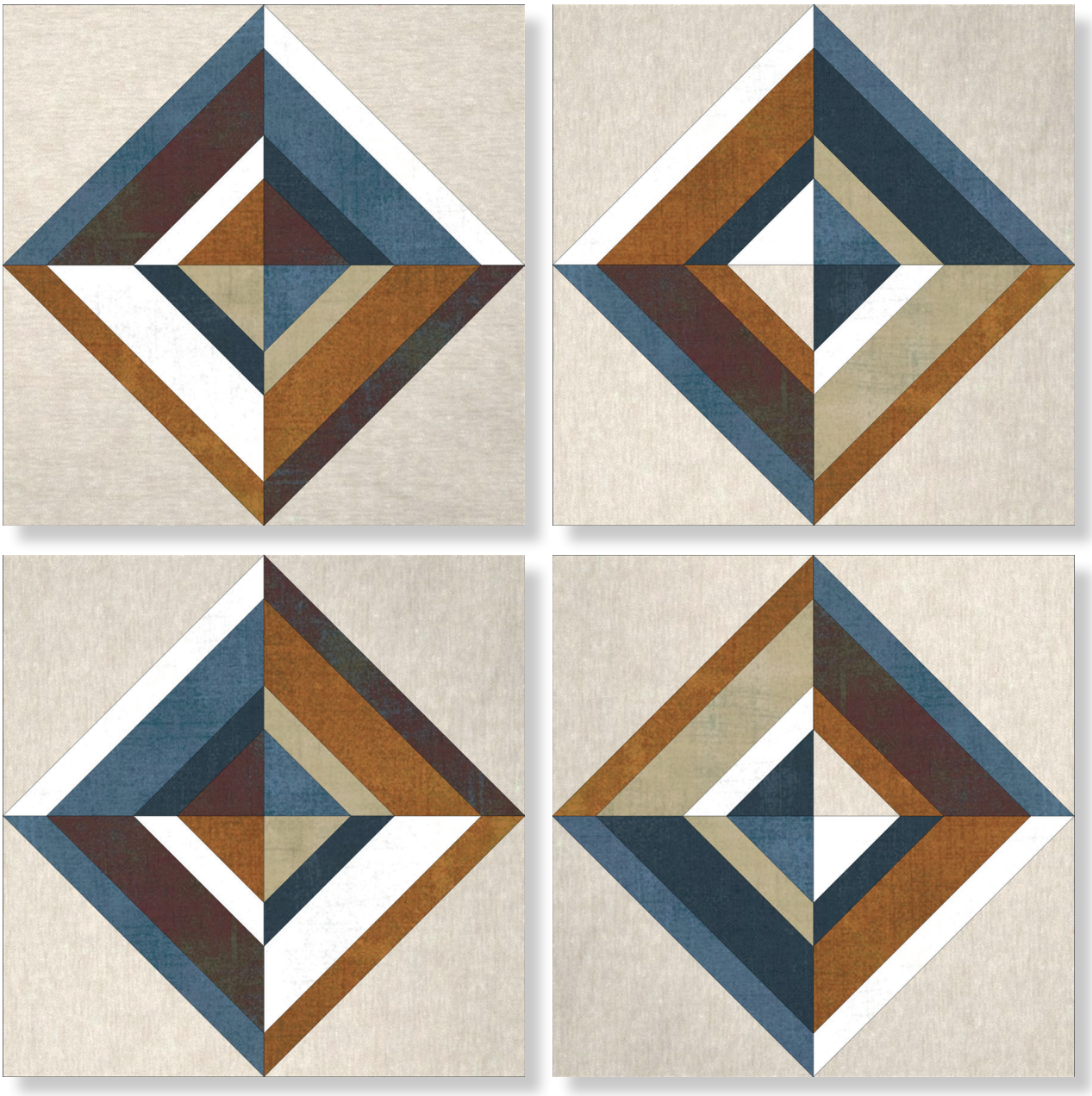
Celebrations

Aguayo Minis



Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) Block Pattern
Finished Block Size: 3" x 3"
Difficulty: For experienced quilters

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This charming motif, inspired by the patterns found in the colorful woven cloths of the Andean indigenous peoples of South America, can be quickly sewn from even the tiniest fabric scraps and is perfect as a corner block for the sashing and border design of the Celebration Sampler Quilt.

