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Greetings everyone. Well, Halloween is behind us now and Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. I can almost smell the turkey cooking in the oven. I really love this time of the year. There is a chill in the air, the leaves are falling and the aroma of burning fireplaces fill the air.

It has been a busy month here at PaperPiecedQuilting.com as we have added many new products and updated many of our previous product offerings. A new line of patterns are in; Garden Patch Cats by Helene Knott. These appliqué patterns are based on fruit and veggie cats are can be seen at: <http://paperpiecedquilting.com/>

I went to a quilt show recently and there was a quilt made up of the salvage ends of fabrics into a star pattern. I was very impressed at the artistic and clever way the artist used what many if us think of as waste.

This month's presentation is on how to Foundation Paper Piece with Direction fabrics. That is, fabrics which have a directional nature in their pattern; such as, strips. The use of directional fabrics in a pattern can be challenging since we use the *sew & flip* method of Foundation Paper Piecing. When we flip the fabric over it may not run in the direction you want it to. With my technique below, your directional fabrics will run in whatever direction you want it to every time! I hope you find it useful and will now use more Directional fabrics in your projects.

Next month I will present **Advanced Direction Foundation Paper Piecing**. This is useful when you want Directional fabrics to run in the same direction across several sections.

PaperPiecedQuilting.com is having a **BIG SALE** on now through December 21st. All **Books are 40% off**, **Seasonal Patterns are 15% off** or **Foundation Paper Piecing Patterns are 10% off**. Great savings which I hope you will take advantaged.

Happy Piecing!

Jim

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Blender Cheesecake

This is an old family recipe that is made this time of year for the holidays. I hope you try it and enjoy!

Crust:

3 Tablespoons melted butter
2 Tablespoons sugar

Topping:

1 Cup sour cream
1 Tablespoon sugar
½ tsp vanilla

Filling:

2 eggs separated
½ Cup sugar
1 Tablespoon lemon juice
Thin rind of ½ lemon
½ tsp vanilla
1 lb cream cheese cubed

Crust: Make a crumb crust and press into pan on bottom and sides (8x8x2). Bake 5 minutes at 300°. **Filling:** Put egg yolks, sugar, lemon juice, lemon rind, vanilla and half of the cream cheese into a blender and blend until smooth. Gradually add remaining cream cheese, blend until smooth. Beat egg whites until stiff and then fold into cheese mixture. Pour into crust and bake 45 minutes @300°. **Topping:** Blend sour cream, sugar and vanilla and spread on top of cheese cake. Return to oven and bake for 10 minutes longer @ 300° *Enjoy!*

NEW Product!

Bali Pops by Hoffman Fabrics. These are the 8th Generation of these wonderful pre-cut Bitiks. They come in 6 different color-ways and are pre-cut to 2 ½" x 44" strips.

If you've worked with Bali Pops Pre-cuts before, you know just how remarkable of a sewing experience they can be. With 40 unique stripes that measure 2 ½" X 44 inches, Bali Pre-Cuts (Pops) can create breathtaking quilts for all your paper piecing projects.

They made ideal Foundation Paper Piecing fabrics for all your projects since They are pre-cut into convenient sizes for most Foundation Paper Piecing projects.

Many of Judy Niemeyer's patterns are specifically written to fully use these Bali Pops pre-cuts.

Check them out now as they are on sale through December 21st.

Coming in January 2016 will be a line of Judy Niemeyer's Bali Pops!

You can see the entire 6 color-ways at:

<http://paperpiecedquilting.com/bali-pops-by-hoffman-fabrics-pre-cut-batik-fabric-strips-for-foundation-paper-piecing/>

Recipe Corner!



DIRECTIONAL FOUNDATION PAPER PIECING

Directional Foundation Paper Piecing is a method used to assure that a particular fabric piece will be sewn into a pattern in a particular way or “direction”. This method is useful when you have a Directional piece of fabric (the fabric has lines or other features on it that takes on a Directional nature) and want it to run in a particular direction in your finished pattern. See Exhibit #1 below for an example of a Directional fabric:

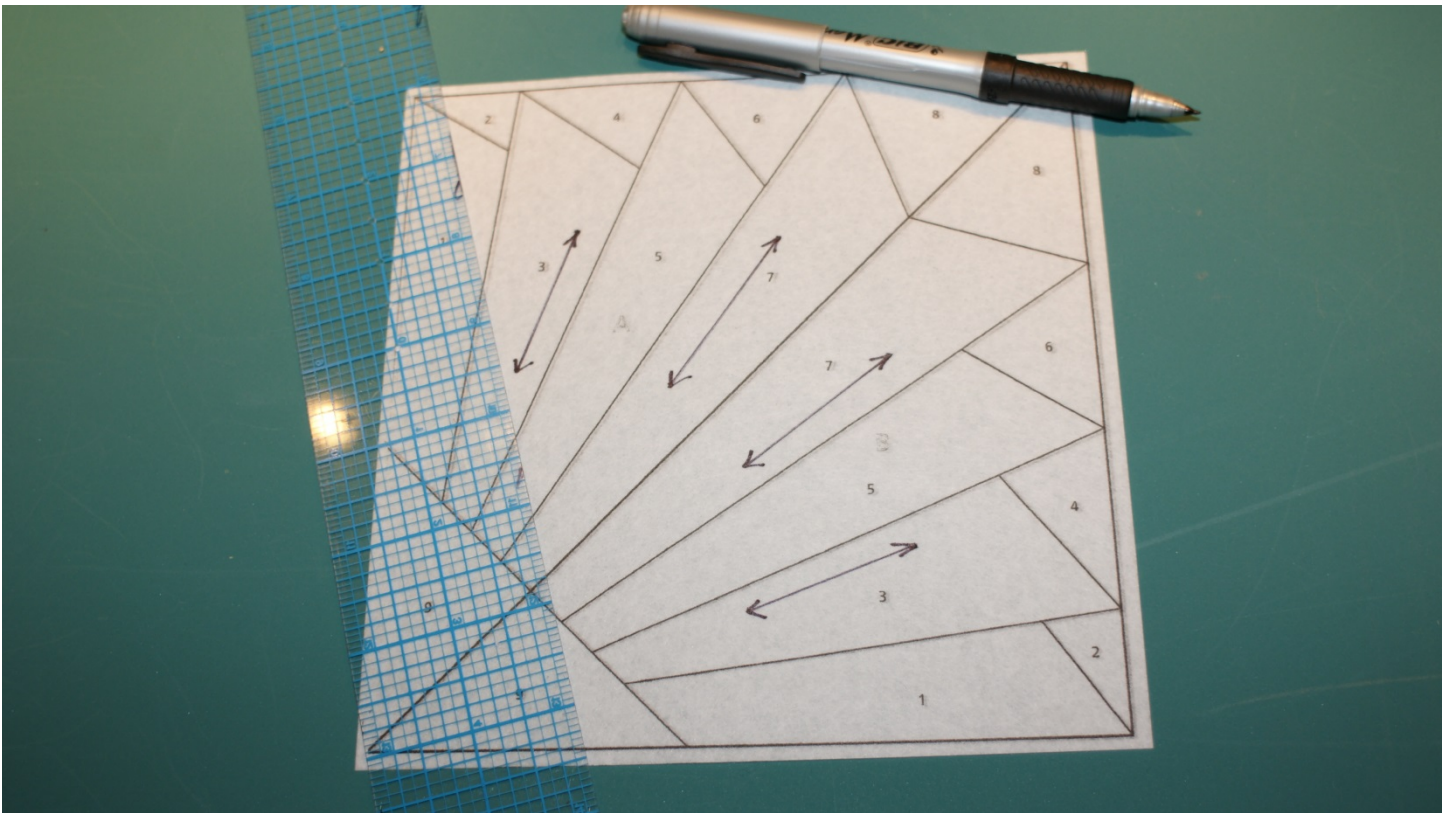


Exhibit 1 (Directional Fabric)

As you can see from Exhibit #1 above, there is a Directional nature to this fabric. Therefore, you may wish to take advantage of this Directional nature in your piecing. To do this, you will need to learn **Directional Foundation Paper Piecing**. The lesson below can be applied to any piece of fabric which has a Directional nature.

How to Directional Foundation Paper Piece

Step #1: First, you will need to prep your pattern with Directional lines, if not drawn on already, in those section pieces where you will be using a Directional fabric. Most pattern packages supply you with two patterns; a Master Pattern (which you use as a road map to put your sewn pattern pieces back together) and a Sewing Pattern (which you sew your fabric onto). If your pattern does not have Directional lines (in those section pieces where a Directional fabric will be used), you will need to draw them on yourself. See Example 1 below:

