



CLUE #5

For this clue you will need:

12 Red (All shades of red) 6.5" Squares
 12 Yellow (All shades of yellow) 6.5" Squares
 24 6 7/8" Neutral Squares

We will also need our:

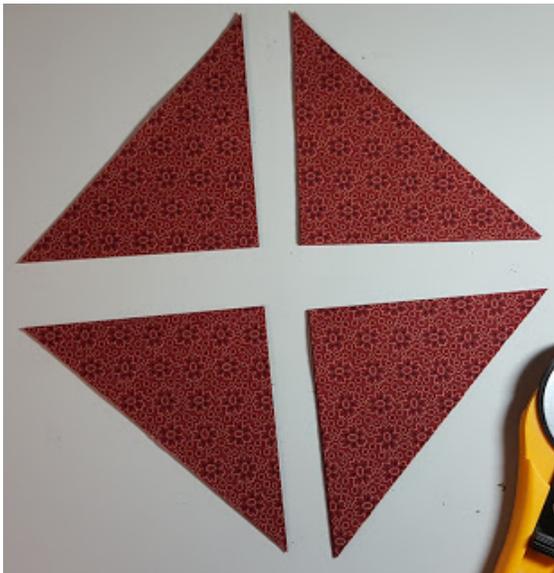
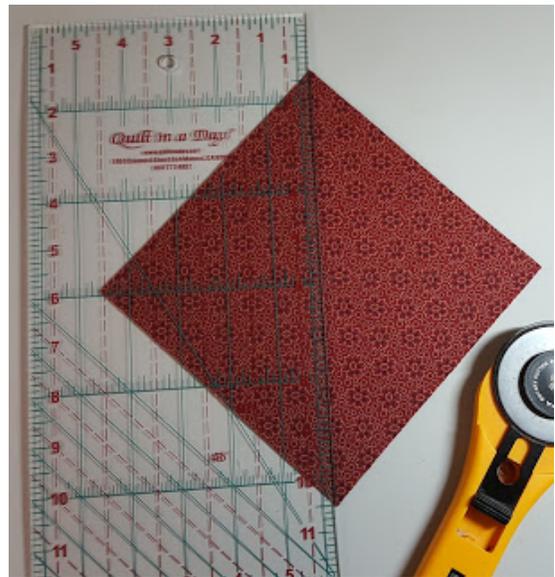
24 light blue 1.5" x 6.5" strips and
 24 bright blue 1.5" x 6.5" strips

These were cut in clue #3.

(If you haven't cut these strips yet, just cut them now.... we will wait for you.....LOL)

Let's begin!

Take your red and yellow squares and cut them twice on the diagonal. (Yellow squares not pictured.)



< ----- Like this!



You will now have a total of 48 Red quarter square triangles and 48 Yellow quarter square triangles!



Next....
Bring out those 1.5 x 6.5 strips of light and bright blues

Pair the light blue strips with the red triangles, like this.



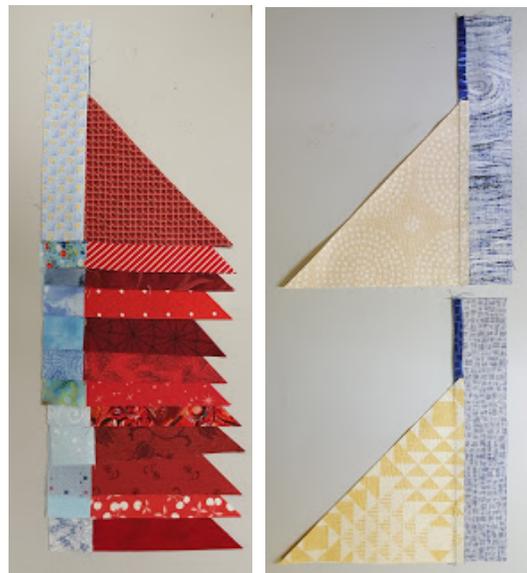
Pair the bright blue strips with the yellow triangles like this. **MAKE SURE** the bottom remains even as pictured in the photos. We want that tall tip at the top.

We will be sewing these units just like this.

