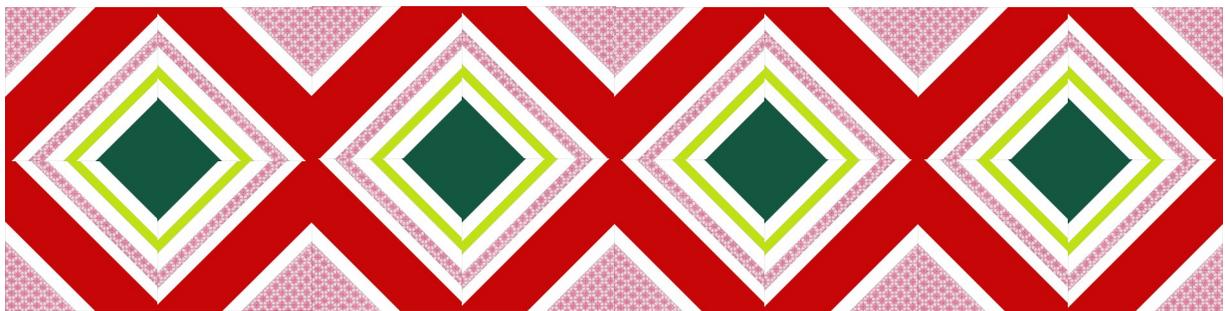


# Double Diamonds



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A Paper Piecing Pattern

## General Pattern Notes:

1. Please read through all of the instructions before you begin.
2. Fabric cutting instructions are included to aid in minimizing waste. These are only guidelines—feel free to cut your pieces larger or smaller.
3. Everyone paper pieces differently. I suggest piecing one block before cutting the fabric pieces for all the blocks.
4. Each block finishes at 12" x 12". You will need to piece four quadrants for a complete block.
5. When sewing the quadrants together, press seam allowances open unless otherwise noted.
6. Print 4 copies of the template on Page 6 at 100%. The template is shown with the seam allowance and should measure 6-1/2" (including seam allowance.)
7. This pattern lends itself well to using scraps. It will be fun to see your scrappy version!
8. Very basic paper piecing instructions are included in this pattern. There are many detailed tutorials available on the internet. A few I have found helpful are:

<http://www.freshlemonsquilts.com/tag/paper-piecing-tutorial/>

<http://www.connectingthreads.com/tutorials/Learn how to Paper Piece D61.html>

<http://ellisonlane.com/2013/08/beginningpaperpiecing.html> (A Video Tutorial)



## Fabric Requirements

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The amount of fabric needed will depend on your own preference for size of fabric pieces and your chosen color palette. I have provided general guidelines.

	<b>Mini</b>	<b>Baby</b>	<b>Lap</b>	<b>Throw</b>
Finished Size	24" x 24"	36" x 36"	48" x 60"	60" x 72"
No. of Blocks/ Quadrants	4 Blocks 16 Quadrants	9 Blocks 36 Quadrants	20 Blocks 80 Quadrants	30 Blocks 120 Quadrants
Fabric 1 (White w/ Red Print)	3/4 yd	1-3/8 yd	2-3/4 yd	4yd
Fabric 2 (Lt. Green)	1/4 yd	3/8 yd	3/4 yd	1 yd
Fabric 3 (Dk Green)	3/8 yd	5/8 yd	1 yd	1-1/2 yd
Fabric 4 (Red)	1/2 yd	1 yd	1-7/8 yd	2-3/4 yd
Fabric 5 (White)	7/8 yd	1-3/8 yd	2-3/4 yd	4 yd



## Cutting Instructions

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I find it easiest to cut my fabric pieces for the blocks before piecing. This chart shows how many pieces you will need to use for each 12" block. Simply multiply the number of pieces by the number of blocks you are making.