You can find more details about this anniversary quilt project on page 6.

Before you start

- Please read the instructions completely before you start working.
- To enjoy this block pattern, you should already have a good knowledge of the Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) technique. With the FPP technique, the generously pre-cut pieces of fabric for all sections are pieced onto the back of paper templates in the order shown.
- All templates are printed at 100% original size in inches with a seam allowance of ¼". Please note that the foundation paper piecing templates are printed mirror-inverted.

Fabric requirements

- Background fabric scraps: approx. 2" x 2"
- 6 different accent fabrics or scraps (from light to dark)

Preparing the templates

- The print templates for the 3" x 3" (3.5" x 3.5" unfinished size) block can be found on page 5.
- Print the necessary number of paper foundations and cut them out along the outer line.

Important:

When printing the templates, please make sure that you select "actual size" (and not "fit to paper" nor "scale") as the print setting. Otherwise, the page size will be adjusted to the respective paper size and the templates will be printed either reduced or enlarged. You can use the reference boxes to measure the printouts.

- You may like to mark which colors go where on the foundations to make it easier when you piece each block. Use the diagram on page 3 to plan out the coloring of your blocks.

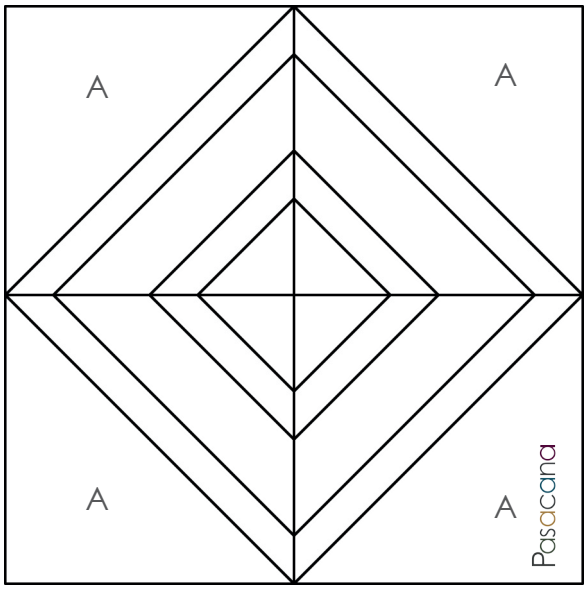
Recommendation:

Prefold the FPP templates on all sewing lines using a postcard or cardstock before piecing. This will allow you to see the creases on the reverse (blank) side (where you will arrange your fabrics) and make it easier to fold over each section. This will make it easier for you to position the fabric pieces and makes piecing faster.

- Reduce the stitch length on your sewing machine, e.g. to 1.5. This makes it much easier to remove the papers from the finished block.
- Begin and end each seam with a backstitch. This way the seams won't open when the papers are torn away afterwards.

Block Diagram

Finished Block Size: 3" x 3"



Cutting

For one Aguayo Minis Block you'll need:

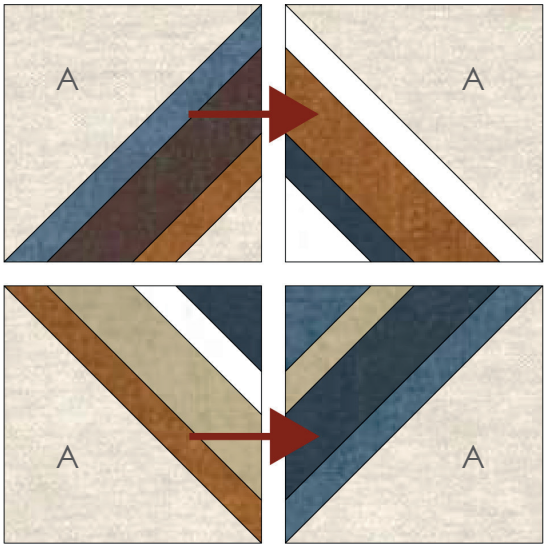
- 4 Foundations (A)

When cutting the fabric needed for the foundations (A) - which will be sewn onto the back of the paper foundations - use the size of each block section as a guide. Cut the fabric pieces for each block section with a very generous seam allowance, definitely larger than the standard ¼".

