

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. (see step 2 on page 29 for the correct direction to cut the rectangles)
- 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. (see step 2 on page 29 for the correct direction to cut the rectangles) (*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. (see step 2 on page 29 for the correct direction to cut the rectangles) (*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. (see step 2 on page 29 for the correct direction to cut the rectangles)

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.

