

Offset Triangles

12 inches by 10 inches finished
12 ½ inches by 10 ½ inches edge to edge



Sometimes the simplest borders can be dramatic in the perfect colours - and set off the block so well. Here pick a bright red to match a red of the print, and put it on a plain black border!

Focus Fabric:

Cut one 12 ½ by 8 ½ inch rectangle

From your triangle fabric - Cut two 3 ¼ inch squares and cut diagonally twice (or cut 8 quarter square triangles from a 1 ½ inch strip using a Quarter Square or Companion Angle ruler)

From your background fabric

Cut 8 - 1 ½ inch by 3 ¾ inch rectangles

(or a 1 ½ inch strip if using the half square or Easy Angle ruler)

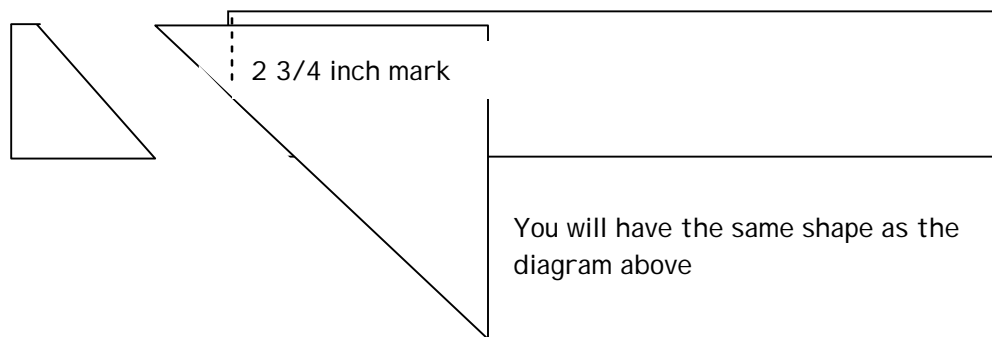
To cut the background using a standard ruler:

Cut a 45 degree diagonal from the top left corner of each rectangle.



To cut the background using a Half Square or Easy Angle Ruler:

Cut one Half Square. Flip the ruler as if to cut the second triangle, but slide it along the strip until the 2 ¾ inch mark is at the point of the strip:



Take the two shapes you cut, and sew them on either side of a Quarter Square Triangles. If you are not using the triangle rulers - be sure to mark the seam lines at the corners of your triangles and the top of the strip to ensure that you put the triangle in flush with the strip.



At this point, your piece should measure at least 3 1/2 inches wide. If it is more than this - trim the left side to 3 1/2 inches

Once you have 8 of these done, sew them together as shown below. Each block will measure 3 1/2 inches by 2 1/2 inches at this point.



Of course if you are making a border for a whole quilt, you could make the blocks 6 by 4 inches, or 7 1/2 by 5 inches (finished).

Sew the border to the block and you are all done!

If making your own quilt, add a 2 1/2 inch strip to the top and bottom of the block, then add a 4 1/2 inch strip to the left side.

Now sew your block to the lower edge of the piano key block, then sew these two blocks to the Seminole and Star blocks for a complete section.

