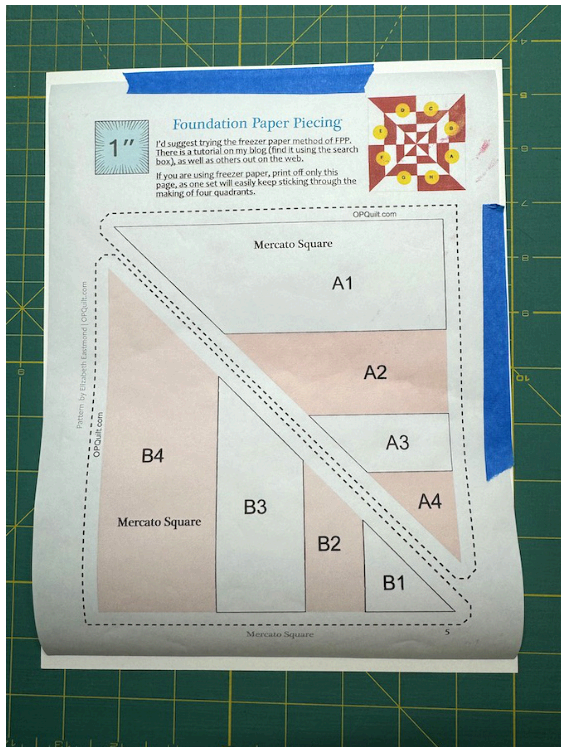
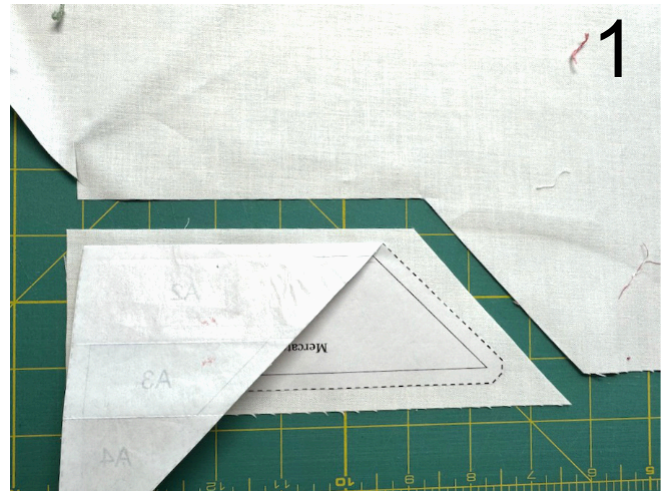


Cheat-sheet for Freezer Paper Method for **Mercato Square**



Tape a piece of freezer paper (cut to $8\frac{1}{4}'' \times 10\frac{3}{4}''$) to a piece of card stock and send it through your printer.



Fold on all the section lines on the paper from the front, then refold from the back.

Iron on the lower section to the WS of a piece of white fabric. Trim to $\frac{1}{4}''$ along top edge.



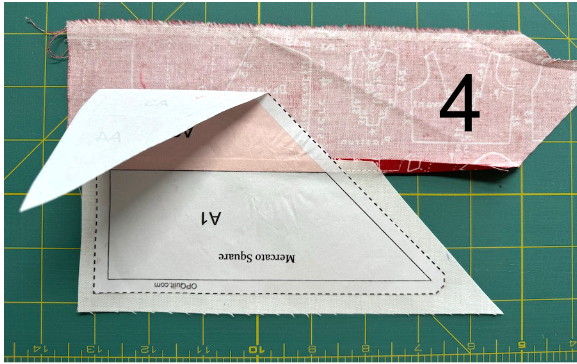
Align with strip of red right sides together (RST). With the paper folded down, make sure that the next section (A2, which will be red) has enough fabric to cover the shape. Judge this, by peeking underneath the ironed shape to make sure the red is big enough.



