



It's Friday again!

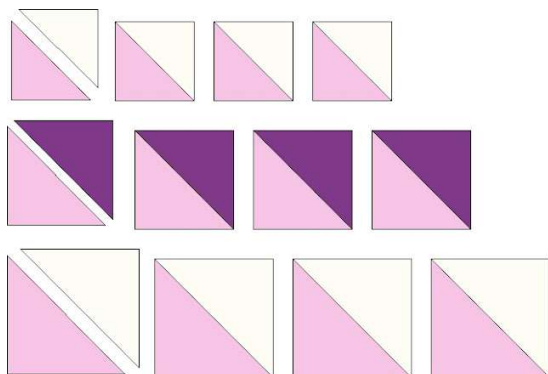
And here we are at part three of our Lupine & Laughter Mystery.

Part one focused on one unit.

Part two had us creating two different color ways of geese!

Guess what part three means?

Three different sizes of half-square triangles!



Don't worry - this trend isn't likely to continue, but I thought since the tutorial for all of these was basically the same we'd make some major headway by getting these done at the same time.

We'll be making half-square triangle units that finish at 1 1/2", 2" and 3" in the above color combos.

These units will be made in sets, with four matching units per set.

1 1/2" finished: 25 sets of 4 matching (100 total)

2" finished: 24 sets of 4 matching (96 total)

3" finished: 25 sets of 4 matching (100 total)

You can use ANY method to make these, keeping in mind the unfinished and finished size

Traditional Rotary Cutting for 1 1/2" finished ONE SET:

From pink fabric cut:

2 squares 2 3/8"

From neutral fabric cut:

2 squares 2 3/8"

Pair neutral squares with pink squares with right sides together. Slice on the diagonal from corner to corner to yield 2 half-square triangle units ready to sew from each pair of squares.

Repeat to cut 25 sets.

The sewing is the same as the Essential Triangle Tool Method below.

Traditional Rotary Cutting for 2" finished ONE SET:

From pink fabric cut:

2 squares 2 7/8"

From purple fabric cut:

2 squares 2 7/8"

Pair pink squares with purple squares with right sides together. Slice on the diagonal from corner to corner to yield 2 half-square triangle units ready to sew from each pair of squares.

Repeat to cut 24 sets.

The sewing is the same as the Essential Triangle Tool Method below.

Traditional Rotary Cutting for 3" finished ONE SET:

From pink fabric cut:

2 squares 3 7/8"

From Neutral fabric cut:

2 squares 3 7/8"

Pair neutral squares with pink squares with right sides together. Slice on the diagonal from corner to corner to yield 2 half-square triangle units ready to sew from each pair of squares.

Repeat to cut 25 sets.

The sewing is the same as the Essential Triangle Tool Method below.

Essential Triangle Tool Method:

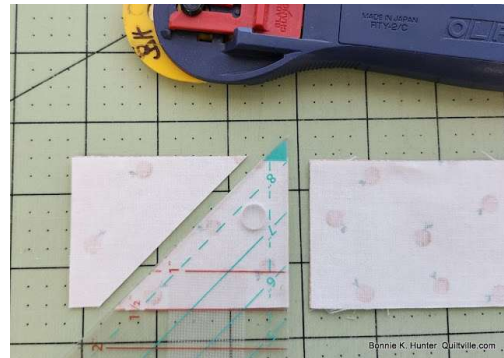


1 1/2" finished triangles (2" unfinished)

Pair a 2" pink strip and a 2" neutral strip with right sides together. We are cutting in already matched pairs, ready to sew.

Square off end of strip set.

Using the 2nd red line for 1 1/2" finished half-square triangles, place the line at the top of the strip set and cut as shown.



Pivot the ruler and continue cutting, placing the 1 1/2" finished red line on the bottom of the strip set on the fabric as shown. Cut.



Continue to pivot the ruler, cutting 8 half-square triangle pairs ready to sew from each fabric pairing. Cut 25 sets of 4.



