

Pennsylvania Parade

This block has been around decades too but I had to resize it for our 9 inch blocks.

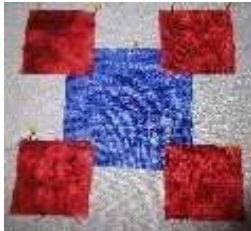
Supplies

1 blue 3 1/2 in sq
12 red 2 in sq
4 white 3 1/2 in sq
2 blue 3 7/8 in sq
1 white 4 1/4 in sq
1 red 4 1/4 in sq

Draw diagonal lines on the white squares, and all the red squares. Put the 4 1/4 white and red squares together and sew 1/4 in on each side of the diagonal line. Cut on the line. Press open. Draw another diagonal line across the red and white crossing the first seam. Put the blue 3 7/8 squares together with these half sq triangles and sew 1/4 in on each side of the new line. Cut down that line and press open. You should now have four 3 1/2 in squares - each one is one half blue, and 1/4 red and 1/4 white.



Place 4 of the remaining 4 red squares on 2 diagonal corners of the 3 1/2 in blue squares. Sew directly on that line. Press open. Trim the extra fabric from the back. Put 2 more red squares on the remaining corners of the blue and sew directly on the line. Press open and trim the extra fabric from the back.



And finally for the side pieces, place 1 red square on one corner of a 3 1/2 in white square. Stitch on the line, press open and trim the extra fabric from the back. Place the remaining 4 red squares on the next corner (not diagonally!!!) and stitch on the line again. Press open and trim the extra fabric from the back.



Put the block together as shown. Be careful to orient the individual squares correctly. Some of the white 'arrows' point in and some point out (well? don't they look like arrows to you?). On the 4 corners, the blue triangles are inside and the red triangles are on the top edge and the bottom edge.