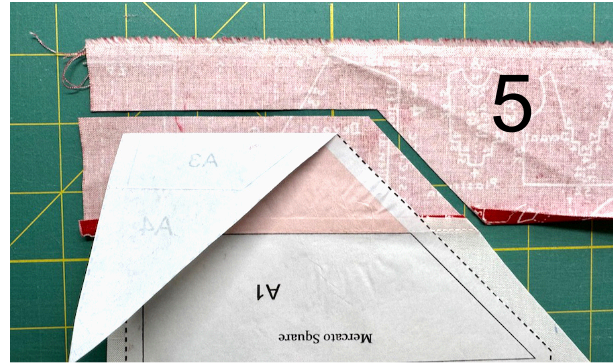
Stitch close to folded edge. Trim to quarter-inch, if it's not already.



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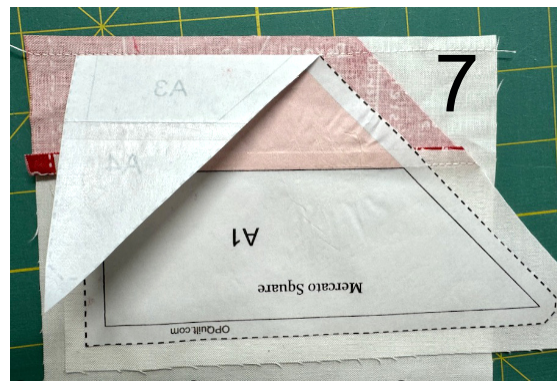
Press A2 section into place. Note the direction that the seam allowances face: toward the dark.



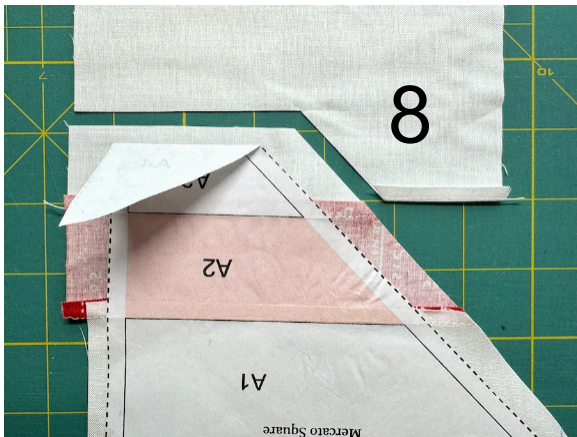
Trim the top to quarter-inch, and loosely trim off the sides.



Lay this assembly on top of a piece big enough for the A3 shape. If you fold down the freezer paper, you can check.



Stitch along folded edge. (Sound familiar?)



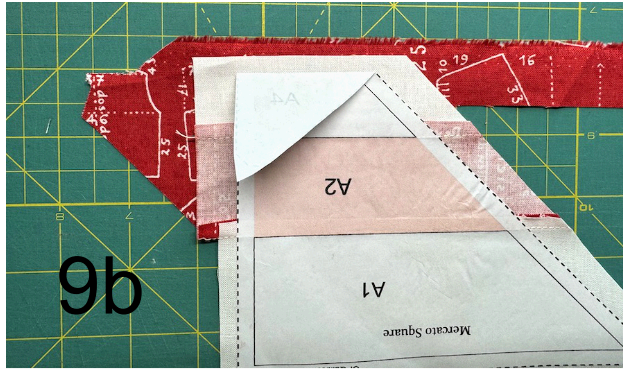
Press the A3 piece onto the fabric. Trim as before in #5.



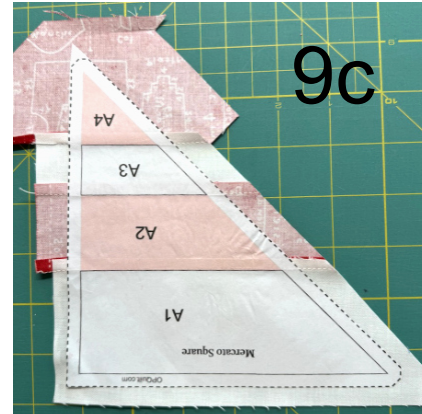
Here I'm eyeballing the A4 shape, seeing if I think it will fit onto the red scrap of fabric.



