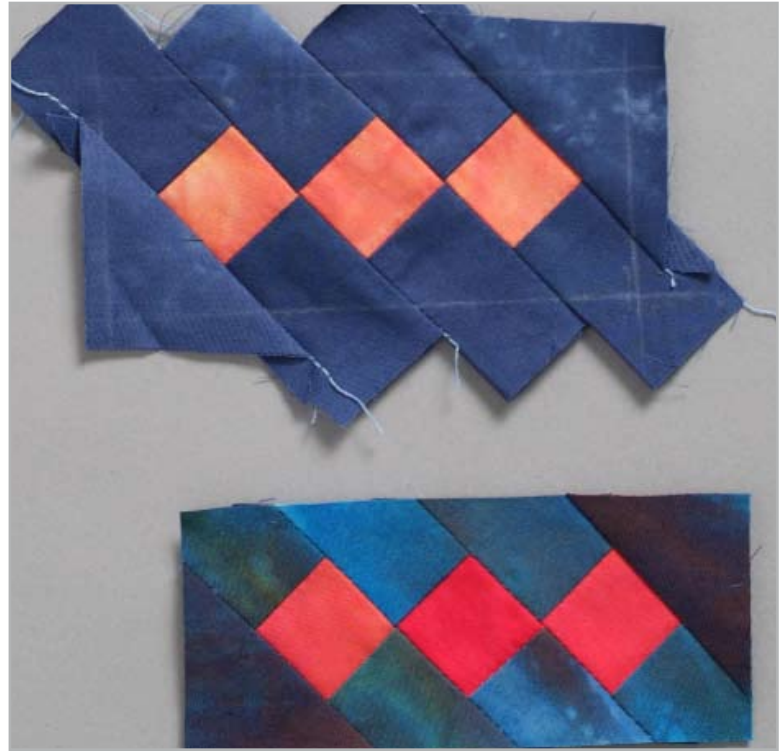


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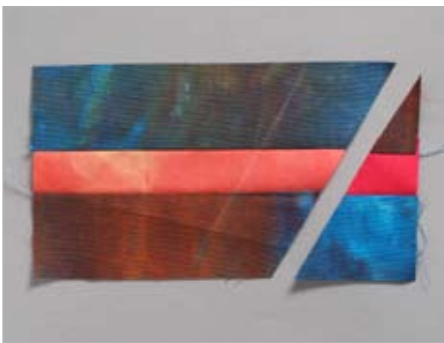
Dozens of patterns were developed by the Seminole Indians to decorate their clothing and other textiles. This method of strip piecing requires more precision than random piecing in both the cutting of the strips and the maintenance of an exact  $\frac{1}{4}$ in seam allowance, but the method's usefulness makes the effort well worthwhile.

I have used two simple patterns: repeated squares set on point (above and below), and repeated diamonds (next page).

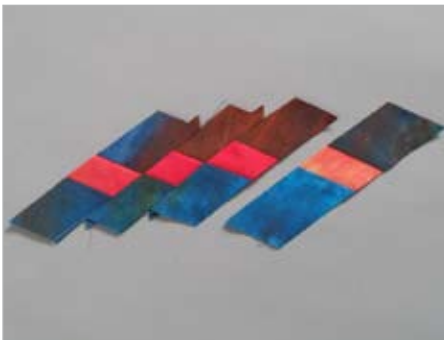
## Squares set on point

1. Choose two contrasting coloured fabrics. Cut one strip 10-12in long,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ in wide, for the middle section. Cut two strips the same length as the first strip but  $1\frac{3}{4}$ in wide, for the background. Stitch these together with the narrower strip in the centre. Press the two seams away from the centre strip.
2. Cross cut sections  $1\frac{1}{4}$ in wide. Now stitch these together, displacing the squares as illustrated to make the pattern. Match the seams at the corners. On the back, press these seams open.
3. When you have stitched enough of the squares together for your design, add a triangle of the background colour to each end. Trim the ragged edges away,  $\frac{1}{4}$ in beyond the corners of the squares to give enough seam allowance for joining to the adjacent patches.

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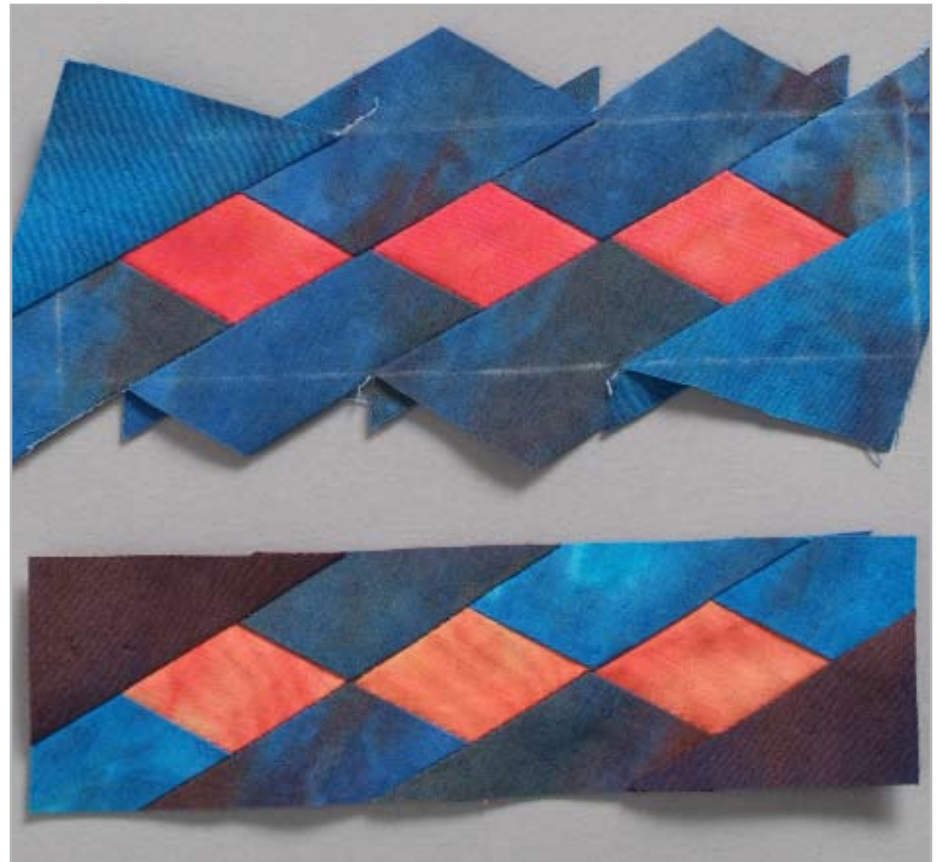
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### Repeated Diamonds

1. Choose two contrasting coloured fabrics. Cut one strip 10-12in long,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ in wide, for the middle section. Cut two strips the same length as the first strip but  $1\frac{3}{4}$ in wide, for the background. Stitch these together with the narrower strip in the centre. Press the two seams away from the centre strip. Now, place the 60 degree line of your ruler along one of the seams, with the edge of the ruler at the end of the strip section. Trim away the end of the strip section at an angle of 60 degrees.
2. Cut sections  $1\frac{1}{4}$ in wide, measuring from the angled edge. Stitch them together, displacing the seams as illustrated to make the repeated diamond pattern. Press these seams open.
3. When you have stitched enough of the squares together for your design, add a triangle of the background colour to each end. Trim the ragged edges away,  $\frac{1}{4}$ in beyond the corners of the diamonds to give enough seam allowance for joining to the adjacent patches.