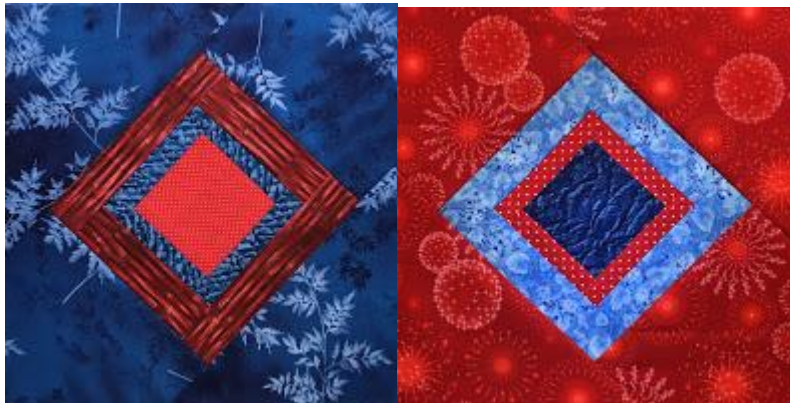


RED and BLUE DIAMONDS



These striking blocks are going to make lots of gorgeous quilts for our Aussie Heroes.

I hope you enjoy making them. If you would like to make just one block, you can choose either colour way. If you're making several blocks, could you make approximately equal numbers of each colour way please?

As you can see, this month it's all about RED and BLUE.

The BLUE fabrics can be any blue (but please no AQUA) and RED, well it's just red! The fabrics can be patterned, geometric, spotted, striped or plain. They just need to be obviously blue and red.

As bundles of blocks arrive in my post day after day, I am amazed at just how generous and wonderful AHQ supporters are.

THANK YOU
SO MUCH

for your participation in this project.

The instructions show the blue background/red centre block. When cutting and sewing the red background/blue centre block, reverse the colours.

Use 1/4 inch seam allowances

NOTE - Please do not trim the blocks even if there are uneven edges, as ALL blocks will be cut back to a uniform size.

CUTTING

Cut one centre square 4 x 4 inch



Cut a strip of fabric approx. 21 inch x 1 1/4 inch
Cut two pieces 4 inch long
Cut two pieces 5 1/2 inch long



Cut a strip of fabric approx. 30 inch x 2 inch
Cut two pieces 5 1/2 inch long

Cut two pieces 8 1/2 inch long



Cut two squares 9 x 9 inch
Cut diagonally



SEWING THE BLOCK

Lay the first two strips on opposite sides of the centre square and stitch, then press the seam allowances away from the centre and onto the strips

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Lay the second two strips on the remaining sides of the centre square and stitch, then press the seam allowances away from the centre and onto the strips



Repeat the process for the next set of strips

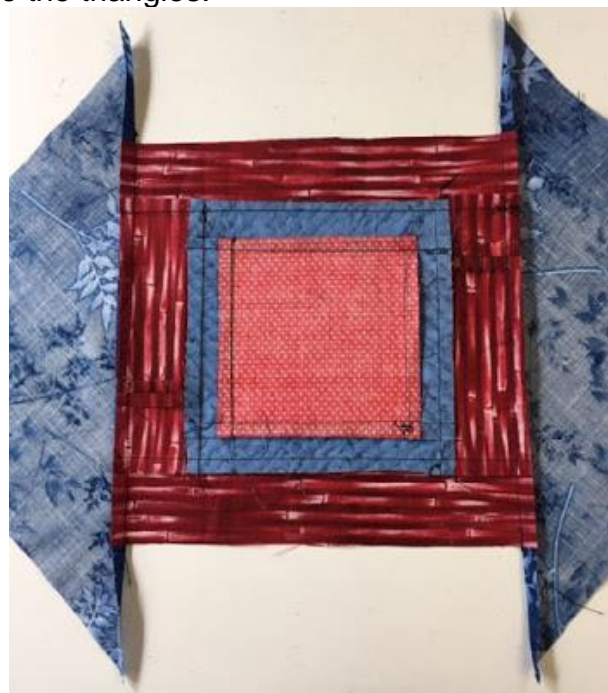
Adding the background triangles

Fold the diamond in half and place a pin exactly half way along the edge. Fold the triangle in half with **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER** and place that fold on the right side of the diamond matching the pin and the fold.

