

Square Up!

1. The very first thing you need to do is to ‘square up’ your completed blocks using a square quilting ruler. With some blocks, the edges may be rather uneven, but they need to be a consistent size in order to assemble evenly. Use a square ruler that’s larger than your block.
2. Place a square ruler on your block, with 2 edges near the edge of the block. Determine what size would be good by looking at where the whole block will fit in. This may be confusing the first time; sometimes I’ve had to recut all of the blocks because several of them are too small. If there is a diagonal seam in the center of the block, match the center diagonal on ruler to that seam. Cut the first two edges along the edge of the ruler.
3. Turn the block 180°, match the edge of the ruler to the two cut edges, matching the center diagonal on ruler to the center diagonal seam (if there is one), then cut the other two edges.
4. Be consistent in ‘squaring up’ all of your squares – it will make sewing them together much easier!