

Backgammon

(paper pieced)

If you have never paper pieced... here are a few links demonstrating how to do it:

<http://www.daystyledesigns.com/paperpiecing.htm>

<http://quilterscache.com/StartQuiltingPages/startquiltingthree.html>

Supplies

21 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips (wof) dark fabric

17 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips (wof) light fabric

$\frac{1}{2}$ yard fabric for inner border

$\frac{7}{8}$ yard fabric for outside border

8 copies of short backgammon foundation pattern

7 copies of tall backgammon foundation pattern

Cutting Instructions -

Separate dark strips into two stacks. One stack with 11 strips and one stack 10 strips. Cut the 11 strips in to 4 pieces so that you end up with 44 - 11 inch pieces (approximately, depending on the width of the fabric). Cut the remaining 10 strips in to 5 pieces approximately 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches so that you have 50 pieces.

Separate dark strips into two stacks. One stack with 9 strips and one stack 8 strips. Cut the 9 strips in to 4 pieces so that you end up with 36 - 11 inch pieces

(approximately, depending on the width of the fabric). Cut the remaining 8 strips in to 5 pieces approximately $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches so that you have 40 pieces.

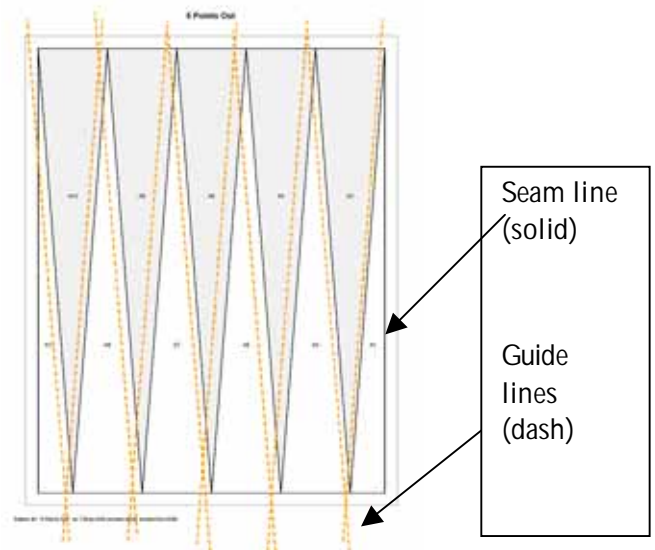
4 - $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of inner border fabric

5 - $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of outer border fabric.

Assembly

Beginning with the tall backgammon spikes and the longer strips. Starting with A1 and place a dark strip past the seam line on the back side of the paper make sure fabric extends beyond the seam allowance area on the pattern.

(To make it easier, I take a colored marker and draw a line $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the seam line. The first drawn line would be in section A2. That way I know where to place the first piece and line up the second piece (light) for a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Pin or use spray adhesive or a dab of fabric glue so the piece doesn't slip while you are moving or sewing.)



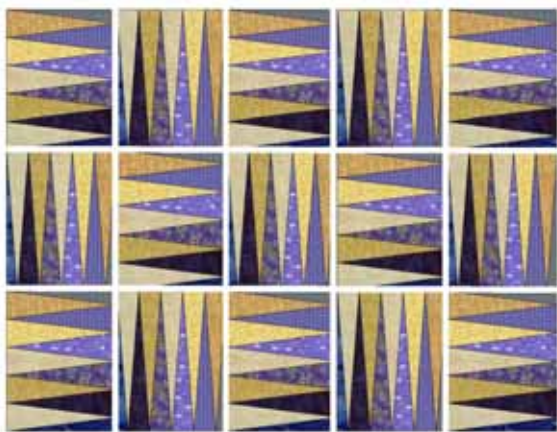
Place light fabric on top of dark fabric. Align strips approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch past the stitching line. Flip and sew on black seam line. Take care to stitch on the appropriate stitching line (don't ask how I know this).

Press light fabric toward A3. Take dark fabric, using a light source, line up strip $\frac{1}{4}$ inch past the stitching line. Fold paper back towards A1 and trim strip to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Press dark fabric toward A4.

Continue alternating light strips and dark strips and finish A11 with a dark strip.
Trim block to $9 \frac{1}{2} \times 7 \frac{1}{2}$

Repeat with the short backgammon spikes with the short strips.

After all blocks are trimmed to $9 \frac{1}{2} \times 7 \frac{1}{2}$
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ layout blocks according to diagram



Add inner border. Add outer border.
Layer backing, batting and quilt top.
Quilt as desired and bind.

