

EMPIRE QUILTERS FEBRUARY 2018 BLOCK OF THE MONTH ROMAN STRIPES



To make 2 - 5 ½" blocks you will need :

2 - 5 ½" square pieces of paper (foundation paper is recommended)

1 - 6 ½" square of black fabric (solid or reads as black) CUT INTO 2 equal triangles

Cut the following strips of fabric using any colors (small scale prints work best) It's a great way to use up scraps.

2- 8" x 1 ½"

2- 7" x 1 ½"

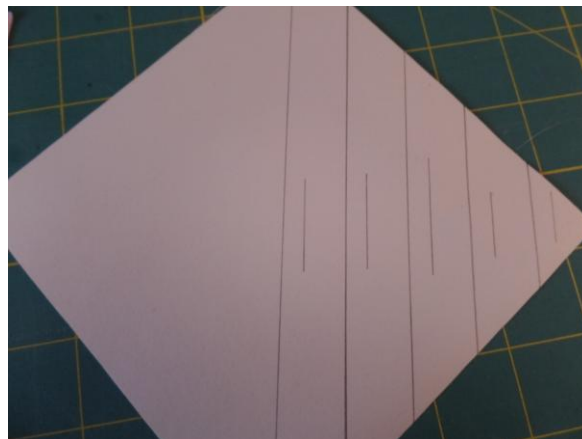
2- 5" x 1 ½"

2- 4" x 1 ½"

2- 2 ½" x 1 ½"

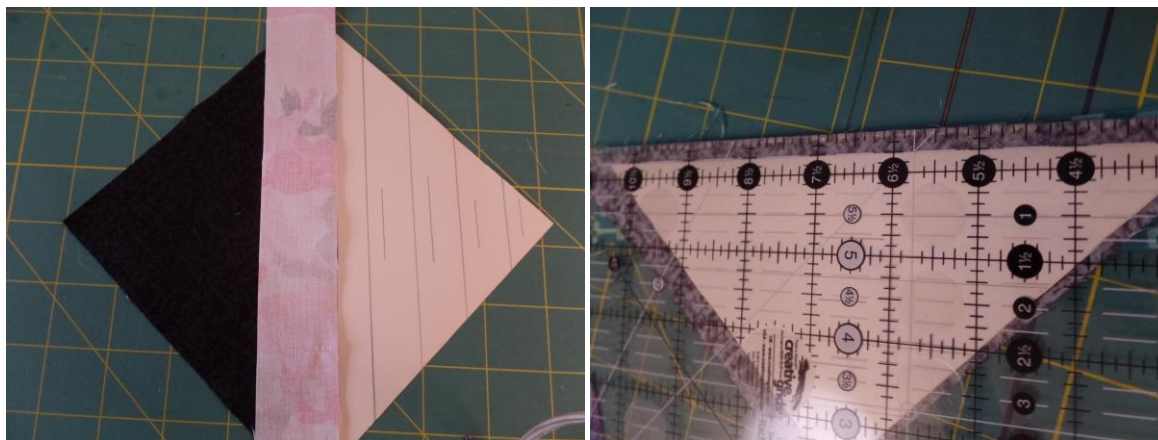
Set your machine stitch to 1.5 (the shorter stitch will help to remove the papers later on)

1. Prepare your papers by drawing a diagonal line down the center, then draw a line on one side every ¾ " from the last one. I also drew a small line ¼" mark from each line to help with fabric placement. If you can see the lines through the paper great, if you can't then draw the same lines on the other side (omitting the ¼" guides)



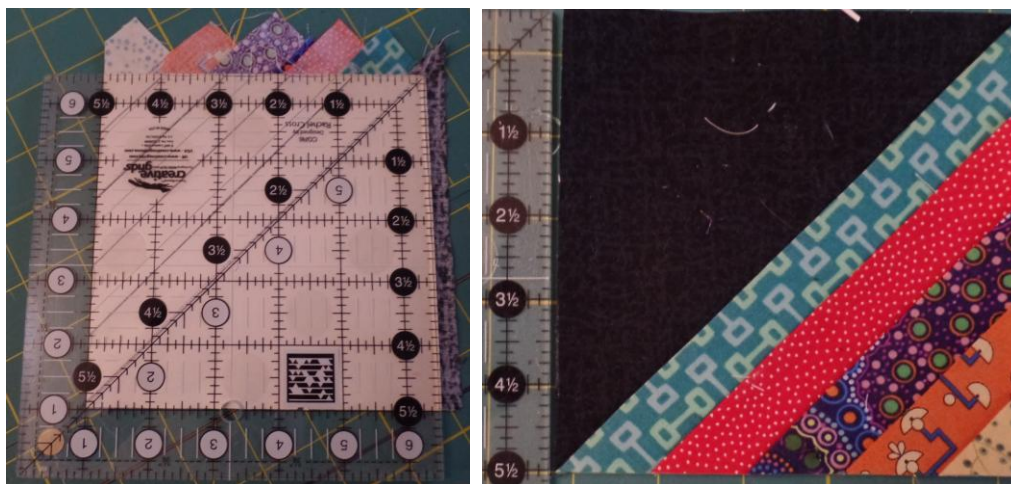
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2. Place one black triangle face up on the blank side of the prepared paper and then place the 8" x 1 ½" strip face down on top of it using the ¼" guide line. Pin in place (I use the thinnest pins I have) turn over and sew on the center line. Fold the paper back and trim the edge to ¼". Fold the paper back and iron the 1st strip making sure NOT TO USE ANY STEAM.



3. Continue with the remaining strips and succeeding lines, trimming and ironing as you go.

4. When all strips have been sewn, trimmed and ironed trim the entire block to the size of the paper (5 ½" square)



5. LEAVE the papers on as this makes it easier to sew the completed blocks together and will keep the blocks from stretching.