Learn to Paper Piece Quilt Along Block Two: Lobster Stew

Cutting

Cut the following pieces to make 16 blocks. Save any leftover strips, you may be able to use them to cut pieces for other blocks.

From gray #1, cut:

• 2 strips, 3" x 42"; cut the squares in half diagonally to yield 16 squares, 3" x 3"

From the white, cut:

- 3 strips, 2" x 42"; crosscut into 32 rectangles, 2" x 3". Place all the rectangles *right side up* and cut them in half diagonally to yield 64 long-triangles.
- 2 strips, 4-1/2" x 42"; crosscut into 32 rectangles, 2" x 4-1/2". Place 2 rectangles WRONG SIDES together and cut them in half diagonally to yield 32 long-triangles and 32 reversed long-triangles.

From each of red #1-5, cut:

• 4 rectangles, 2" x 4" (20 total). Place all the rectangles *right side up* and cut them in half diagonally to yield 40 long-triangles. (Use the leftover 4-1/4"-wide strip to cut these pieces.)

From each of red #6 and #7, cut:

• 4 rectangles, 2" x 4" (20 total). Place all the rectangles *right side up* and cut them in half diagonally to yield 40 long-triangles. (Use the leftover 2-3/4"-wide strip to cut these pieces.)

From red #8, cut:

• 1 strip, 2" x 42"; crosscut into 4 rectangles, 2" x 4". Place all the rectangles *right side up* and cut them in half diagonally to yield 8 long-triangles.

From each of black #1 and #2, cut:

• 1 strip, 5" x 42"; crosscut into 16 rectangles, 2-1/2" x 5" (32 total). Place a black #1 rectangle and a black #2 rectangle *WRONG SIDES* together; cut the rectangles in half diagonally to yield 32 long-triangles and 32 reversed long-triangles.

Making the Lobster Stew Blocks

Refer to "Paper-Foundation Piecing Step-by-Step" on page 13 of *Learn to Paper Piece* to paper piece the blocks.

- 1. Make 16 copies of the foundation pattern on page 31 in Learn to Paper Piece.
- 2. Paper piece 16 blocks as follows:
- Piece 1: 3" gray #1 square
- Pieces 2, 3, 4, and 5: 2" x 3" white long-triangles
- Pieces 6, 7, 8, and 9: 2" x 4" red #1-8 long-triangles
- Pieces 10 and 12: 2" x 4-1/2" white reversed long-triangles
- Pieces 11 and 13: 2" x 4-1/2" white long-triangles
- Pieces 14 and 16: 2-1/2" x 5" black #2 long-triangles
- Pieces 15 and 17: 2-1/2" x 5" black #1 long-triangles

The blocks should measure 5-1/2" x 5-1/2", including seam allowances.