Stitch half-square triangle pairs along diagonal edge. Gently press toward the pink fabric.

Remove dog ears and trim to 2" as needed.

If your units are too small, scant your seam allowance and try again.

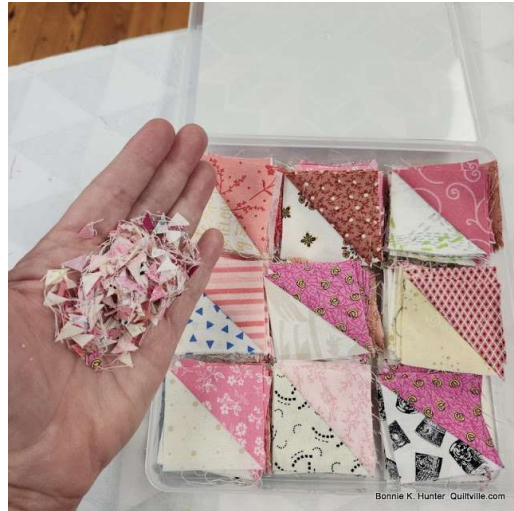


Chain piece in ironing board lengths! I've mentioned this before, but long chains of 100 are unwieldy and can tangle and pull on the stitching.



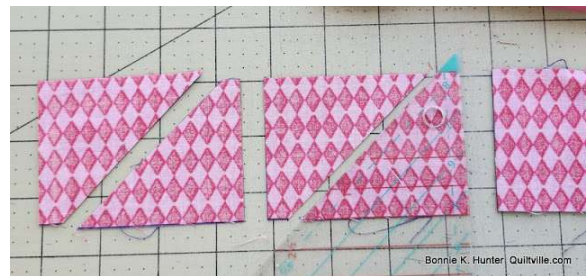
I clip my triangles in a chain no longer than my ironing board while chain piecing and pressing and then come back along the pressed chain and clip threads and trim dog ears. It keeps everything facing the same direction, easier to keep count and stay organized.

If you use one of the razor blade thread cutters, try pressing your chain first before cutting into individual units. It will stop the mad scrambled piles having to rotate units individually to press them.



25 sets of 4 matching - minus dog ears!

On to the next size!



2" finished, 2 1/2" unfinished. 24 sets of 4. (yes 24)

This time around pair pink 2 1/2" strips with purple 2 1/2" strips.

Using the 3rd red line for 2" finished half-square triangles, place the line at the top of the strip set and cut as shown. Pivot the ruler to cut 4 matched triangle pairs from each strip pairing for a total of 24 sets of 4.

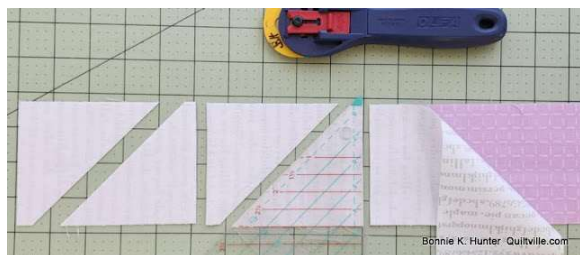


The piecing is the same - just be sure to check your unfinished and finished sizes. Units will measure 2 1/2" unfinished and finish at 2" in the quilt.



24 sets of 4 matching finishing at 2".

(I made one set too many in this photo.)



3" finished - 3 1/2" unfinished.

Same process. Use the 5th red line for 3" finished half-square triangles. Cut 25 sets of 4 matching.



The sewing is the same though the units are larger. Be sure to measure and check your unfinished size. Units will measure 3 1/2" and finish at 3" in the quilt.



These chains were longer due to the unit size, so I snipped them from behind my presser foot after each set was sewn while keeping my piecing continuous.



25 sets of 4! And that's it for Part Three!

If you don't finish these this week, don't sweat it. They make great Leaders & Enders, and you can continue to work on them in between the other parts that you do finish more quickly.

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