Please don't worry about that strip being a little longer than the top of the triangles.....we will take care of that later.

Sew the strips to one side. Press toward the strip.
(For both red and yellow triangles)

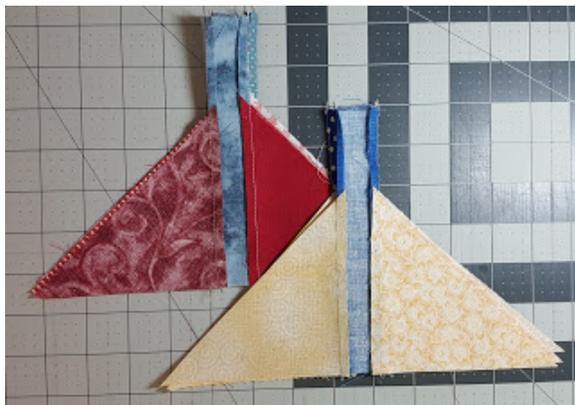
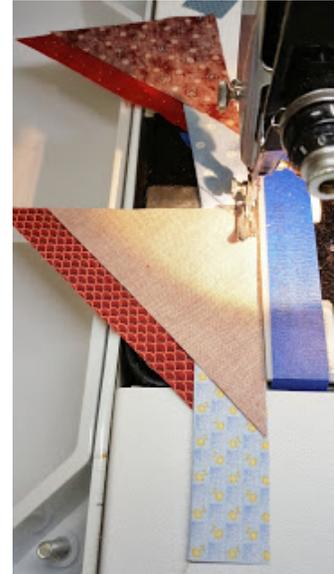
Here is a view from the reverse side of some of the yellow triangles. (Do this for both red and yellow triangles.)





We are half way there with this part.
Lay the other quarter square triangles on
the other side just like this.

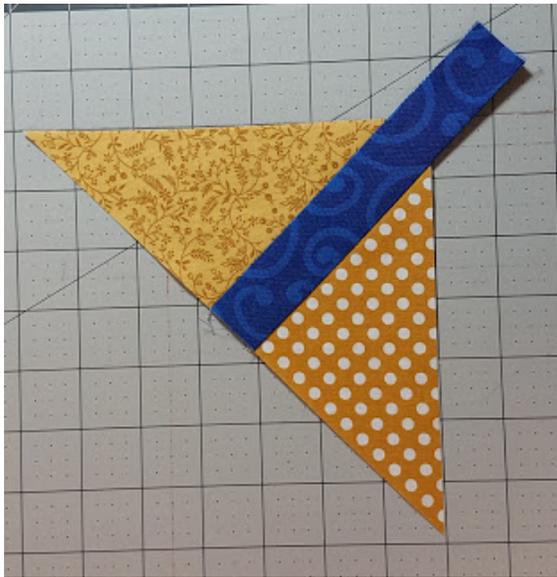
Sew another quarter square triangle to the other side of the strip.
Make sure you have the triangle positioned correctly.
(Do this for both red and yellow triangles.)



Once again, press toward the strip.
Here is a reverse side view to help you.

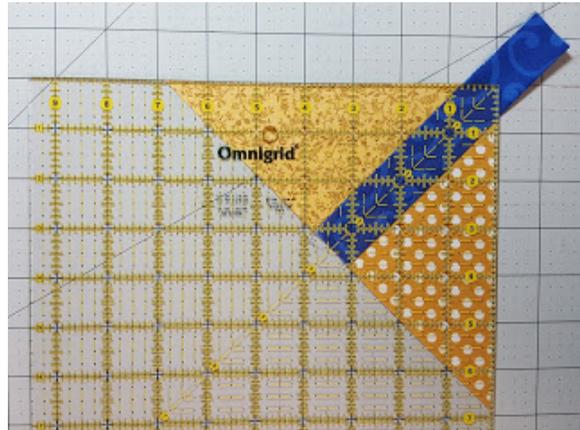
Hmmm.....what should we call these at this point???
Dragonfly units??? Broom units???
LOLOLOLOL We aren't quite done yet.....





