

Blustery Day Instructions for All Sizes

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Blustery Day includes some shapes (A, B, and D) that are not often encountered since the advent of rotary cutting. Don't be intimidated. I offer special rotary cutting instructions for A and B. For D, you can simply print and cut out

a paper template and tape it to a rotary ruler to make a rotary cutting template. The sewing will fall together easily if you trim points, use accurate seam allowances, and oppose seams as described.

IMPORTANT: When printing, you **must** set the scaling at "None" or the templates will be the wrong size!

Cut the patches listed for your quilt size, referring to the separate cutting and point trimming directions.


Put aside the patches cut from fabrics #1, 2, 5, and 7 for the border blocks while you make the blocks for the quilt center.

Referring to colors in the Block Colors diagram and the letters in the Piecing diagram, sew each B to a C as shown. See the Pressing Diagram. Finger press seam allowances toward C. To each B-C unit add an A of the other shade. Finger press toward A. Add a D to the units having the lighter A's. Finger press toward C. Join units to form half blocks. Finger press seam allowances as shown. Join halves. Press with an iron.

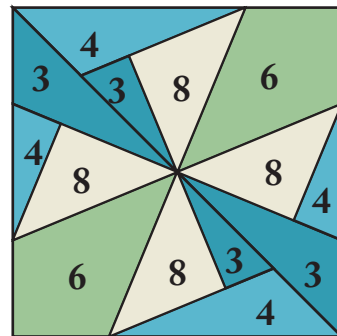
After making the number of blocks listed for your quilt size, make the border blocks from the patches that you set aside earlier. Referring to colors in the Border Block Colors diagram and the letters in the Piecing diagram, sew each B to a C as shown. See the Pressing Diagram. Finger press seam allowances toward C. To each B-C unit add an A of the other shade. Finger press toward A. Add a D to the units having the lighter A's. Finger press toward C. Join units to form half border blocks. Finger press seam allowances as shown. Join halves. Press with an iron.

After making all blocks and border blocks, arrange them in rows as shown in the quilt drawing. Turn blocks to form stars. Place the blocks in the quilt center and the border blocks around the edges. Pick up the blocks in order and sew them in rows. Press seam allowances to the right in even-numbered rows and to the left in odd-numbered rows. Join rows. Press seams toward the bottom of the quilt. Add the plain border strips. Press. Quilt and bind to finish.

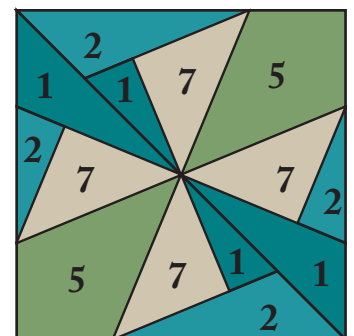
Color Key

-  1. Darkest Teal
-  2. Second-Darkest Teal
-  3. Second-Lightest Teal
-  4. Lightest Teal
-  5. Darker Green
-  6. Lighter Green
-  7. Darker Beige
-  8. Lighter Beige

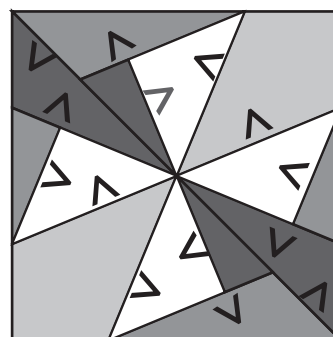
Note
The darker green and beige and the two darkest teals are used for the border blocks; the lighter colors are used for the blocks in the center of the quilt. The #3 Teal is used for the plain outer border.