You can also roughly measure the foundation sections beforehand (including generous seam allowances all around) and cut your fabrics into suitable strips, squares and triangles first.

Piecing

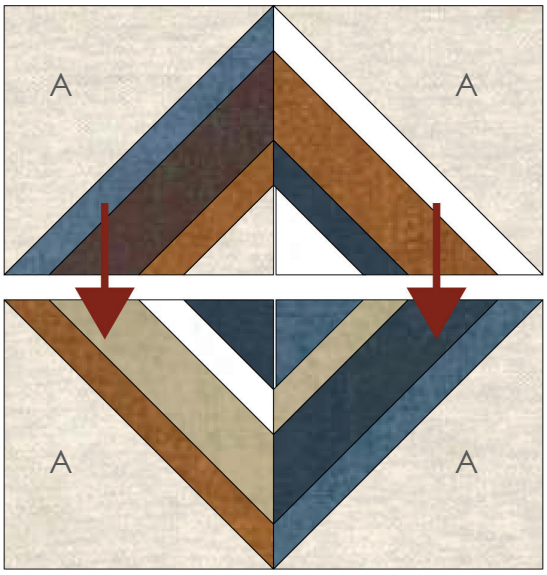
First piece four FPP elements (A) with four foundations (A) in different color combinations using the Foundation Paper Piecing method. Cut back all excess fabric leaving the ¼" seam allowance (the outer edge of the paper foundation) using a rotary cutter or scissors.



Place the four sewn and trimmed FPP elements (A) on your work surface, as shown on the left.

First, sew together the two upper FPP elements (A) and the two lower FPP elements (A), see red arrows. Make sure that the seam lines match as precisely as possible.

Remove the paper from the seam allowances and (finger-) press the seam allowances open. Please do not press on the paper side — this will leave printer ink on your iron!



In the final step, sew the two block halves together, see red arrows.

Remove all remaining paper and carefully press the block. Press the seam allowances open.