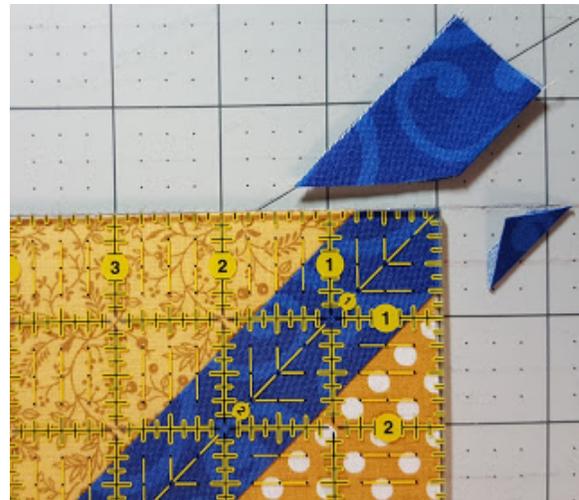
Take these units to your cutting table.
Line them up as best as possible on your lines like this..... the lines are used simply for reference marks.

Now place a ruler that has a diagonal line on top of the unit. Refer to the photo above. We are going to trim that extra strip off.



Do this to both the yellow and red triangle units.

Chop! Chop! Just like that!
I added some length to the strip because I wanted to allow some room for error for myself.
It DOES NOT bother me that the extra is waste.
Truth be told, not all of my strips are "perfectly" centered.
Please do NOT report this to the quilting police?????
LOL

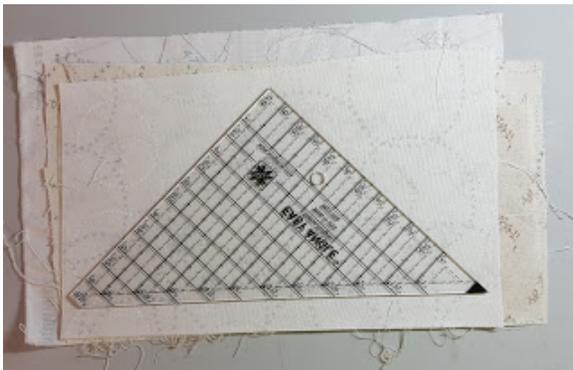




Pretty simple, right?
 I am SURE this can be made as one block and cut down the center.....but, as I said before, I want my quilts to be as scrappy as possible and ALL of my yellows, reds, and both shades of blues are different. I know.....call me crazy! You won't be the first that has! LOL

Are we done??????
 Not quite yet.....
 We need to add something to these!

We need to add another side to these units we just made..... you can use a variety of tools to get that other side cut appropriately.



I chose to use the easy angle ruler to get mine cut. and you know why.....variety, variety, variety of neutrals! LOL

However, if you cut a 6 7/8" square of neutral on the diagonal once, that will work out just fine.

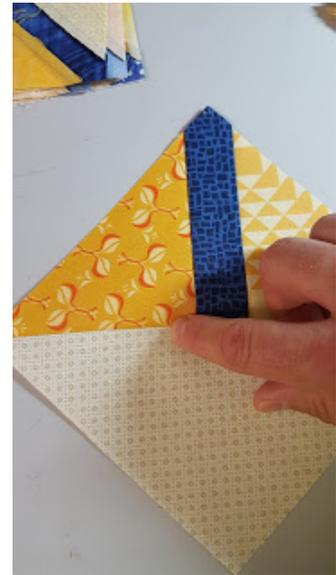
24: 6 7/8" squares of neutral cut once on the diagonal will yield the 48 half squares of neutral we need to complete this last unit.





Align your yellow units with a neutral..... they will only fit one way.... and chain piece them through the machine. Do the same with your red units.

I do finger(nail) press because I feel it gets the crease down to the thread where it needs to be when pressing with an iron. Press toward the yellow and red, away from the neutral. This may seem wrong to you, but, it will help with nesting seams in the final assembly of the quilt top.



You should now have: 24 yellow half square triangles and 24 red half square triangles. Trim to 6.5" squares. I did not have to trim much at all.

I just had to lay out some units to see what they would look like.....and I think I may have to make a quilt like this some day!

Until next time,

Thanks for all of the encouragement!
Keep on Quilting!

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