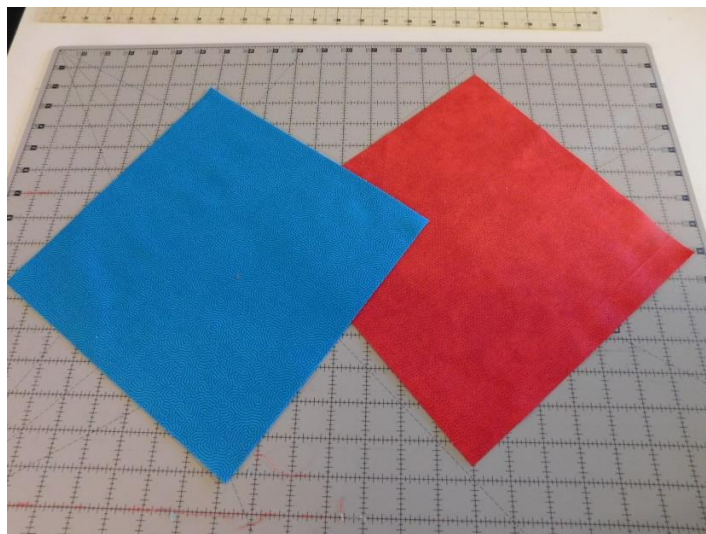


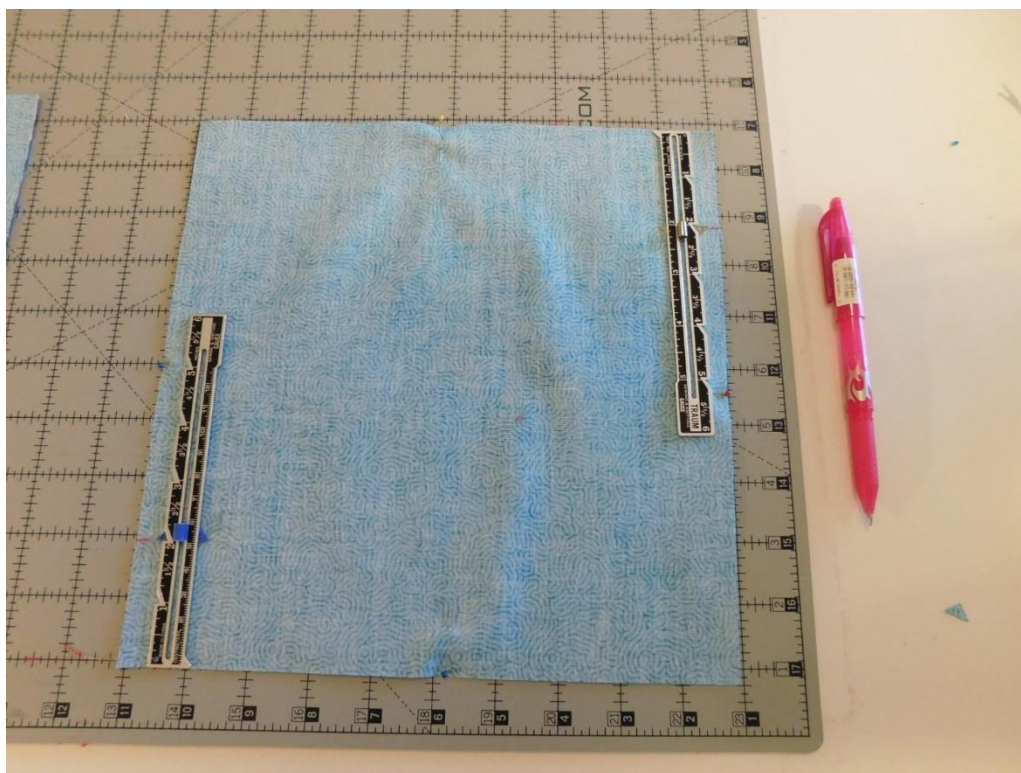
Joyful Arrows Quilt Block

This block can be made in a variety of sizes. See the end of the instructions for options. The instructions below were based on 10-inch squares.



