Carpenter Star

Quilt Size is approximately 56 x 68
Quilt Block size is 6 inches (6.5 with seam allowances)
Border Block size is 6 x 4 inches (6.5 x 4.5 with seam allowances)
**Quilt Notes:**

Quilt is made up of squares and half square triangles. You will need the following:

- (16) background squares cut 6.5 inches
- The center of the quilt can be pieced in 4 sections which are then assembled.
- In addition to the background squares, a combination of 6.5 inch half square triangles (includes seam allowances) using your background, pink, and brown fabrics are used. **To create the impression that the quilt is pieced from diamonds – fabric placement is key.**
- Use the drawing below to create your half square triangles and quilt quarters – keeping the same fabric on both sides of the diamond.

**Borders**

Once the center is assembled, you will piece 28 rectangles for the borders.

Cut 14 pink and 14 brown rectangles 7 and 1/8 by 4 and 3/4.

**You will cut these in half from corner to corner and sew one pink half rectangle to a brown half rectangle paying close attention to how the blocks are laid out in the diagram on the first page of these instructions.**

**You will need to cut your rectangles in pairs because you NEED HALF of them reversed (unlike squares which can just be rotated).**
I cut 2 rectangles from each of my fabrics and with wrong sides together, cut them on the diagonal – this gives you two regular and two reversed triangles.

I used rotary cutting directions from EQ to calculate the size of my rectangles and found that I had to use a scant ¼ seam allowance to get my width and my blocks ended up slightly longer than 6.5 inches – I sewed the blocks into pairs and then trimmed them to 6.5 inches.

Borders are assembled as follows.

1. Sew a 2.5 inch brown strip to the top and bottom of the quilt center
2. Sew a 4.5 inch brown strip to the right and left sides of the quilt center
3. Using the diagram on page one, sew the half rectangles together and sew border to the top and one to the bottom of the quilt.
4. Sew a 2.5 inch pink strip to the top and bottom of the quilt.