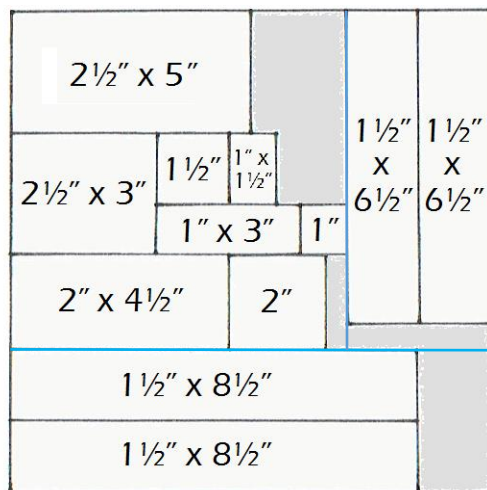


Dala Horse

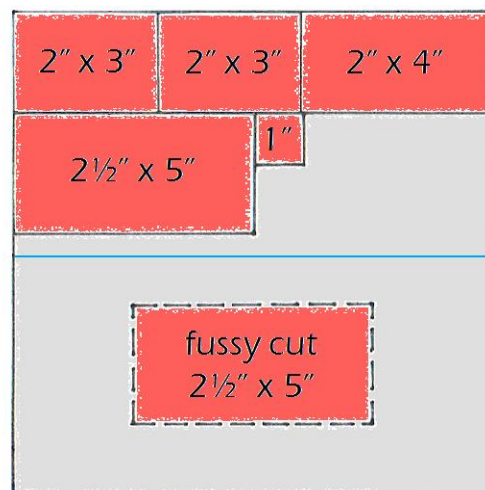
Please read through the pattern before you begin, assuming a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Corrections can be found on my website www.cakestandquilts.com. I would always recommend making a test block.

CUTTING:

From 2 contrasting Layers/10" squares cut as follows:-



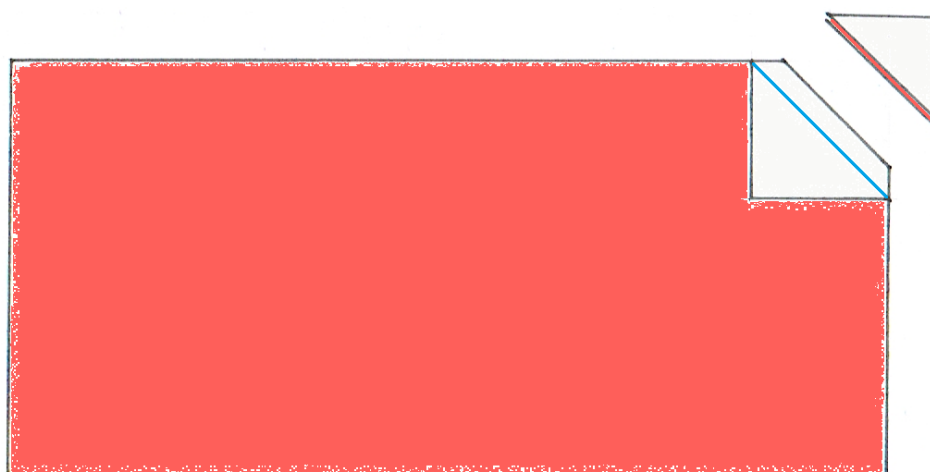
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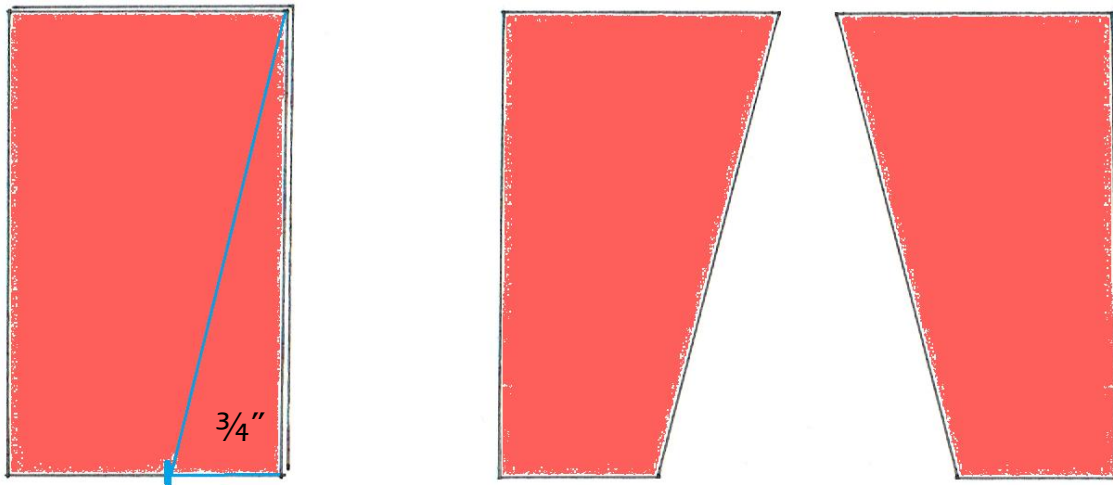
print fabric (for Dala Horse)

