### CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS: BASKET DIAMOND

### ▶ Unit A1, Bag #AB1

Fabric AB1 is used to cut the basket fabrics for Unit A1, Fabric AB2 is the basket background, Fabrics AB3 to AB5 are for the star, and Fabric AB6, is the applique background. Using your yardage most efficiently requires that you make **(8)** units from the same fabrics. If you break the blocks into two or more different colorways, you will have to have more yardage than noted for some pieces to create the look you want.

**Fabric AB1:** Cut and stack (4) 6-1/2" by 42" strips facing *right-side-up*.



**Step 1:** Both TLS #1 and TLS #3 will be used to cut this fabric. Start with TLS #1 on the far right side of the strip, cut around it, to the size of the TLS. Then, reposition it, and cut a second stack for a total of **(8)** pieces the size of TLS #1. Then, place TLS #3 on the stack, and cut a stack the size of TLS #3. Reposition it as shown, and cut a second stack.



**Step 2:** Re-stack the pieces cut from TLS #1 into one stack of **(8)** pieces. Do the same with the pieces cut from TLS #3.

**Step 3:** Position each TLS onto its respective stack as shown. Using your ruler and rotary cutter, slice through the paper and fabric, following the Cut Lines in numerical order.





**Step 4:** When the cutting is completed, you will have **(8)** pieces for each section. Clip the templates and fabric pieces together and place them into Bag #AB1.

Accent Fabric AB2: Cut (1) 7" by 42" strip and place it facing *right-side-up*.



**Step 1:** Position the *Unit A1 TLS #2* onto the strip to the farthest left position. Cut around the Template, then flip it over to reposition it and cut again. Repeat to cut a total of **(8)** pieces the size of the TLS.



**Step 2:** Stack all **(8)** pieces, then place the TLS #2 on top and use a ruler and rotary cutter to cut the TLS and fabric beneath apart on the Cut Lines, moving in numerical order, until the entire sheet is cut apart.



**Step 3:** Clip the template and fabric pieces together and place into Bag #AB1.

**Accent Fabric AB3:** Cut (8) 2-1/4" x 42" strips from Fabric AB3 and stack them on the cutting table facing *right-side-up*.



**Step 1:** Position the *T-Templates A-2 and A-3* onto the stack as shown. Cut around the perimeter of each T-Template. This cut should be an exact cut, since this is a T-Template. So, if you are not comfortable getting an accurate cut through (8) strips of fabric, divide the strips into smaller stacks until you are sure you can get a good cut.



**Step 2:** Clip the pieces together with the respective T-Template on top, and place into Bag #AB1.

**Accent Fabric AB4:** Cut (2) 2-1/2" x 42" strips and stack on the cutting table facing *right-side-up*.

**Step 1:** Position the *T-Template A-4* onto the stack as shown. Cut around the perimeter of each T-Template. This cut should be an exact cut, since this is a T-Template. So, if you are not comfortable getting an accurate cut through **(2)** strips of fabric, cut the strips separately instead of stacked.



**Step 2:** Set your stitch length at 2.8 and sew the (TRP) Line printed on each *T-Template A-4*. The threads are trimmed on the front and backside of each template after the sewing is complete.

**Step 3:** Clip the pieces together with the T-Template on top, and place into Bag #AB1.

**Accent Fabric AB5:** Cut (2) 2-1/2" x 42" strips and stack on the cutting table facing *right-side-up*.

**Step 1:** Position the *T-Template A-5* onto the stack as shown. Cut around the perimeter of each T-Template. This cut should be an exact cut, since this is a T-Template. So, if you are not comfortable getting an accurate cut through **(2)** strips of fabric, cut the strips separately instead of stacked.



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Step 2: Set your stitch length at 2.8 and sew the (TRP) Line printed on each T-Template A-5. The threads are trimmed on the front and backside of each template after the sewing is complete.

Step 3: Clip the pieces together with the T-Template on top, and place into Bag #AB1.

Accent Fabric AB6: Cut (2) 20" x 42" strips and place it on the cutting table facing *right-side-up*.



**Step 1:** Position the *T-Template A-1* onto the stack as shown. Cut around the perimeter of each T-Template. This cut should be an exact cut, since this is a T-Template. So, if you are not comfortable getting an accurate cut through (2) strips of fabric, cut the strips separately instead of stacked.



Step 2: Set your stitch length at 2.8 and sew the three (TRP) Lines printed on *T-Template A-1*. The threads are trimmed on the front and backside of each template after the sewing is complete. Clip the pieces together with the T-Template on top, and place into Bag #AB2.

# STACKING: BAG #AB1, UNIT A1

Sort the pieces in numerical order. You should have (8) pieces clipped to each template. Position the templates



and fabric pieces facing right-side-up, -with the *sew-sides* aligned at the top. Sec. 1 does not have a sew side.

# Stacking Order Unit A1

The stacking process begins with T-Template A-5 on the bottom, stacking in reverse numerical order, to T-Template A-1. Then, start with Sec. 11, Temp A1-4, and continue in stacking in reverse numerical order, finishing with Sec. 1 on top as shown.

## FOUNDATION PAPER PIECING, BAG #AB1

Step 1: Place Unit A1 *right-side-up* onto your table and position as shown.

NOTE - Tracing the Dashed Lines: Place the foundation paper onto a light table. Flip the foundation paper over and trace the dashed lines printed on the front side of the foundation paper.





**Step 2:** Find Sec. 1 on the foundation paper. Place a small amount of fabric glue on the backside of the paper under Sec. 1.

**Step 3:** Position the first piece of fabric for Sec. 1 wrong-

side-up on your table. Lift the foundation paper, slide the fabric under Sec. 1 and glue the first piece of fabric to the backside of the paper. Step 3 is repeated for each unit before moving onto Step 4.



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NOTE - Fabric Placement: The wrong-side of the fabric is Step 4

Fold Template

against the backside of the paper. Step 4: Place the fold template over the

top of Sec. 1, lining the edge up on the solid

black line marked Line 1.

Step 5: Fold the paper back over the top of the fold template.

#### Step 6: Place the Add-A-Quarter ruler next

to the folded back section lip-side down and trim



the fabric with your rotary cutter. This leaves you with a guarter-inch seam allowance, which is lined up with the sew side on the next piece of fabric.

Step 7: Place the fabric piece for Sec. 2, right-side-up next to the folded back paper as shown.

Step 8: Lift the foundation paper and slide the fabric under Sec. 2. Line the sew-side up with the trimmed quarter-inch seam allowance. Make sure the fabric extends



Step 9: Sew on Line 1. The stitches should start and stop about 1/8" past the beginning and the end of each stitch line. Complete the sewing on each Unit before moving onto the next step.

**NOTE - Trimming the Threads:** Sewing past the ends of your sew line makes it possible to cut the thread ends off each time you trim with your Add-A-Quarter ruler.

Step 10

Step 8

NOTE - Loosen the Glue: Loosen the glue under Sec. 1. This should be done before you press.

**Step 10:** Flip the papers over, press the fabric pieces open on each paper.