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Zigzag Hourglass



Color 1- Dark Purple Batik

Six 2-1/2" squares

Eight 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles

Color 2- Beige Batik

Six 2-1/2" squares

One 5" square

Color 3- Very Light Batik

One 5" square

1. Stack the Color 2 and Color 3 5" squares, right sides together, all edges aligned. On the back of the top square, lightly mark the diagonal, and then sew a 1/4" above and below the marked line. Cut apart on the marked line. This will give you two half squares. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. Trim to 4-1/2".
2. Sew a Color 2 square to a Color 1 square. Make four of these pairs. Sew two pairs together to make a four patch unit. You need two.
3. Sew a Color 2 square to a Color 1 rectangle, pressing the seam allowance towards the darker fabric. You need two of these.
4. Now sew a Color 1 square to a Color 1 rectangle, pressing the seam allowance to one side. You need two of these.
5. Sew a Color 1 rectangle to the right side of a four patch unit. Press seam allowance towards the four patch. Add a Color1rect/Color2square combo strip to the bottom of that. Press seam allowance towards the rectangle unit. Make two corner units like this.
6. Then sew a Color 1 rectangle to the left side of a half square. Press seam allowance towards the half square. Add a Color1rect/Color1square combo strip to the bottom of that. Press seam allowance towards the rectangle unit. Make two corner units like this.
7. Next piece the block, by sewing the units together as shown. Press seam allowances in alternating directions with each addition to avoid bulky seams