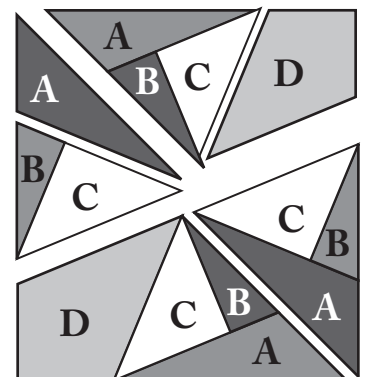
Block Colors



Border Block Colors



Pressing Diagram



**Piecing
(both blocks)**

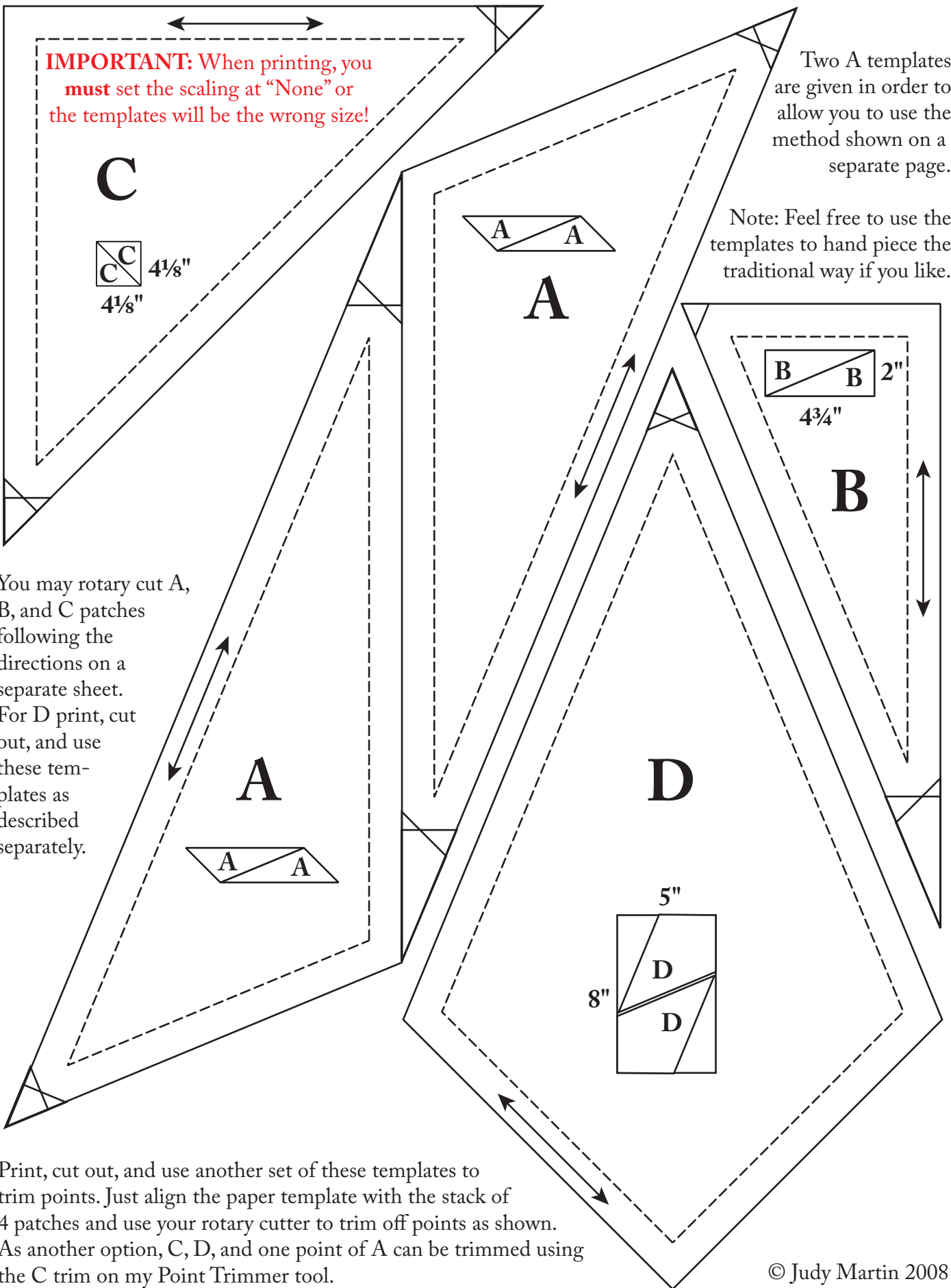
Note

Yardage has been calculated based on the cutting methods presented in this pattern. If you use other methods, your yardage requirements may vary.

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Two A templates are given in order to allow you to use the method shown on a separate page.

Note: Feel free to use the templates to hand piece the traditional way if you like.