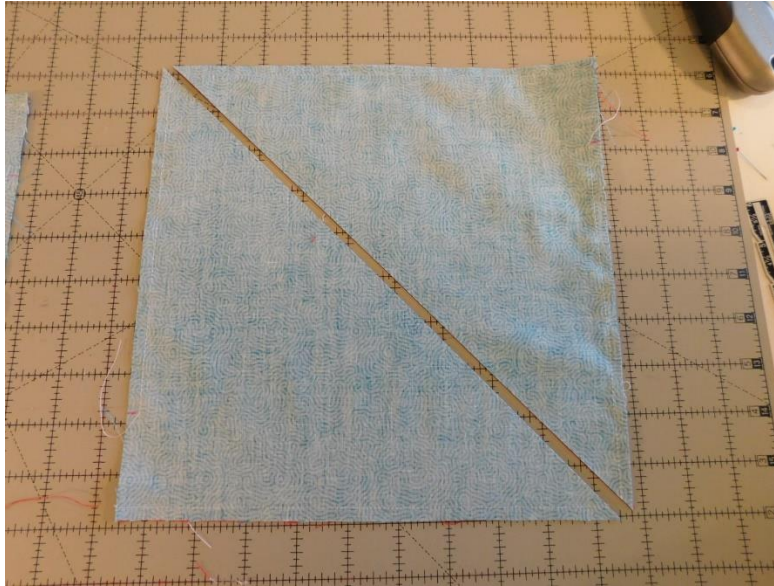
Put two contrasting squares together, right sides together.

Measuring from the upper right-hand corner, make a mark with a marking pen 2 inches down from the corner on the right-hand edge of the square. Measure from the lower left-hand corner, and make a mark 2 inches up on the left-hand edge of the square.

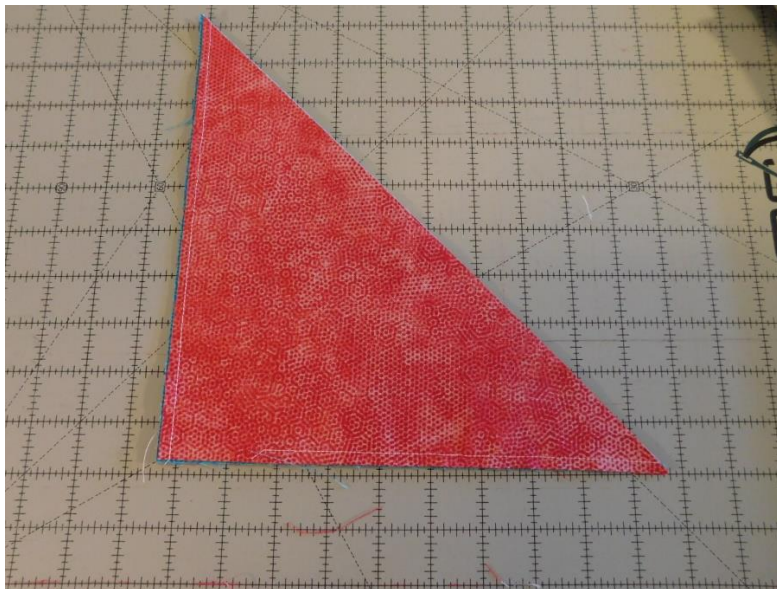


Begin stitching a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance along the right-hand edge, starting your stitching at the 2-inch mark, and ending $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from the lower edge. With your needle down, pivot and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance along the lower edge of the square and continue off the edge of the lower left-hand corner. Cut your threads. Begin stitching again from the 2 inch mark along the lower left-hand edge. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance from the 2 inch mark to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from the upper left-hand corner. Lower your needle and pivot. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance along the top edge of the square and sew off the edge at the upper right-hand corner.