PIECING THE BLOCK:

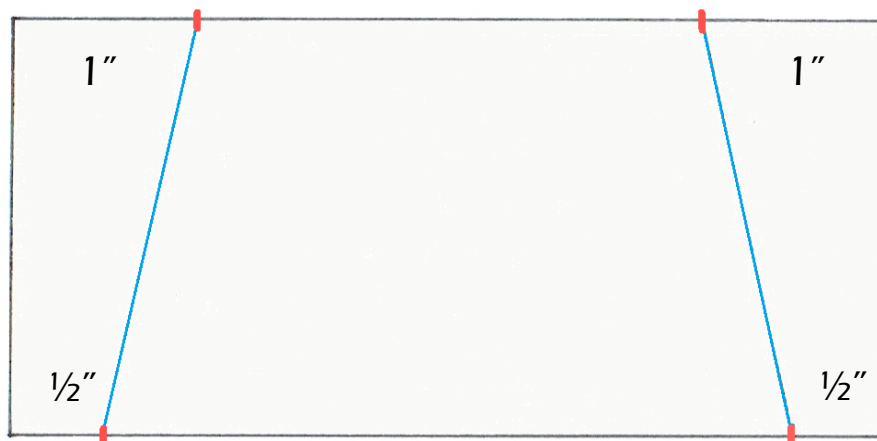
1. To create the horse's body, mark a diagonal line on the back of the 1" background square and pin, right sides together, on the top right-hand corner of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" red piece. Stitch on the line, flip 'open' and press, trimming away the back layers $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the seam, to make an Easy Corner Triangle (ECT).



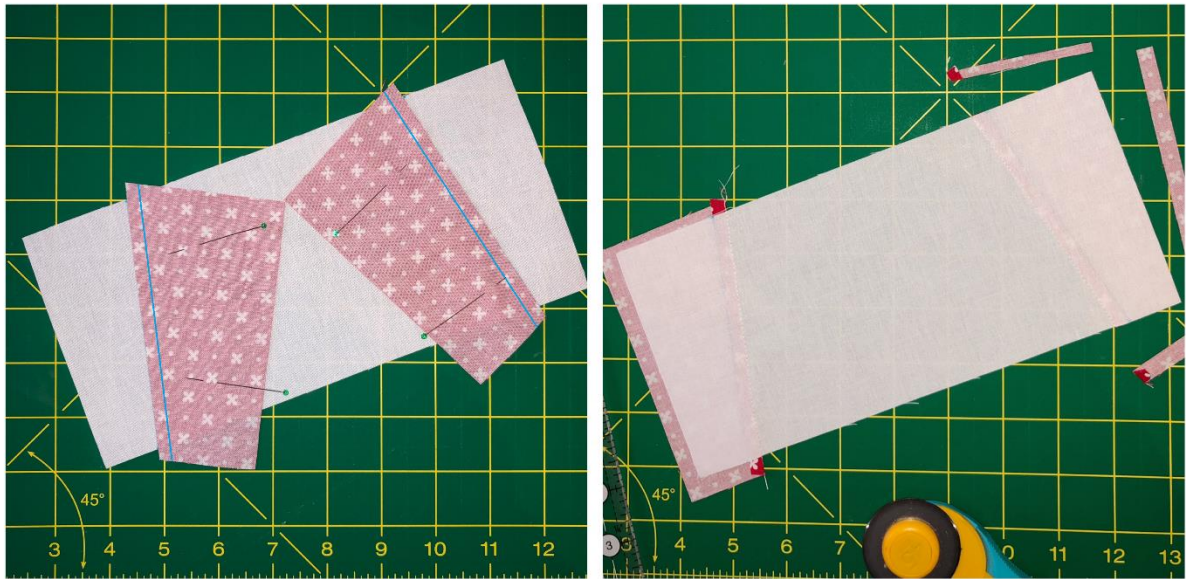
2a. To create the horse's legs, first prepare the 2 2" x 3" red pieces by placing them right sides together and marking a point $\frac{3}{4}$ " along the short side (marked in blue). Trim diagonally, discarding the smaller portions. You should have two mirror image pieces.



