

Schoolgirl Sampler Sew Along

Week 6

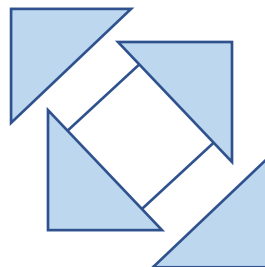
Work on Blocks **31 through 36** on pages 55 - 57 of the Schoolgirl Sampler book.



(Blocks by Sue Bennett)

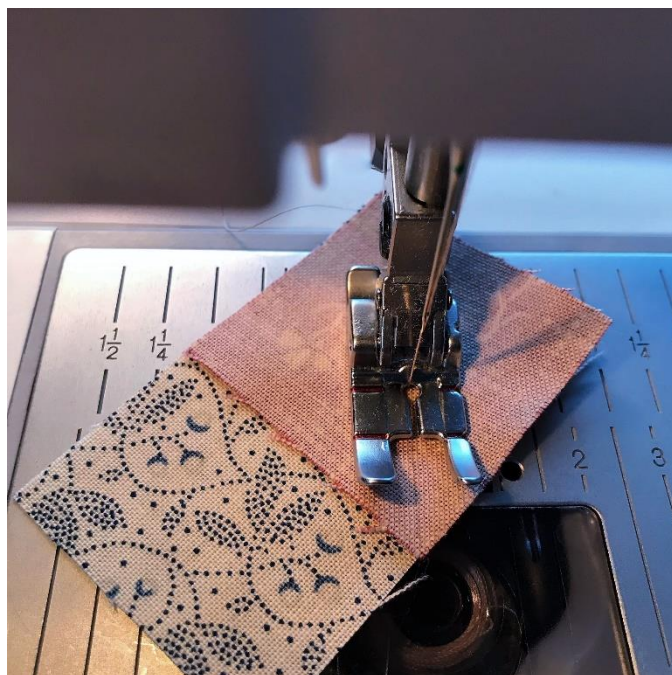
More tiny half-square triangles for that pretty basket block! Take your time.

Tip: When you make the square in square section for Block 36, sew the triangles to two opposite sides of the square first, press, and then add the remaining two triangles. Trim unit to 2 1/2" x 2 1/2".



Again, take your time and sew carefully. If you have trouble, remember that sewing seams with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " may help the blocks come out correctly. Follow the tips included in the file for Week 1 for making the HSTs. If you cut and sew accurately, then press carefully before cutting apart, your HSTs might not even need much trimming. And remember to see page 8 in the book for more triangle instructions.

In the tips for Week 3 I mentioned a couple of flying geese rulers that may help with some of the blocks so check that file if your flying geese come out wonky or if you need help making the star block. There are several ways to make these blocks. If you make your flying geese as I did, the traditional way (see page 9 in book), make sure you cut your pieces accurately, mark the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares with a diagonal line then sew slightly **outside** the line as you stitch to the rectangle. You may find that you don't even need a ruler to trim. This one in the photo came out perfectly without any trimming. After stitching on the drawn line, press the square to set the stitches before you flip the triangle up. (Actually, you should get into the habit of setting your stitches each time you sew a seam.)



After stitching, flip triangle up and press. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " from stitching line. Repeat with another square on the opposite end of the rectangle.

You're halfway there! Are you making some half-square triangles each week for your border? You will need 92 HSTs so make a few when you have time and put them aside until we get to that part. Keep going! The next six blocks will be posted on **Friday, February 12.**