

Coastline Sponge Cake

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Strip piecing always reminds me of baking a cake, with layers of yummy ingredients (here fabrics) placed together. The shades of these fabrics are the colors of the coastline and the sea, recalling my best childhood memories of vacations spent by the seaside, eating my favorite sponge cake. ~Katarina



What You'll Need

A: 1 green print strip, $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 15\frac{1}{2}''$

1 blue stripe piece, $4'' \times 16''$;

cut into:

B: 1 strip, $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 15\frac{1}{2}''^*$

C: 1 strip, $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''^*$

D: 1 navy print strip, $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 15\frac{1}{2}''$

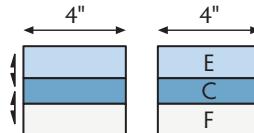
E: 1 blue floral strip, $1\frac{3}{4}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$

F: 1 cream print strip, $1\frac{3}{4}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$

*To achieve a mitered look, cut strips along the same line of the stripe.

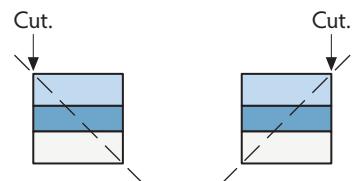
2. Sew the segments together along the D strip to make a $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangle. Place a square ruler on the rectangle, aligning the 45° line on the ruler with the center seam. Cut along two sides of the ruler. Rotate the rectangle 180° , again aligning the 45° line on the ruler with the center seam, and place the $4\frac{3}{4}''$ lines on the ruler on the newly cut edges. Cut along two sides of the ruler.

3. Sew the C strip between the E and F strips. Press. Cut the strip set into two $4''$ squares.

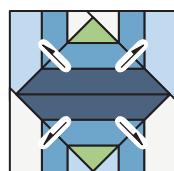
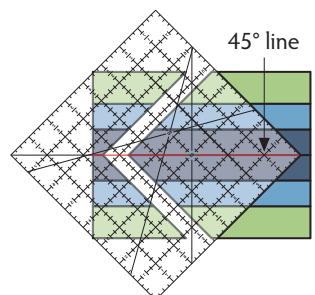


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4. Cut the squares in half diagonally to yield four triangles.



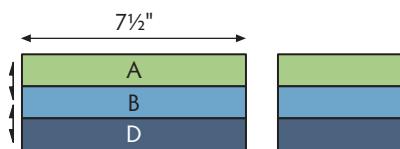
5. Center and sew the triangles to the center square and press. Trim the block to $6\frac{1}{2}''$ square.



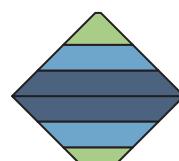
Assembly

Press all seam allowances in the direction indicated by the arrows.

1. Sew the A, B, and D strips together to make a strip set. Press. Cut the strip set into two $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$ segments.



Make 1 strip set. Cut 2 segments.



Make 1.