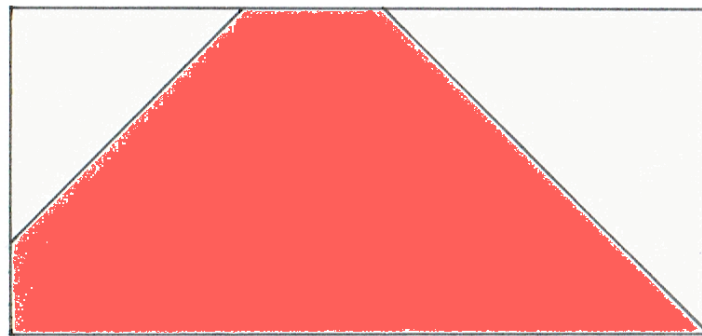
2b. Prepare the 2½" x 5" background piece by marking points 1" from both corners of the long side and ½" from both corners of the opposite side. Using those points, mark placement lines, shown in blue.



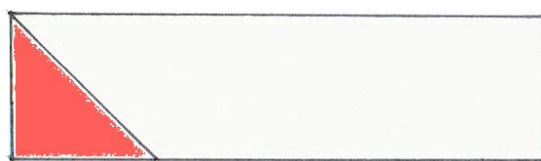
2c. Position a trimmed red piece right sides down on the placement line and stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the edge before flipping 'open' and pressing (the stitching line is marked in blue). Turn your unit to the wrong side and trim, using the background piece as a guide. Repeat to create the other leg.



3. To create the horse's head form an ECT (as described in **step 1**) with the 2" white square at one end of the 2" x 4" red piece, taking care with the placement, as shown. Then form an ECT with the 1 1/2" white square at the other end, again as shown.

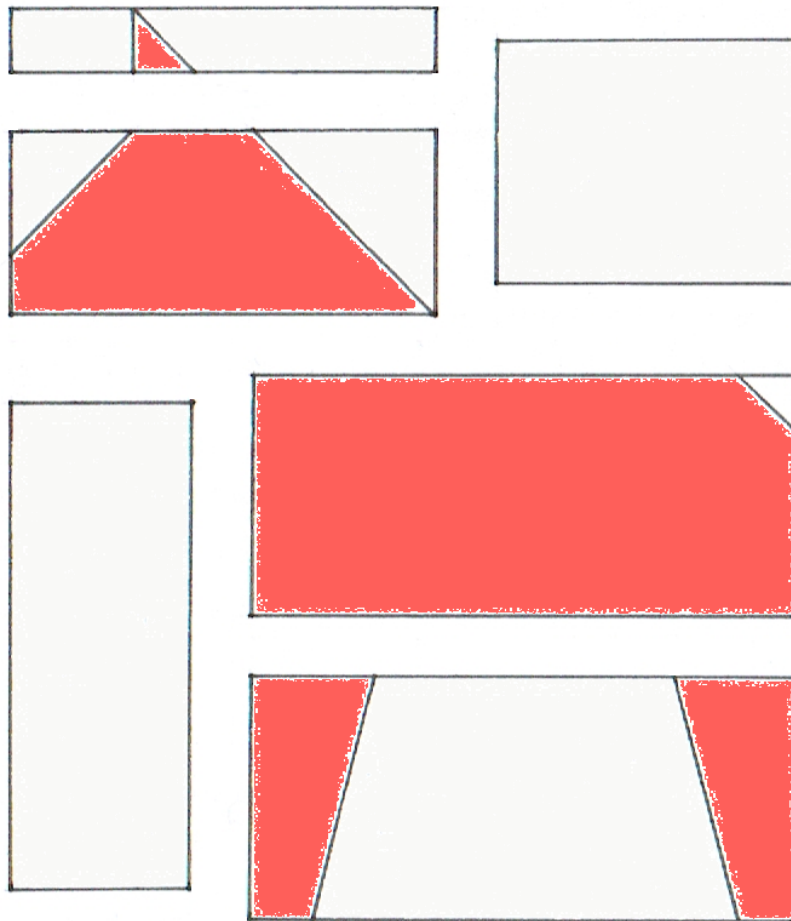


4. To create the horse's ear form an ECT with the 1" red square at one end of the 1" x 3" white piece, taking care with the placement as shown. Then join a 1" x 1 1/2" piece to the other side of the ear, pressing away from the ear.



5a. To assemble the block, join the legs to the body, pressing away from the leg, then join a 2" x 4½" white piece to the side, pressing away from the front leg.

5b. Join the ears to the head, pressing away from the ear, then join a 2½" x 3" white piece to the side, pressing away from the mane. Finally, join both sections together, pressing towards the head.



6. Join the 1½" x 6½" background strips to each side and the 1½" x 8½" background strips to the top and bottom of the block.

7. If you'd like to, add the reins and saddle with contrasting embroidery floss. Use the template and simple back-stitch and running-stitch to embroider the block. Alternatively, fussy-cut the Dala horse's body to position a motif for the saddle or use a printing block – Colouriscious and Noolibird have some lovely ones – and fabric paint.

Your block should measure 6½" square.

Dala Horse Embroidery Template

Template shown for 6" block. Enlarge by 200% for use with a 12" block.

