

## Make your own Pineapple patchwork block

The Pineapple block is a variation of the Log Cabin. The strips are sewn in the same way, but usually in alternate light and dark colours. On every other journey round the centre square they are laid diagonally across the corners instead of parallel with the sides.

### You will need:

Light and dark fabric cut into 1.5 inch strips

A third fabric for the centre square

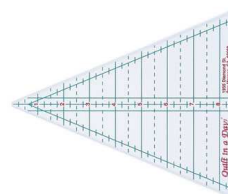
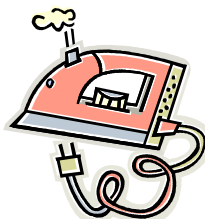
A 45 degree angle ruler

Scissors

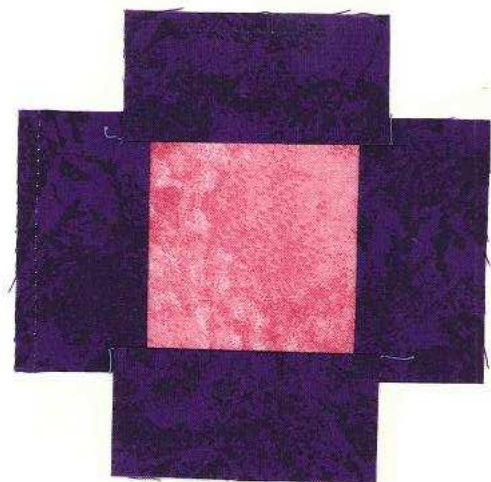
Pencil to mark strips on the fabric

Sewing machine or thread and needle

Iron and ironing board

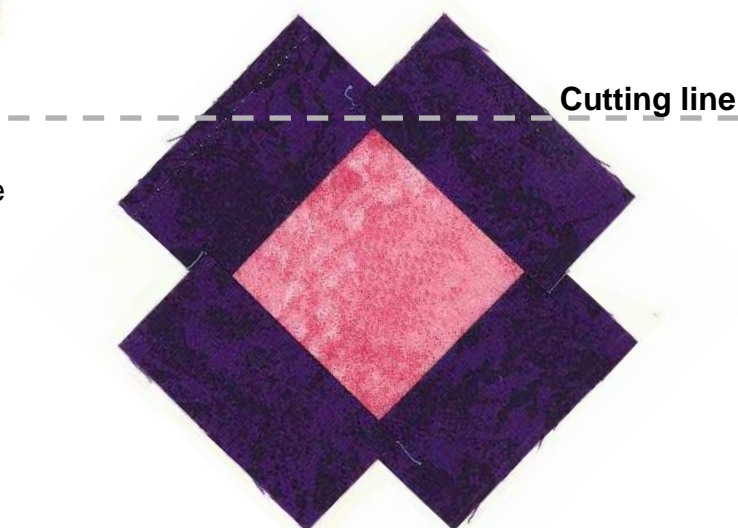


**Step 1:** From your third fabric, cut a 2.5 inch square. From a 1.5 inch strip of your dark fabric, cut four pieces each 2.5 inches long. Sew two of these to the square on opposite sides, sewing an exact 1/4 inch seam. Press these back with seams outwards.