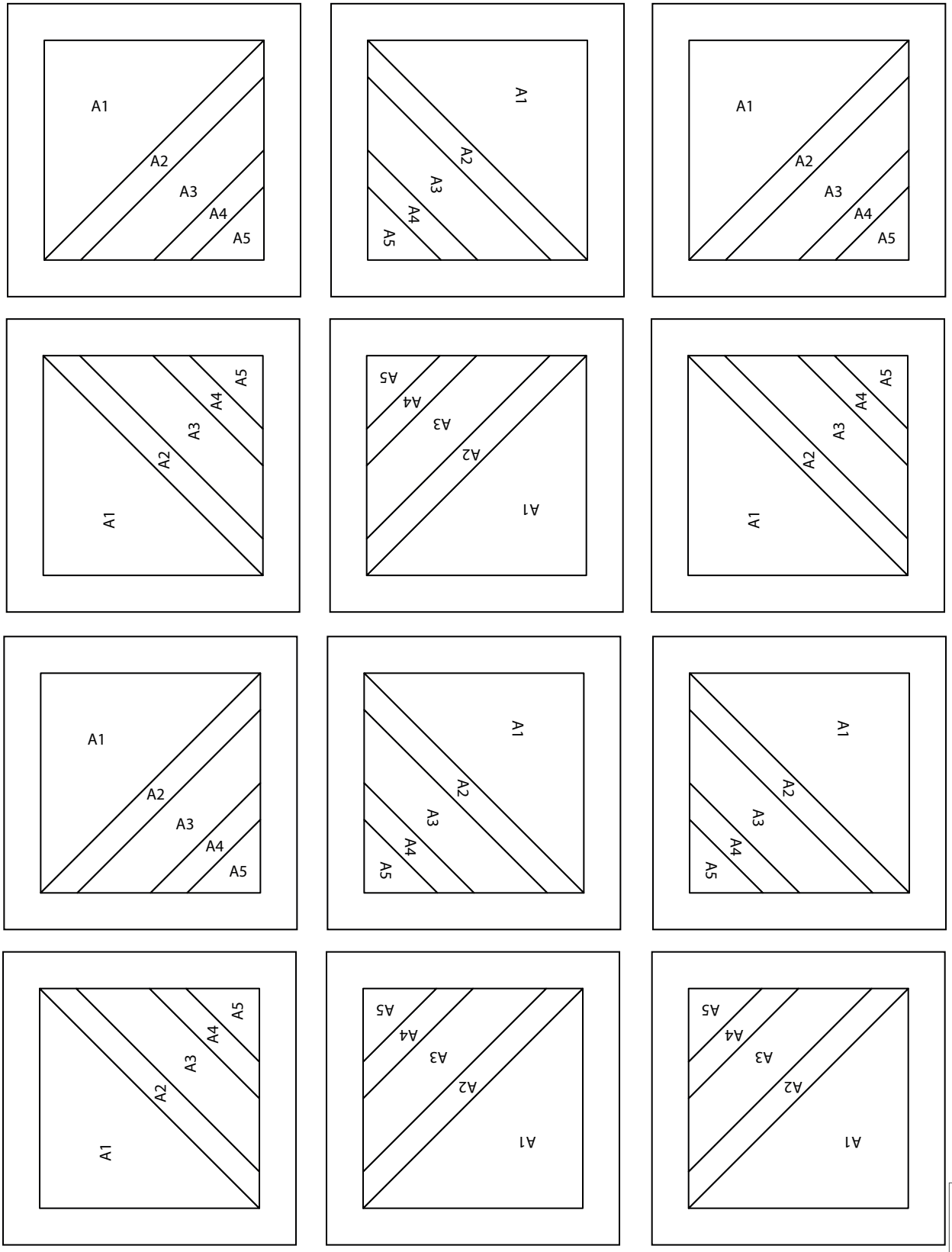
If necessary, trim the block to the unfinished size of 3 ½" x 3 ½". Be sure, however, to leave enough seam allowance at the tips of the triangles so that they don't get lost later.



.... and this is what my original Celebrations Sampler Quilt looks like with the Aguayo Minis blocks in the sashings and the border, sewn with Grunge Basic Grey fabrics from Moda Fabrics and Essex Yarn-Dyed Linen "Oyster" from Robert Kaufman as the background fabric.

Aguayo Minis Foundation A (3" x 3")

All foundations are shown at 100% original size with a ¼" seam allowance.



Reference
1" x 1"

The Celebrations Block Series

The "Celebrations" block series, featuring 12 different block designs — all sewn using the foundation paper piecing method — is a commemorative quilt project marking the fifth anniversary of my small but fine quilt design label, Pasacana. Each design tells a personal story and was inspired by my journeys; they hold memories of extraordinary places and wonderful encounters with fascinating people.

All designs from the series were released throughout 2026 as a "Block of the Month" project (but always two per month...!) — each as an individual digital download pattern featuring all templates at 100% actual size and detailed, illustrated piecing instructions. All block patterns are now available in my Pasacana Shop on Etsy (pasacana.etsy.com)

Block Size: 15" x 15"
Quilt Size: approx. 57" x 75" (ca. 1.45 m x 1.90 m)
Technique: Foundation Paper Piecing
Difficulty: For experienced quilters



Fabric Requirements:

If you want to make the complete "Celebrations" anniversary sampler quilt, you'll need more than just a few scraps...;o) However, with such a large-scale foundation paper piecing project, it is difficult to estimate the exact amount of fabric needed. Therefore, the quantities given are only a rough guide. It is generally recommended to calculate the amount of fabric needed a bit more generously. The calculation is based on a usable fabric width of 40"–42".