You may rotary cut A, B, and C patches following the directions on a separate sheet. For D print, cut out, and use these templates as described separately.

Print, cut out, and use another set of these templates to trim points. Just align the paper template with the stack of 4 patches and use your rotary cutter to trim off points as shown. As another option, C, D, and one point of A can be trimmed using the C trim on my Point Trimmer tool.

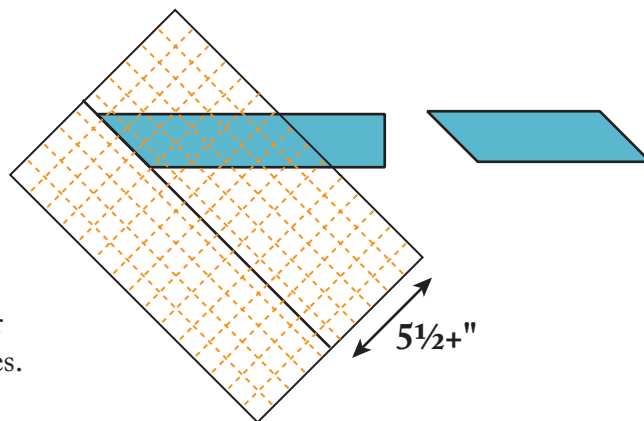
Standard Rotary Cutting Method for A, B, and C

A

1. Cut strip $2\frac{1}{4}+$ " wide (precisely halfway between $2\frac{1}{4}$ " and $2\frac{3}{8}$ "). Cut off end at a 45° angle.

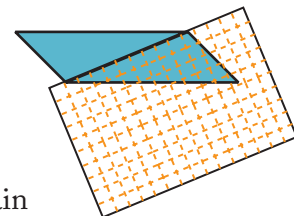
2. Align ruler for $5\frac{1}{2}+$ " **with angled end of strip.** ($5\frac{1}{2}+$ " is exactly halfway between $5\frac{1}{2}$ " and $5\frac{5}{8}$ ".) Cut along edge of ruler **parallel to the angled end of the strip.**

Notes: You are **not** measuring across the bottom of the strip. No reverses are needed, so be careful to cut all the same direction. You may layer the fabric, but do not fold it or you will get reverses.



3. Cut in half from corner to corner to complete two A patches. Trim points.

Note: Cut one pair of A's and check against the template. If your A's don't match the template, first verify that the template was printed accurately by measuring the solid cutting line at the top of the C triangle. It should be $4\frac{1}{8}$ ". If it is not, print again with the scaling set at "None." If the template is accurate but your rotary cut shape does not match it, study the diagram and the bold type in Step 2 and try again. If you do not care for this method, try the optional paper template rotary cutting method.

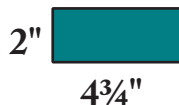


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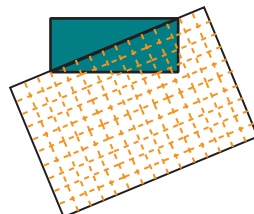
1. Cut strip 2" wide.



2. Cut into rectangles $4\frac{3}{4}$ " long.



3. Cut rectangle in half diagonally from corner to corner to complete two B's. **Note:** No reverses are needed, so be careful to cut all the same direction. You may layer the fabric, but do not fold it or you will get reverses. Trim points.

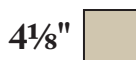


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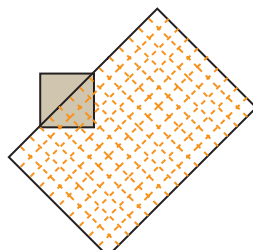
1. Cut strip $4\frac{1}{8}$ " wide.



2. Cut into $4\frac{1}{8}$ " squares.



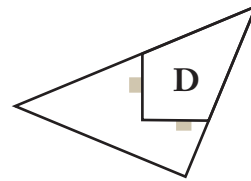
3. Cut square in half diagonally from corner to corner to complete two C's. Trim points.