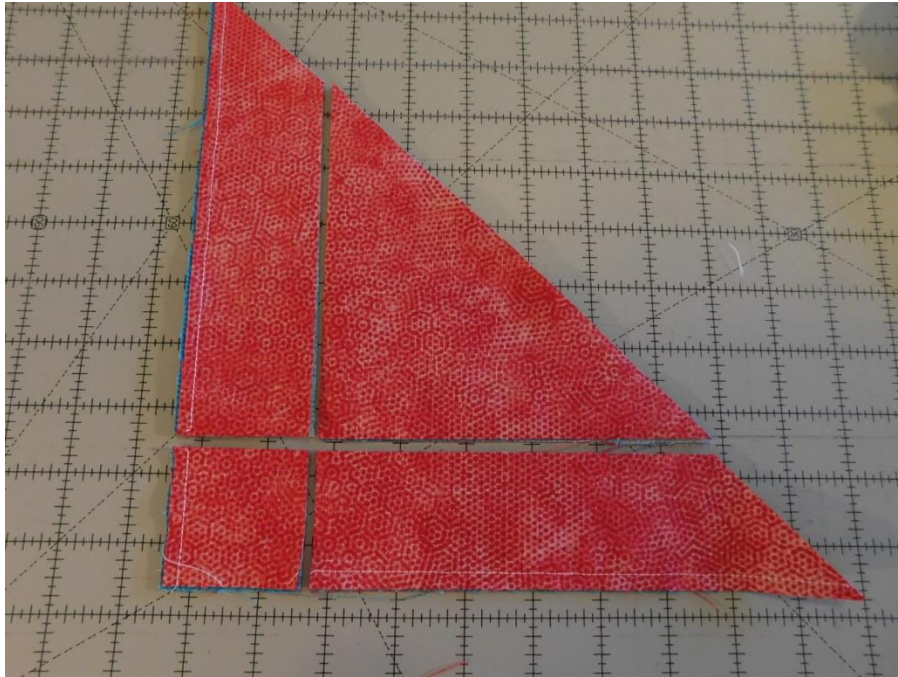
Cut the square on the diagonal through the corners where you pivoted your stitching.



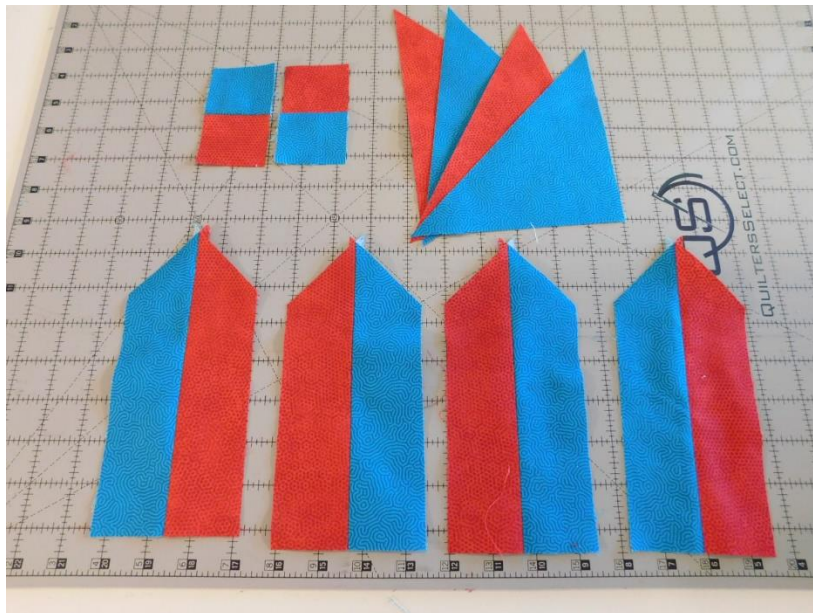
Flip the upper right-hand triangle over and align it on top of the lower left-hand triangle.



With a rotary cutter and ruler, cut 2 inches from the left-hand edge. Do not move the fabric. Cut 2 inches from the bottom edge.