The entire Celebrations Sampler Quilt, including 3" wide sashings between the blocks and a 3" wide border, measures approximately 57" x 75" (approx. 1.45 m x 1.90 m).

The following fabrics were used to create the whole Celebrations Sampler Quilt, including the sashings:

- Natural background fabric: Essex Yarn-Dyed Linen "Oyster" (Robert Kaufman): approx. 4 ¾ yds
- Grunge Basic Grey "Vanilla" (white) by Moda Fabrics: approx. ¾ yd
- Grunge Basic Grey "Kraft Beige" (beige) by Moda Fabrics: approx. ¾ yd
- Grunge Basic Grey "Yam" (orange) by Moda Fabrics: approx. 1 yd
- Grunge Basic Grey "Harbor" (medium blue) by Moda Fabrics: approx. 1 yd
- Grunge Basic Grey "Blue Graphite" (dark blue) by Moda Fabrics: approx. 1 ¼ yd
- Grunge Basic Grey "Hot Cocoa" (dark brown) by Moda Fabrics: approx. ¾ yd

Interested in More Foundation Paper Piecing Patterns...?

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Little Treasures
Foundation Paper Piecing Block Patterns

The "Little Treasures" miniature block series is a treasure chest full of cute little 5" x 5" foundation paper piecing block patterns in 20 different shapes with filigree elements, including some self-designed star motifs, reinterpreted classics such as the Flying Geese or the combination of Bear Paw and Log Cabin Block, but also some rather unusual modern abstract designs. There certainly is a motif to suit every taste. These patterns are ideal for using up your small(est) fabric scraps.

Technique: Foundation paper piecing
Difficulty: For experienced quilters

This pattern is available as digital PDF download.

Selected Little Treasures block motifs are also available as individual patterns in various sizes.



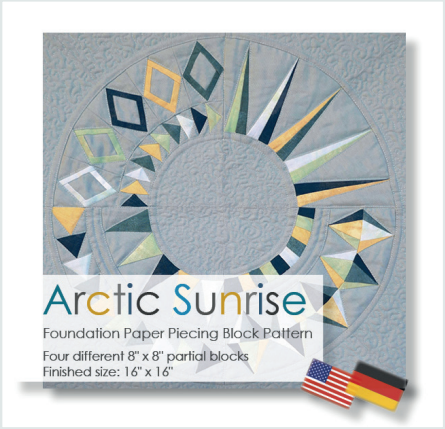
Imagine
Sampler Quilt Pattern

Using this comprehensive quilt pattern, you can create an impressive "Imagine" sampler quilt (58" x 58") with nine beautiful Foundation Paper Piecing block motifs (block size 10" x 10") and matching sashing/border blocks for a modern-minimalist layout. The individual Imagine block motifs are also ideal for other small and large quilt projects such as table runners, cushions, wall hangings etc.

Technique: Foundation paper piecing and curves
Difficulty: For experienced quilters

This pattern is available as digital PDF for download.

All Imagine block motifs are also available as individual patterns in various sizes.



Arctic Sunrise
Foundation Paper Piecing Block Pattern

This pattern contains 100% original size templates for a 16" x 16" Foundation Paper Piecing Block, which consists of four different, interchangeable 8" x 8" partial blocks in the style of the popular New York Beauty block motifs. Arctic Sunrise was inspired by the rising sun at the Arctic Circle, when the long polar night ends and the sun rises above the horizon for the first time...

Technique: Foundation paper piecing and curves
Difficulty: For experienced quilters

This pattern is available as digital PDF for download. By the way, Arctic Sunrise is the perfect companion for the Rainforest Sun block...!

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I hope that you will enjoy my "Aguayo Minis" FPP block pattern from the "Celebrations" series. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail me at: anke.calzada@pasacana.com.

Of course, I am always happy to receive your positive feedback as well as your constructive suggestions for improvement!

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