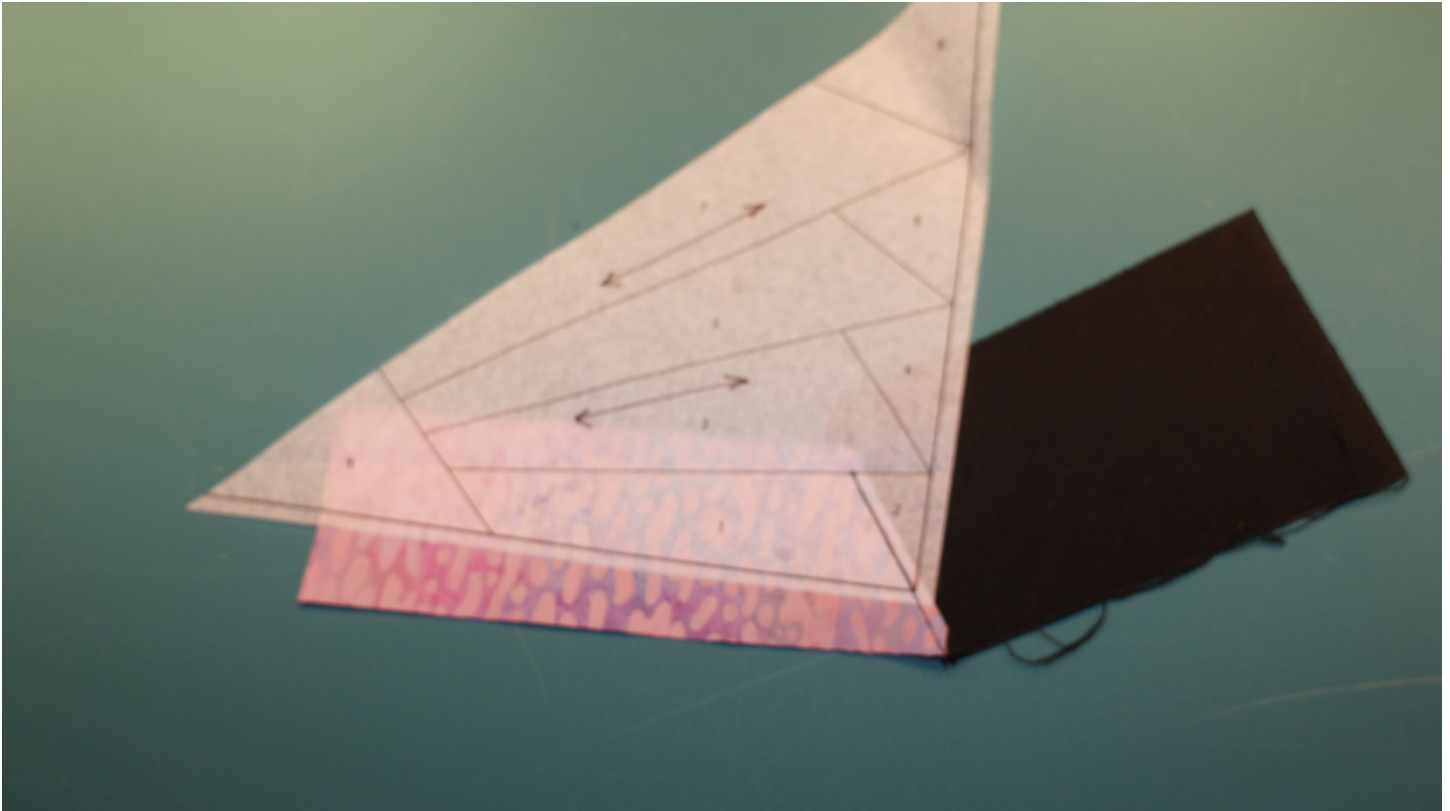


Example 1

TIP: I suggest that you put the Directional lines on both your master plan and your sewing pattern. To do this, take out your master pattern and place it on your table with the information side facing up. I use a clear ruler and a black ink pen to make my marks on the pattern. Place a line about an inch or so long, and with arrows at each end of the line, into each section of the pattern that you intend to use a Directional piece of fabric with the lines running in the same direction you want the Directional fabric to run.

When you get to a pattern section piece that has a Directional line on it, you will need to handle the piecing of it in the following manner. (We will assume some piecing of non-directional fabrics has already been done so we will start with a pattern section in progress, for this demonstration).

Step #2: Place your sewing pattern on the table with the pattern side facing up. See Example 2A below:



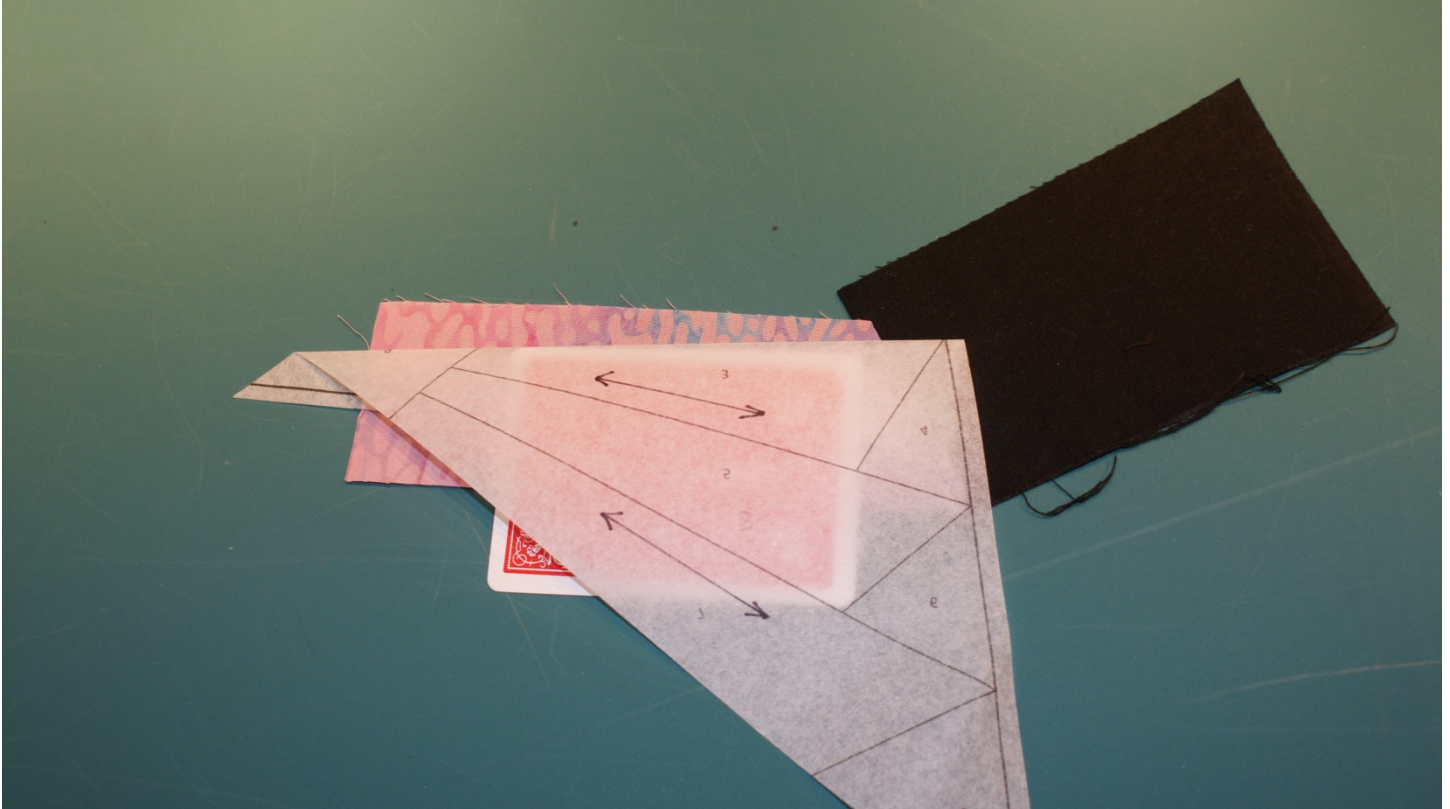
Example 2A

Now, place your playing card along the next sewing line on your sewing pattern. See Example 2B below;



