

Block 4

PINEAPPLE

This block is made using foundation piecing methods

Foundation piecing as its name suggests involves sewing patches onto a "foundation". A foundation is usually a lightweight fabric, paper or lightweight interfacing. It is one of the most easy and accurate methods of patchwork. However, it does take a little longer to prepare your "foundation".



This block is designed to be scrappy so I have not included fabric requirements however, the longest strip you will need is 7½" long and you will need 4 of these so you will need 30". (dark green in Ted's Sampler & pink in Charlee's Quilt)

Cut a 2½" square for the centre. Cut strips to 2". (This is wider than required, so you have a wider margin for error.)



Ted's Sampler has a scrappy look, with the straight strips in light fabrics and the diagonal strips in dark/medium strips.

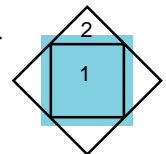
Charlee's Quilt is more controlled. The straight strips are background fabric and the diagonals are the colours of the colour spectrum radiating out from cool to warm.

The pineapple pattern sent with these instructions is the correct size and does not require enlarging. When you print it from Adobe Reader ensure the scaling is 100%. Sometime Adobe Reader will scale a page for printing to ensure it fits on the paper in your printer. To ensure your teapot is the correct size when printed measure the 2" line. It should measure 2" from the inside of the vertical lines on this scale mark.

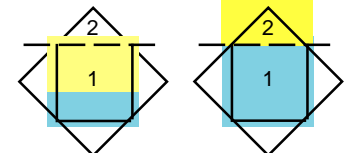
Print the three pages required and cut off the white space so the lines are on the edge. Align the lines on page one with the lines on page 2 and stick together with tape or glue. Cut page 3 in half so two parts of the pineapple are separated and stick or glue them to the top half.

Trace it onto a foundation (I find fine interfacing is a good but you can use quilter's muslin or paper. If you use paper you will need to remove it when finished.)

Position the 2½" square for the centre right side up, on the **wrong** side of your foundation over the centre square (#1). Ensure it hangs ¼" over the black line. The black line is the sewing line.



Position a 1½" strip wrong side up along the edge of the square. Ensure the pin is on the foundation side of the block so you can remove it when you begin to sew. Sew along the black line between #1 and #2. on the right side of the foundation (fabric is underneath).



Fold over and press. Continue in order for all strips.

Trim seam allowances and threads as you go.

When finished trim the block to 12½" square.