Paper Rotary Cutting Template Method for D

D

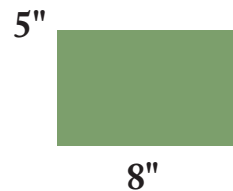
1. Print template page. Measure the solid cutting line at the top of the C triangle to verify that it is $4\frac{1}{8}$ ". This will tell you whether your templates printed accurately. If not, print again with the scaling set at "None." Cut out the D template on the solid outer cutting line. Tape the D template to the top (unprinted) surface of a triangular rotary ruler so that both long sides of D are along the edges of the ruler. The printed side of the paper should show through the ruler when you turn the ruler over to use it. The fabric will touch the paper template when you cut. Note that the ruler will be wrong side up from how you typically use it. The reason for this is to keep the tape from marring the rule lines of the tool.



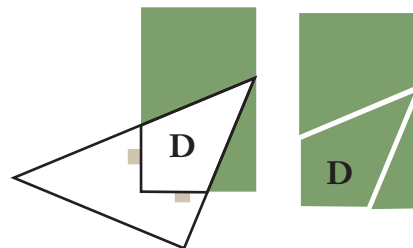
2. Cut fabric strip 5" wide.



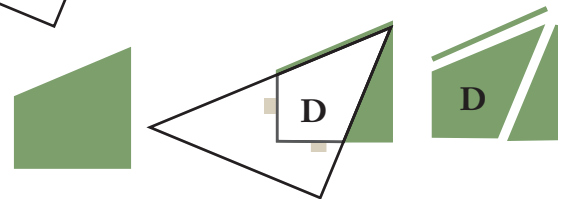
3. Cut strip into rectangles 8" long.



3. Lay the square corner of the paper template over the corner of the fabric rectangle as shown. Cut along both long sides of template to complete one D. Trim point. At this stage you will have a waste triangle and a trapezoid left over from the rectangle.



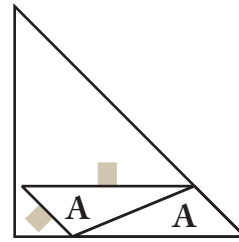
4. Rotate the trapezoid 180° as shown and align the square corner of the paper template over the corner of the trapezoid as shown. Cut along both long sides of template to complete another D. Trim point.



Optional Paper Rotary Cutting Template Method for A

A

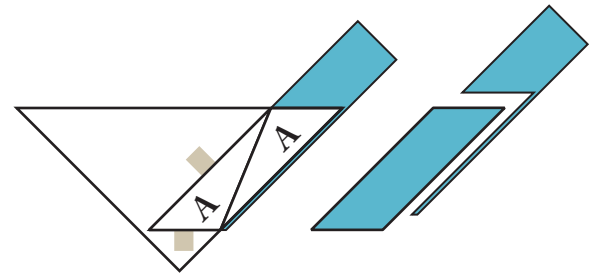
1. Print template page. Measure the solid cutting line at the top of the C triangle to verify that it is $4\frac{1}{8}$ ". This will tell you whether your templates printed accurately. If not, print again with the scaling set at "None." Cut out the pair of A templates on the solid outer cutting line. Do not cut between the pair. Tape the template pair to the top (unprinted) surface of a triangular rotary ruler so that both the long side and the short side of an A are along the edges of the ruler. The printed side of the paper should show through the ruler when you turn the ruler over to use it. The fabric will touch the paper template when you cut. Note that the ruler will be wrong side up from how you typically use it. The reason for this is to keep the tape from marring the rule lines of the tool.



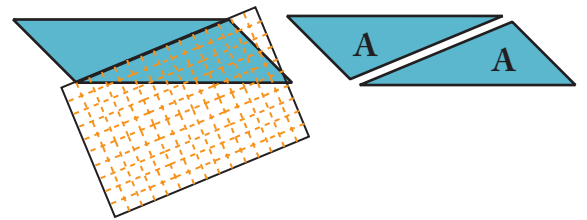
2. No reverses are needed, so do not fold fabric. Cut fabric strip $2\frac{3}{8}$ " wide. Cut off one end at a 45° angle.



3. Lay the paper template over the angled end of the strip so that the two taped interior sides of the template align with the angled end and long side of the strip. Cut along both sides of the template along the ruler's edge to make a parallelogram. (You will be trimming off just a small amount on one edge.)



4. Lay a ruler from corner to corner of the parallelogram and cut along the ruler's edge to make two A's. Trim points.



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