Example 2B

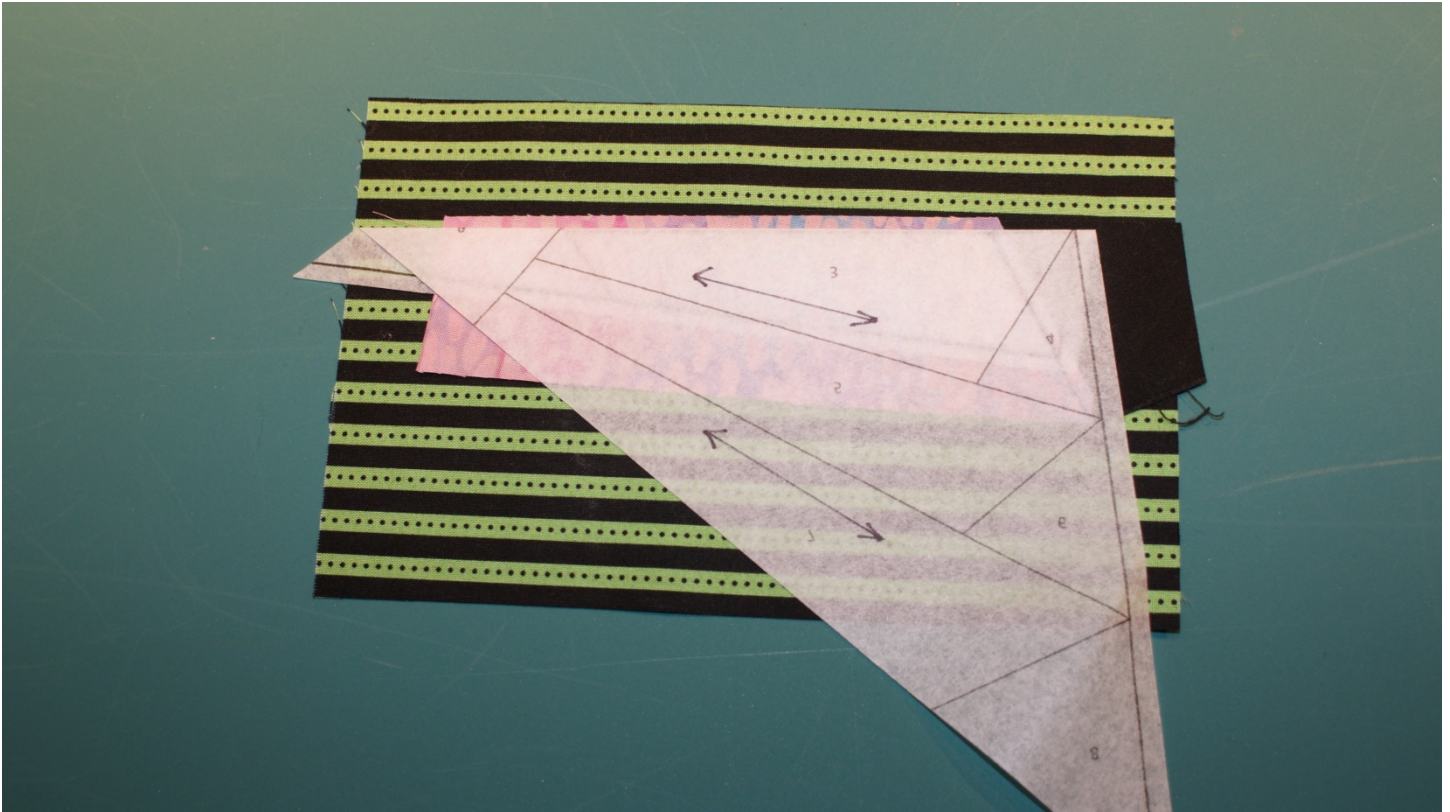
Fold over your sewing pattern along the sewing line and over the edge of the playing card. See Example 2C Below:



Example 2C

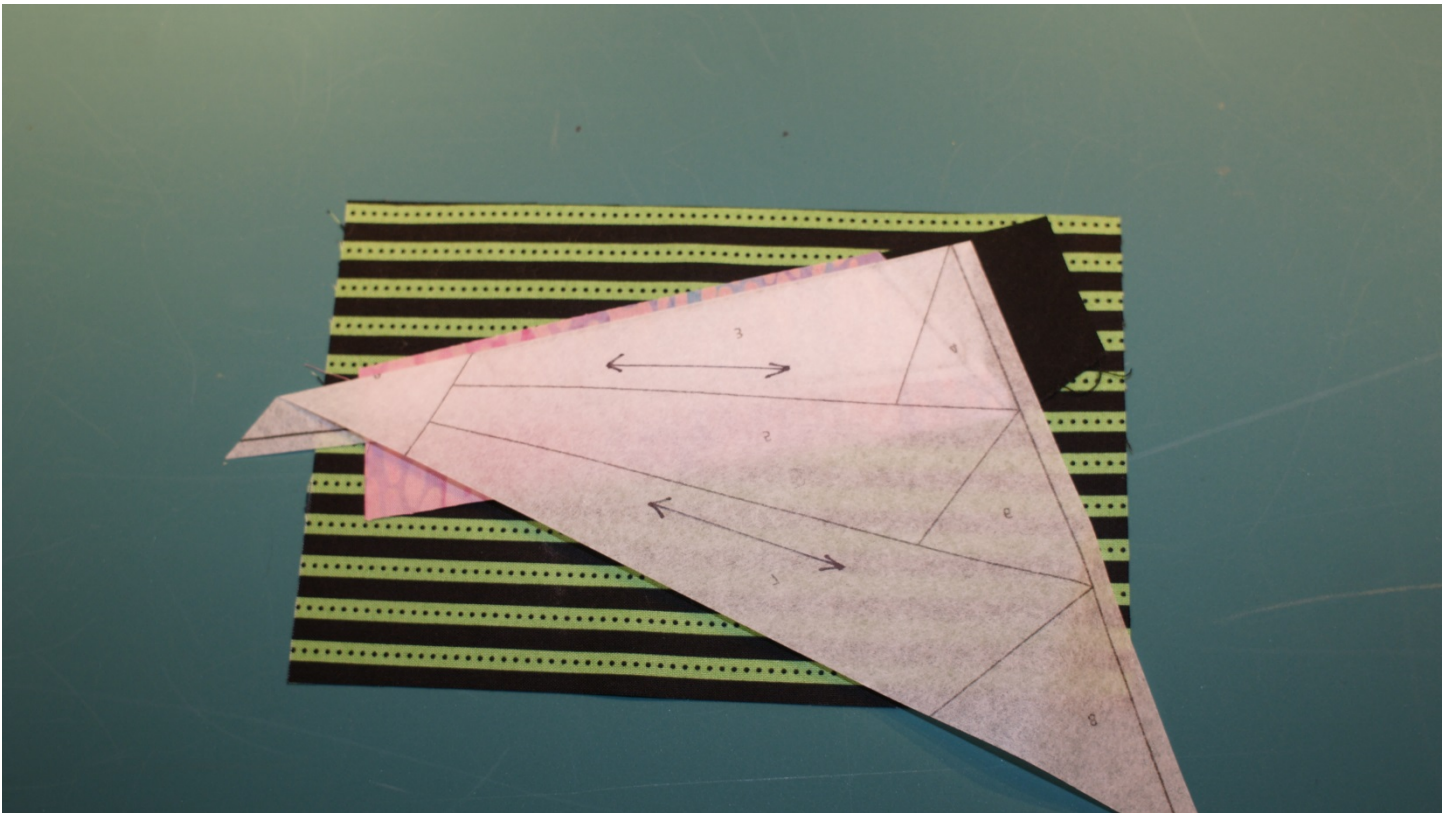
TIP: The techniques used in Foundation Paper Piecing for Beginners are also used in addition to the Directional Foundation Paper Piecing technique. So you should first go through the Foundation Paper Piecing for Beginners before learning to Directional Foundation Paper Piece. For further information and to purchase go to: <http://paperpiecedquilting.com>.