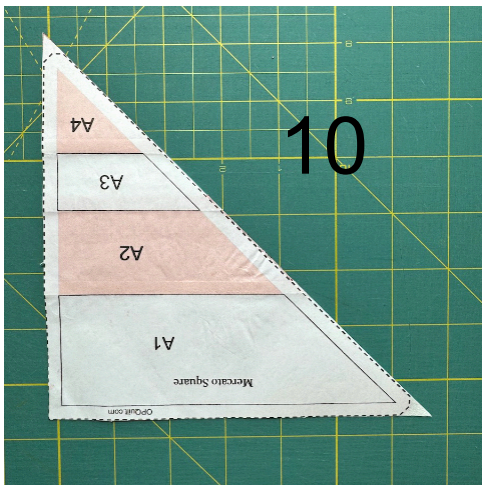
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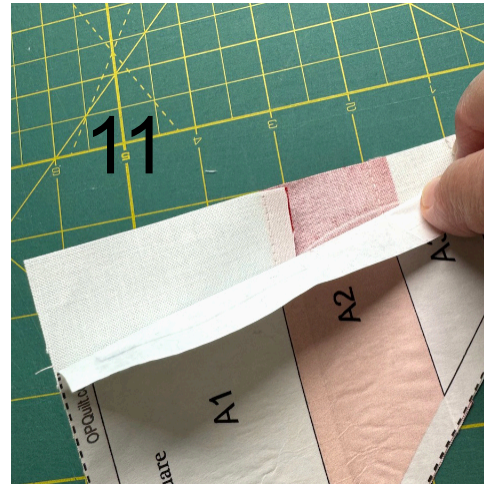
I move the sewn unit onto the fabric scrap, still lifting and checking underneath to make sure it fits. It does. Stitch alongside folded edge of paper.



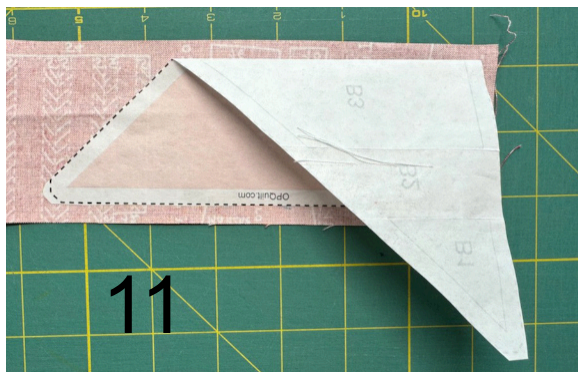
Looks good.



Trim along the edges. To prevent trimming off slivers of paper, align a ruler along the seam allowance, and let the ruler guide you.



So as to not pop seams, peel back carefully from one edge to remove paper.



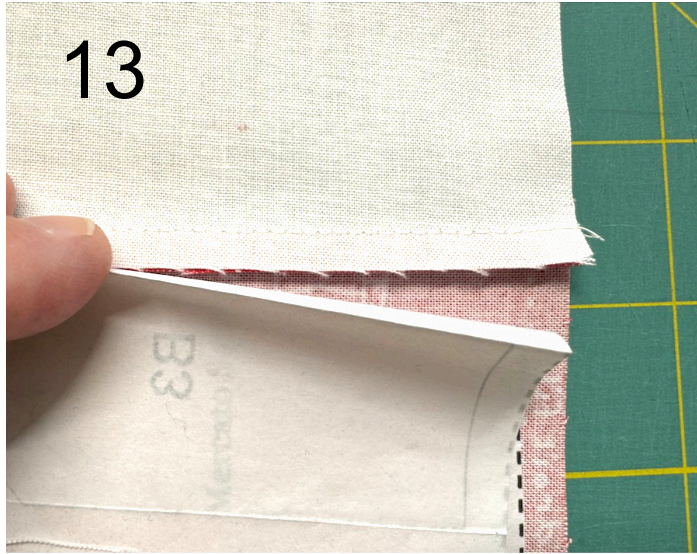
Now the other part of the block quadrant (see blog post for more info: do a search on "freezer paper.")