FABRIC	SIZE	# of PIECES	NUMBER ON TEMPLATE
Fabric 1 (White w/Red Print)	5" x 3"	16	A9
	9" x 1-1/2"	16	A3
Fabric 2 (Lt. Green)	7" x 1-1/2"	16	A5
Fabric 3 (Dk. Green)	5" x 3"	16	A7
Fabric 4 (Red)	10" x 3"	16	A1
Fabric 5 (White)	6-1/2" x 1-1/2"	32	A6 / A8
	8" x 1-1/2"	16	A4
	10" x 1-1/2"	16	A2

Each section of the paper piecing template is numbered in the order it should be pieced. Numbering is A1 through A9 and is shown with the coordinating cut pieces in the chart above.



## Make The Quadrant

1. Place a Fabric 4 (A1) piece, right side up, on the unprinted side of a template, covering the A1 section.
2. Place a Fabric 5 (A2) piece, right sides together, on the Fabric 4 rectangle so that it completely covers the A2 section.  
**TIP:** Holding the template with fabric in place over a light or in front of a window will help you see the fabric placement.
3. Sew along the line between the A1 and A2 spaces with a small stitch length and backstitch in the seam allowances. (Figure 1)  
**TIP:** A shorter stitch length allows the paper to be removed more easily later. I shorten my stitch length to 1.6.
4. Fold the paper on the line you have just sewn. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4" — do NOT cut the paper. Unfold the paper, flip the white fabric piece in place and press flat. (Figure 2)
5. Repeat Steps 2-4 for each section of the template, using the appropriately numbered fabric piece. Trim the unit along the outer seam allowance (paper and fabric). The finished piece should measure 6-1/2" square.
6. Make three more quadrants for a total of four.
7. Place the four quadrants together as shown. (Figure 3)
8. Sew the top two sections together and press seam open. Sew the bottom two sections together and press seam open.
9. Now, sew the top and bottom rows together to complete the block. **TIP:** This is a great time to give the block a really good press with your iron. It will help the seams to lay flat.
10. Continue with the above steps until you have all the blocks you need and can assemble your quilt.

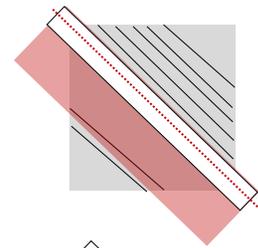


Figure 1

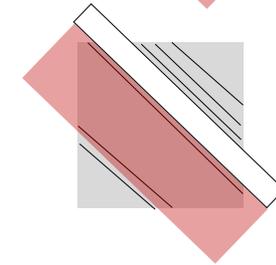


Figure 2

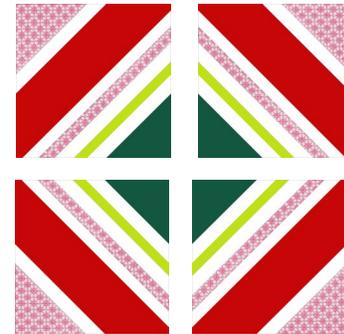


Figure 3



## Helpful Tips

I usually wait to remove the paper pieces until after the quilt is assembled, but this can be done at any point after the block is made. It's simply a matter of personal preference.

Using starch on your fabric gives those pieces a bit more stiffness and will help with the paper piecing process. I also give each block a good shot of starch once I have it finished.

Using an open toe foot on your sewing machine will allow you to more clearly see the lines you are stitching.



## Thank You!

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Thank you for downloading this pattern. I hope you enjoy using it as much as I enjoyed writing it. I very much enjoy designing quilts that are fun and easy to make, but look more complicated than they really are. I look forward to creating more patterns for your enjoyment.

Be sure to check out my pattern store at [craftsy.me/1WFz2vC](https://craftsy.me/1WFz2vC)

Patterns are available for instant PDF download!

I would love to see any item you make using this pattern. You can find me on Instagram and Facebook @CookingUpQuilts or on my blog at [www.cookingupquilts.com](http://www.cookingupquilts.com)

Enjoy!

*Beth*

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*Print four copies for each 12" block*

Check for  
Size - 1"