Step #3: Take a piece of your Directional fabric and cut it large enough to cover the next sewing pattern section. (Remember now; cut the Directional fabric in a square or rectangle **ONLY** and with several inches extra on all sides so you will have plenty of room to maneuver the Directional fabric around). Now place the new Directional fabric beneath the last fabric and under the sewing pattern section you want to cover with the Directional fabric, with right sides of fabric together. See Example 3 below:



Example 3

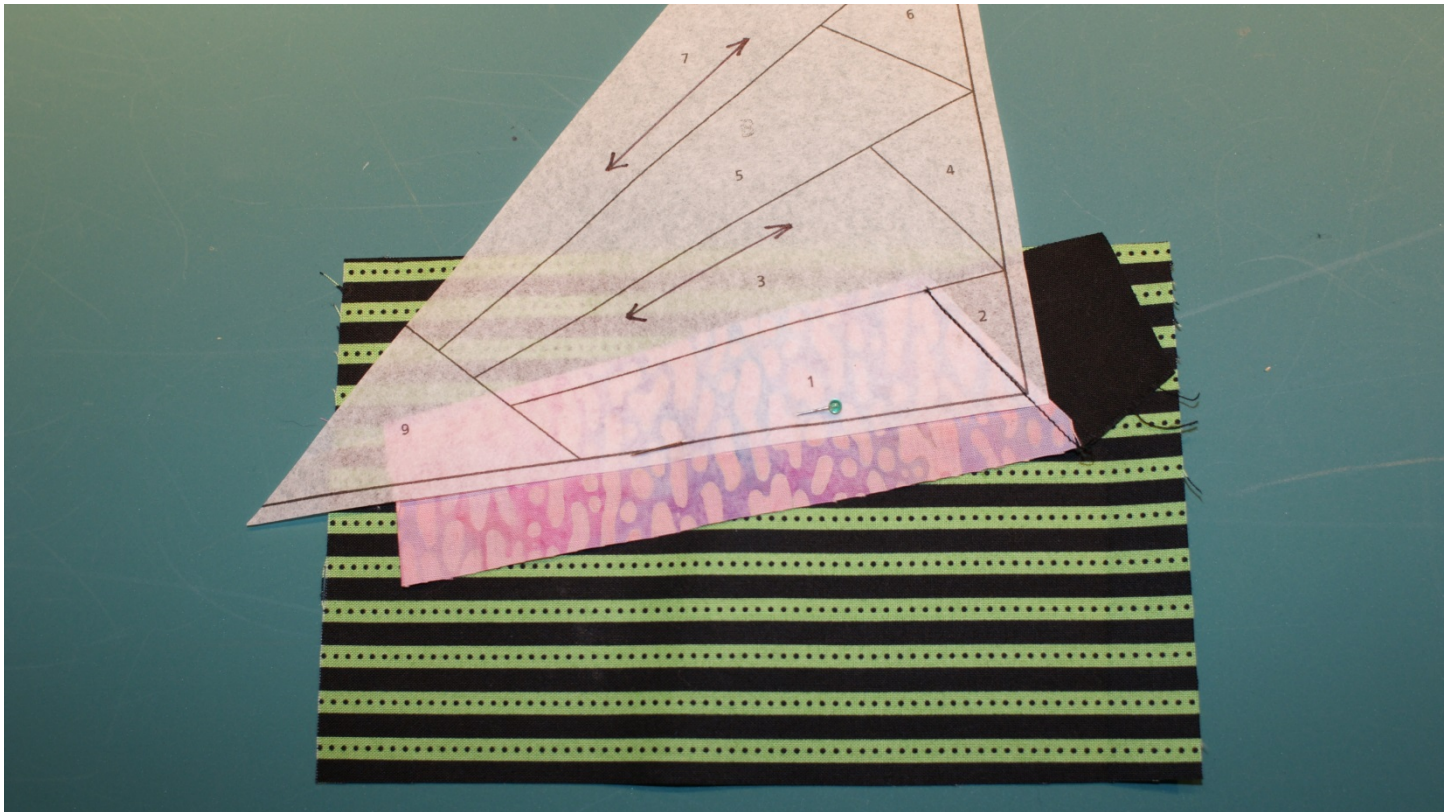
Step #4: Now rotate the Directional fabric so that the Directional line(s) on the fabric match the Direction of the arrows drawn on the sewing pattern. See Example 4 below:



Example 4

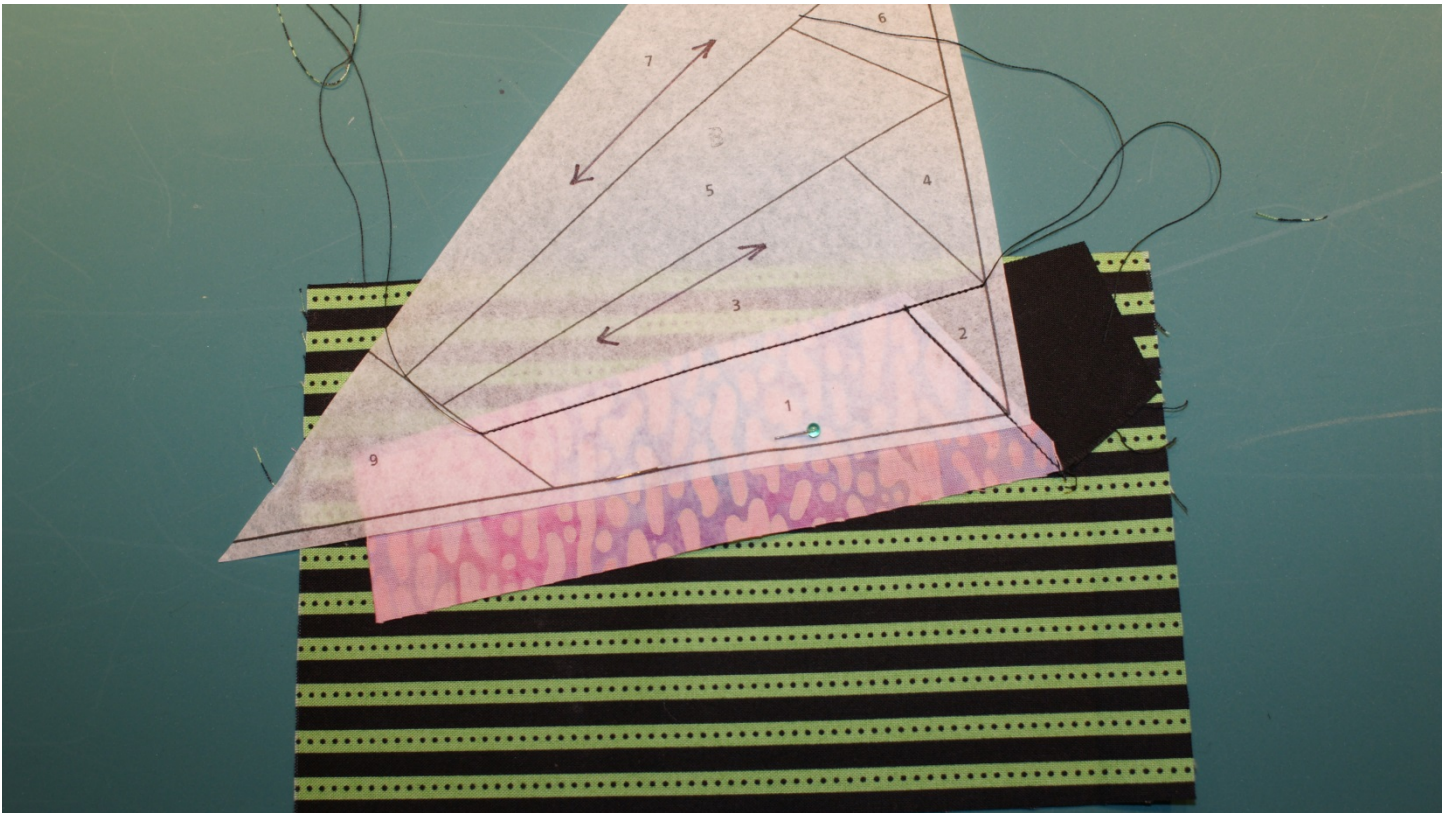
NOTE: Since you cut the Directional fabric much larger than the pattern section you are covering, it should be easier to see the Directional nature of your fabric so you can match that Directional nature to the arrows on your sewing pattern section.

Step #5: Once you are satisfied with your Directional matching of the fabric to the arrow lines on the sewing pattern, open your sewing pattern and pin through the pattern and both pieces of fabric. See Example 5 below:



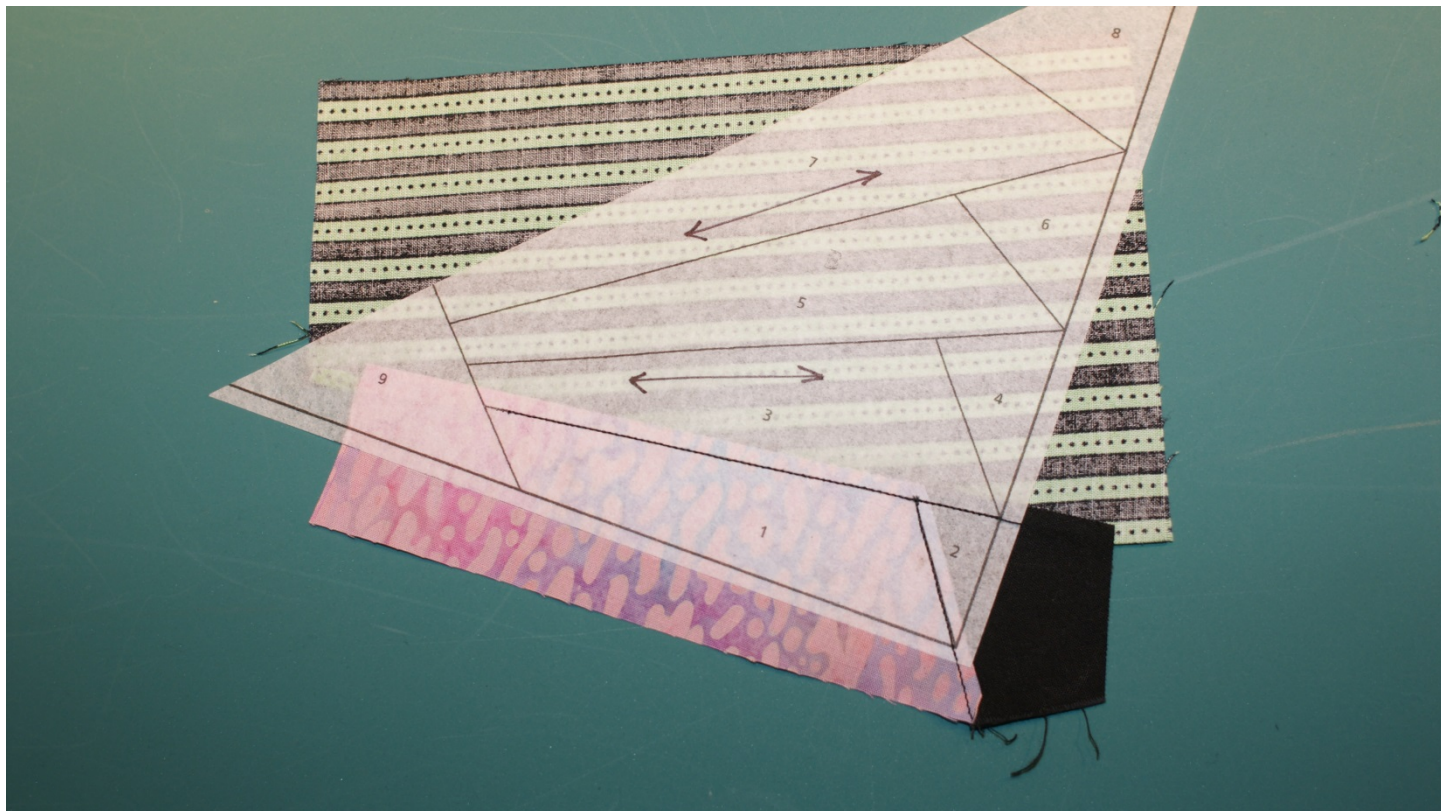
Example 5

Step #6: Sew on the solid line on your sewing pattern, from point to point. See Example 6 below:



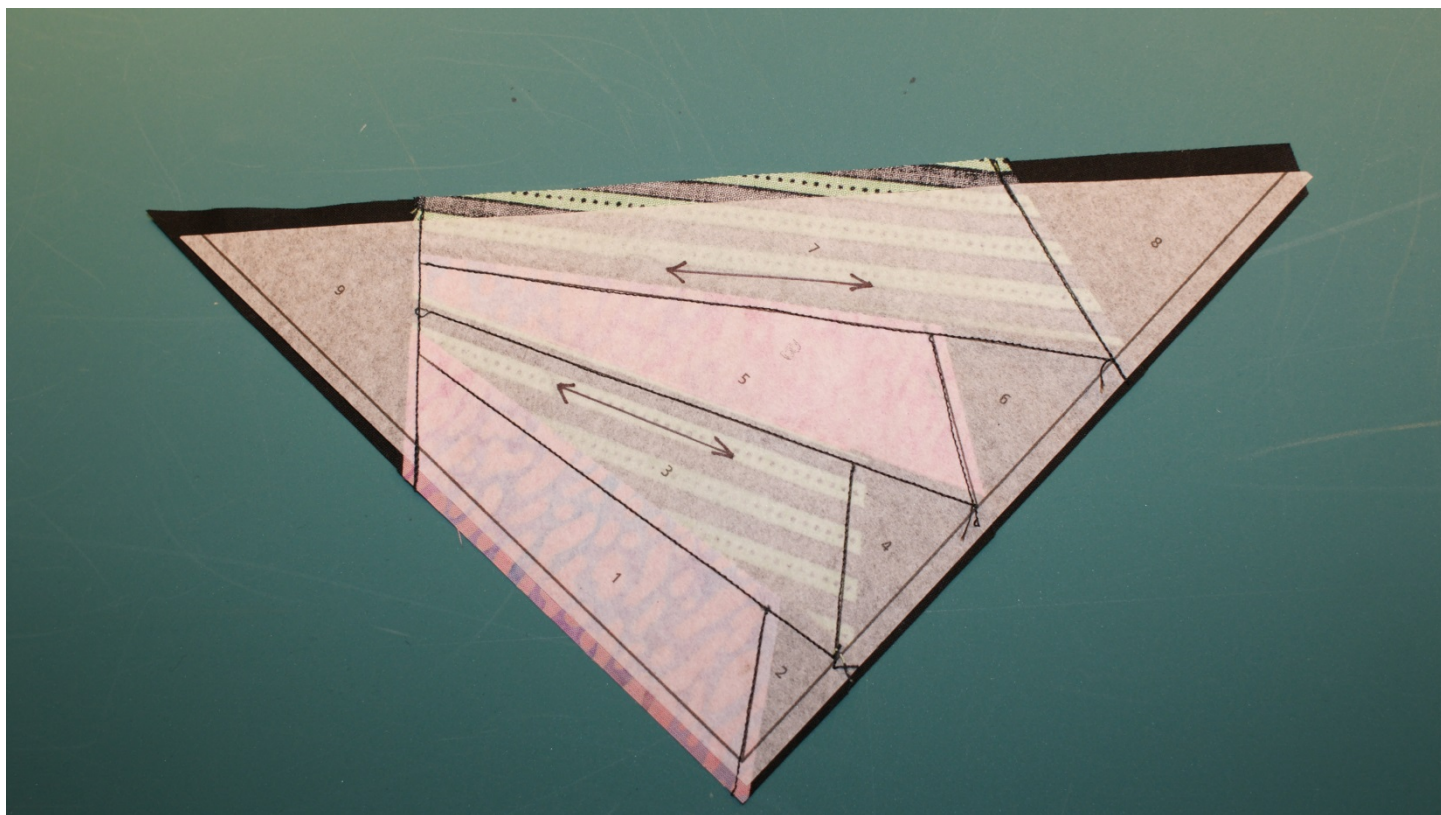
Example 6

Step #7: Once sewn, turn over the sewing pattern to the fabric side and press the seam open. Turn the sewing pattern back over to the pattern side and check that the arrow on the pattern section, you just pieced, is running in the same direction as the directional fabric. If you properly followed all the steps above then the two should line up nicely. See Example 7 below:



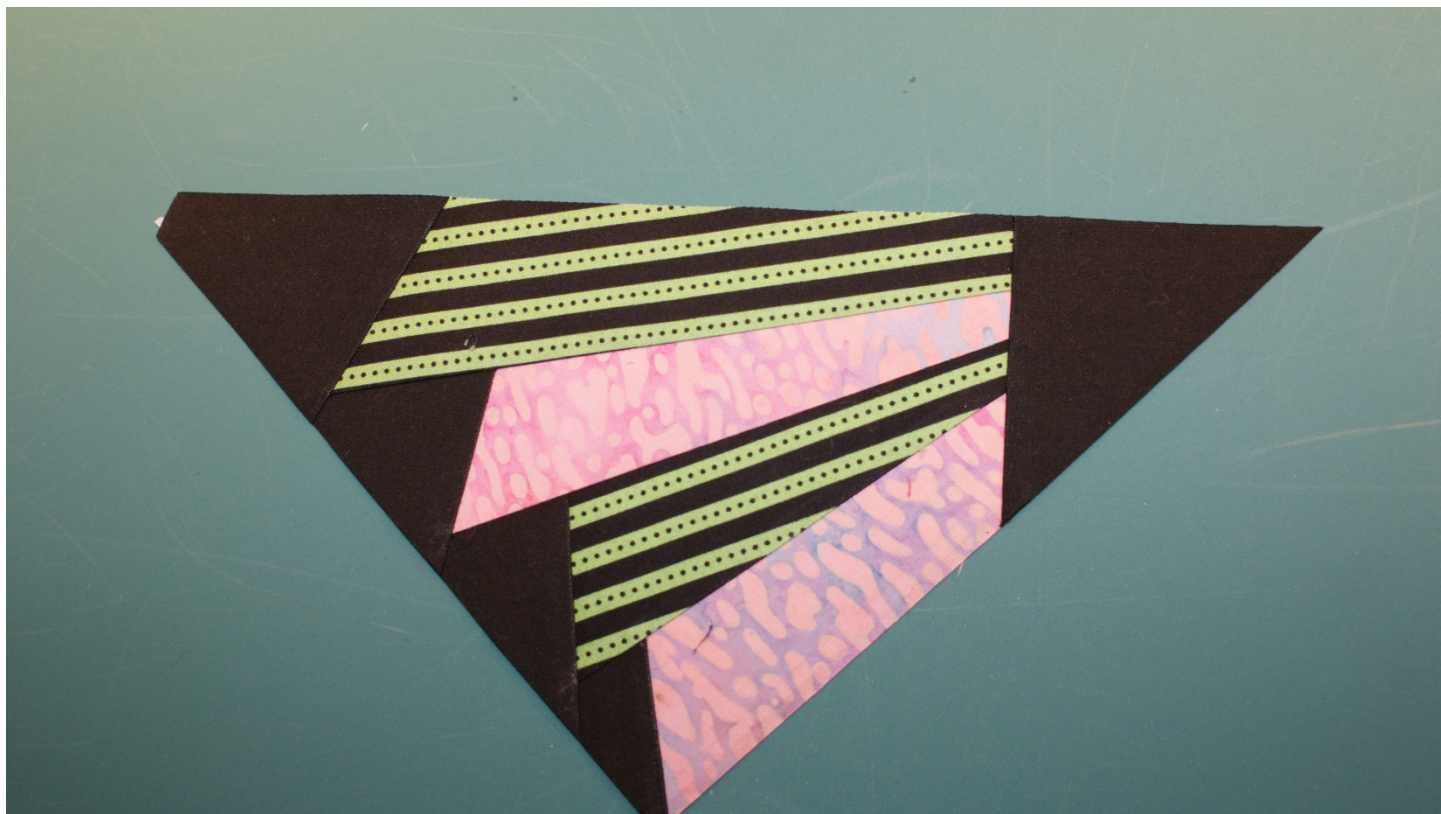
Example 7

Step #8: Now continue on foundation paper piecing, using this technique, if you have additional Directional Paper Piecing to do on your pattern. See Example 8 below:



Example 8

Once your Block Section is finished, you are done and have learned the technique of Directional Foundation Paper Piecing!



Example of Finished Block Section

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Deb started her real quilting passion in November of 2000, when she got a call from one of her daughters, advising Deb, (the daughter...not Deb!) she was pregnant with triplets. She picked up the quilting bug with a passion and joined her local quilt guild (the San Francisco Quilters Guild).

It was at the SFQG that she met Janet Mednick, who would later help her write a book for the American Quilters Society, called 'QuiltMavens Perfect Paper Piecing'.

She has since written 'Quilts With Attitude', also published by AQS, and is currently working on her next book.

Now based in Durham, North Carolina, Deb is quilting, teaching and writing professionally, and her travels take her worldwide to share her passion for contemporary quilting, meeting new people, and sharing her knowledge with quilters everywhere.

See her wonderful quilts at: <http://www.debkarasik.com/index.php>

Final Words:

Well, I hope that you have enjoyed this issue of our Newsletter. I do appreciate your continued support.

If you would like to see any particular subject matter explored or covered, please email me and I will see that it is included in one of our future issues. Also, your comments and suggestions are always appreciated.

As always, I wish you Happy Piecing!

Jim

Coming Up In Our Next Issue:

A new Designer introduced –

More fun Recipes -

Advanced Directional Foundation Paper Piecing: How to in easy steps -

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