Sometimes I trim the fabric before sewing, as I did here. Again, check to make that shape B3 will fit on your scrap of fabric. Stitch along upper edge, close to fold of fabric.

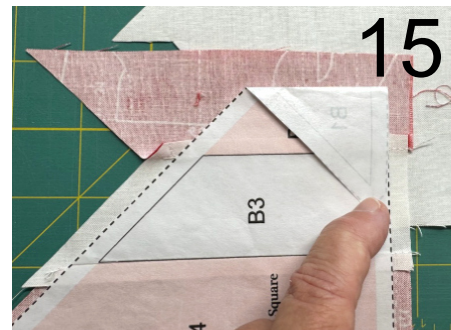
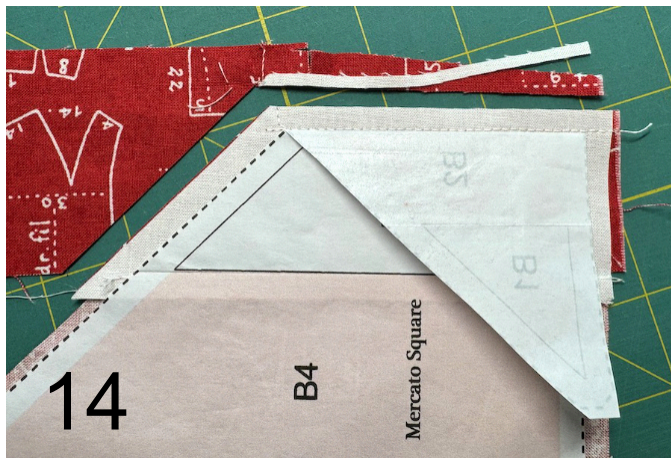
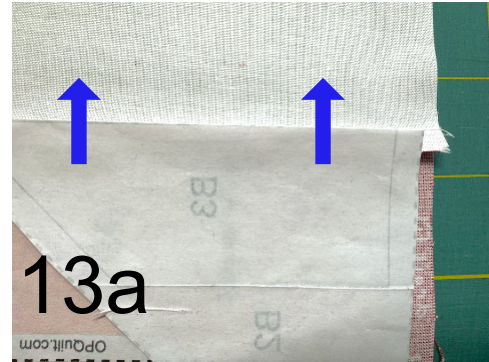


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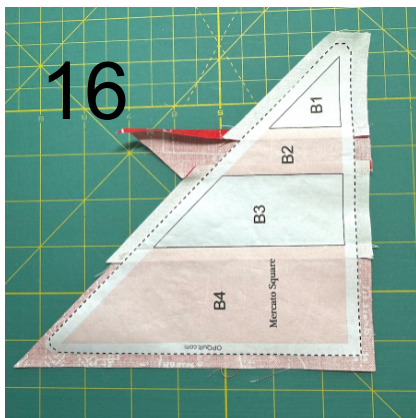
Because I'm a fan of "press towards the dark," I lift up the freezer paper *just a bit* and press the seam allowance down, towards the dark. Then I re-align the fold with the stitching, and continue.

I press up the B3 paper section up onto the white.



Now, continue as before. The B3 is pressed up, the scrap of fabric is set behind to make sure it will cover B2, then I stitch and trim.

Pressed up, now checking size of fabric for B2. Stitch, trim and press.



Trim up, using a ruler to guide you along the outside dashed lines.



Finished sections. Refer to pattern for more details.