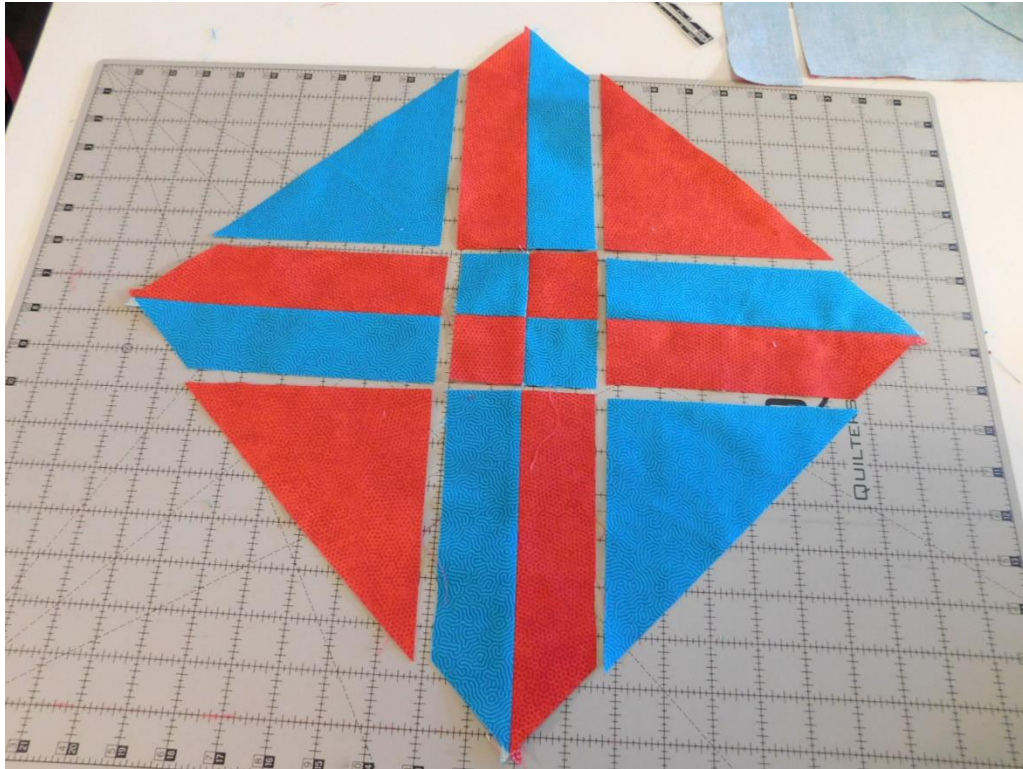


Open up the resulting pieces and press. You will end up with 4 “arrow” pieces, 4 triangles, and two two-patch pieces.



Sew the two two-patch pieces into a four-patch piece.

Arrange the pieces as shown in the photo below. Sew the pieces together in rows, sewing the triangles to an arrow piece, and two arrow pieces to the four-patch. Press.



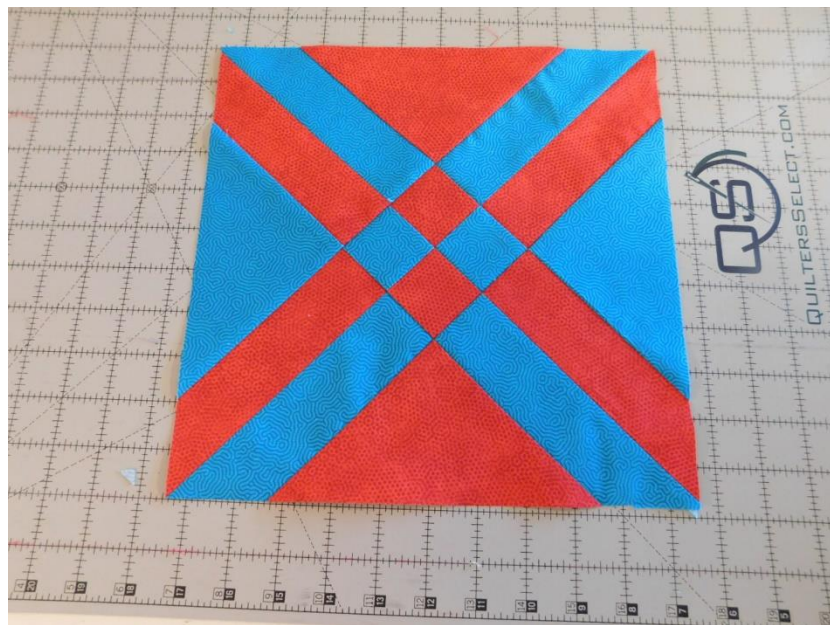
Your rows will now look like this. Note that the triangle don't match up to the arrow pieces as you may expect. You will end up with uneven edges. Don't worry about this, as the block will be trimmed down later.



Sew the three rows together into a block. Press.



Trim the block to the appropriate size based on the size of your beginning square.



You're done!!

Alternate block sizes

12 ½ inch squares – mark down 2 ½ inches, and cut off 2 ½ inches – makes a 15-inch block

10-inch squares – mark down 2 inches, and cut off 2 inches – makes a 11 ½ inch block

8-inch squares – mark down 2 inches, and cut off 2 inches – makes a 9-inch block

6-inch squares – mark down 1 ½ inches, and cut off 1 ½ inches – makes a 6 ¾ inch block

4-inch squares – mark down 1 ¼ inches, and cut off 1 ¼ inches – makes a 3 ½ inch block