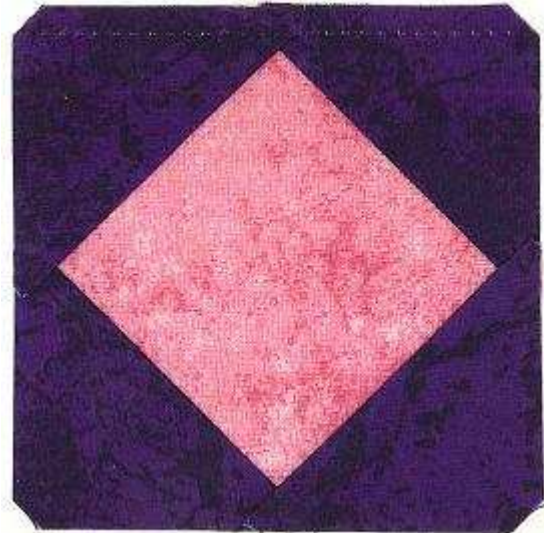


**Step 2:** Sew on the remaining two pieces. Press with seams outwards.

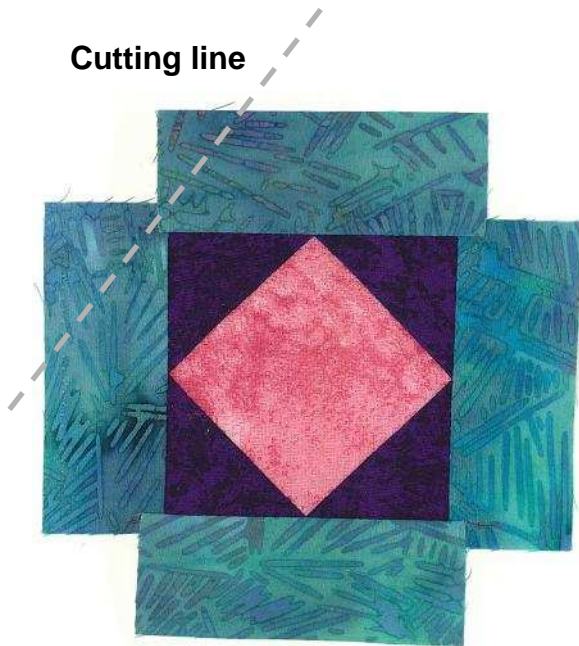
**Step 3:** Place the block wrong side facing upwards. Draw a line as shown in the picture at a 45° angle using your ruler. Trim off fabric along the edge of the ruler.



**Step 4:** Rotate the block and repeat on all sides.



**Cutting line**



**Step 5:** Cut four pieces each 3.5 inches long from your strip of light fabric. Set two of these onto opposite sides of the block. Press back with seams outwards and attach the remaining two pieces. Press with seams outwards.

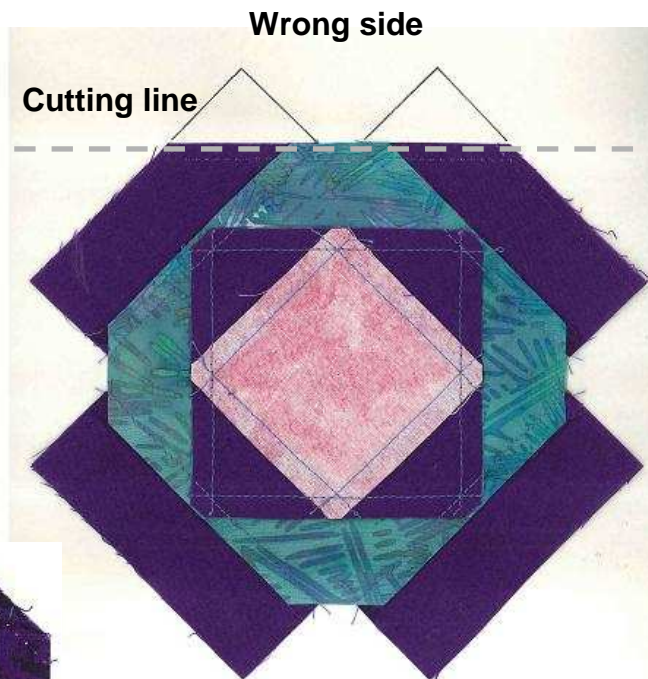
**Step 6:** Place the block face down. Line up the 45° markings on the ruler with one corner of the machined square. Use the horizontal markings on the ruler to line up the inner machined square. Trim off along the edge of the ruler. Rotate the block and repeat on all four sides.



**Wrong side**

**Step 7:** Using your dark fabric, cut four strips each 3.5 inches long. Sew all four to each side of the block and press the seams outwards.

**Step 8:** Place the block face down. Place the ruler along the cutting line as indicated in the picture. Line up the diagonal and horizontal lines on the ruler with the diagonal and horizontal seams on the blocks so that they are all parallel. Trim the fabric along the ruler's edge. Turn the block and trim each side in the same way.



**All sides trimmed**



**Step 9:** Continue these steps, adding each round in alternate fabrics until the block is the size you want. At this point, decide if you wish for your centre shape to be a square or a diamond, and decide the position of your corner triangles.

**Step 10:** To cut your corner triangles the right size, line up the horizontal and vertical lines on two adjacent sides so that the length of the sides of the triangular section can easily be measured. Add 3/4 inch to this measurement. Cut two squares of fabric with sides of this size. Cut these diagonally to form two triangles from each square. Sew each triangle onto each corner. Press with seams outwards and trim if necessary.