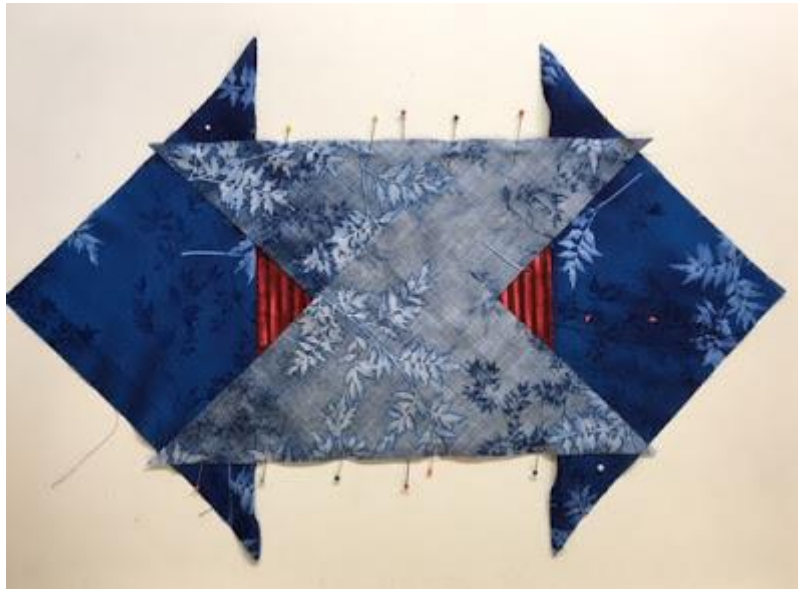


Open out the triangle that will now be right sides together with the diamond. This is a s.t.r.e.t.c.h.e.y bias edge, so it is best to leave it laying flat as you pin the two fabrics together. Then sew the seam.

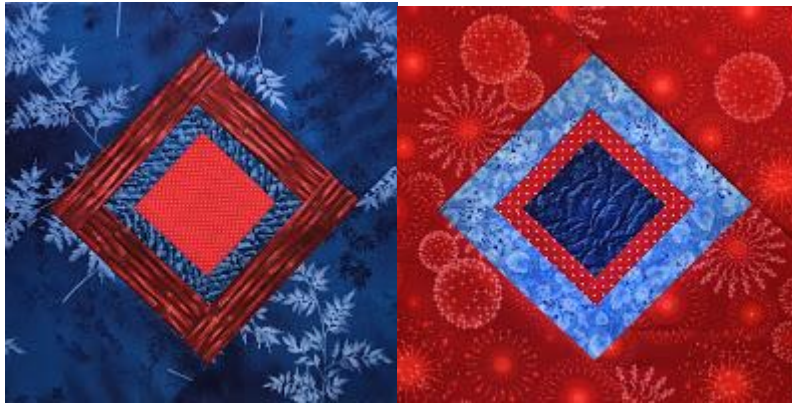
Repeat for the second triangle on the opposite side of the diamond. Then press the seam allowances into the triangles.



Repeat the process for the last two triangles but before pressing the seam allowances the little triangles that are excess can be cut away as shown in the second picture. This is optional.



Press the last 2 seam allowances into the triangles. Remember, **DO NOT TRIM** the block even if there are odd little pieces midway along the sides. All blocks will be trimmed to a uniform size.



Please send your finished blocks to

Aussie Hero Quilts
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Cherrybrook NSW 2126

I look forward to hearing from you and receiving your blocks.
If you include your email address, I will write when I receive
them.

Thank you again for your efforts for our Aussie Heroes.
Until next time...happy sewing.

Sandy