent strip and a light 2" background strip with right sides together. I find if I place them together and run a hot iron over them, they are more stable. Place the companion angle ruler on the strip set with the 2" line along the bottom edge of the strips. Trim the right edge off to give you a proper angle, and then trim the left edge off to cut one triangle pair! You can layer several strip sets together and get more with each cut, but be careful of shifting.

I like to work from left to right, so I turn my strip set around and realign the ruler and make the next cut, as shown above.



Some people can cut at funny angles and just flip the ruler upside down, but I prefer to flip the strip set! Cut 200 triangle pairs. Because you have cut them with right sides together, they will be ready to chain feed through the machine. Stack them all with either all the lights facing up, or all the darks facing up. You need to sew them all the same way.. Stitch into pairs and press towards the dark! Trim off dog-ear corners.



Stack 100 pairs on the right, and 100 pairs on the left..facing each other. Chain piece the pairs through the machine matching the opposing center seam. Press seams to one side and trim off all the dog ear corners. Your blocks should measure 3.5" unfinished. They will be a 3" finished unit when sewn into the quilt top.

When you have finished your 100 hour glass block units, you can place them in a zip loc baggie for safe keeping!
Next installment....we start combining units!

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