



2018 Aurifil Designer of the Month  
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# The Fort

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## Inspiration

The Fort block was inspired by the oldest masonry fort in the continental United States, the Castillo de San Marcos. Placed just south of Jacksonville on the shore of Matanzas Bay, in the city of St. Augustine, Florida. The fort was designed by Spanish engineer Ignacio Daza and after 23 years was completed in 1695.

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## Tips:

- Press all fabrics with Best Press and cut from materials shown above.
- Use Foundation Pattern Paper.
- Print pattern, on page 8, (4) times at actual size, measure the box to make sure it is 1".
- This pattern is a Foundation Paper Piecing pattern. Basic Paper Piecing knowledge is required.
- Reduce your stitch length to 1.5mm.
- Use 50 wt Aurifil Thread.



## Materials

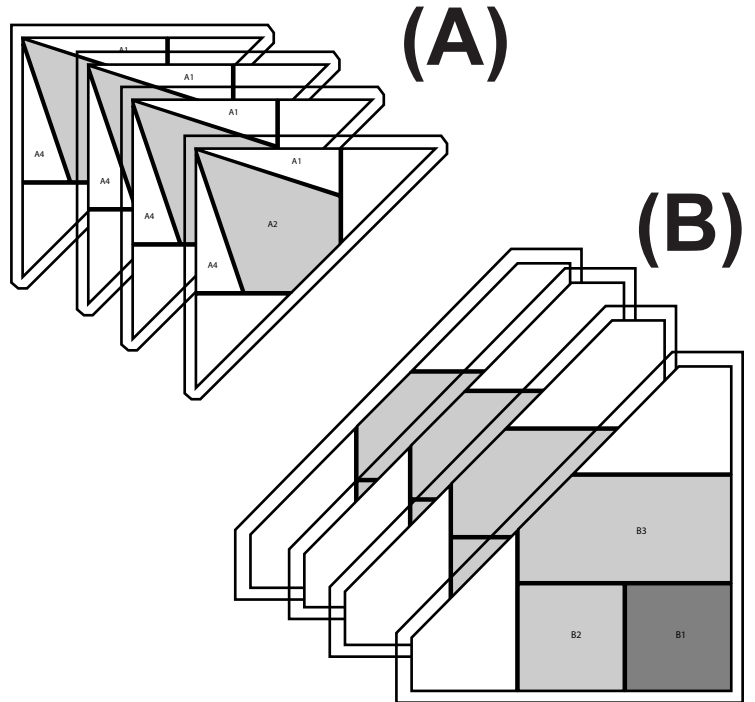
*Makes one 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" block*

Black (4) 3"x14"  
White (4) 3"x20"  
Pink (4) 2-1/2" square  
(2) 1-1/4"x11" Top/Bottom borders  
(2) 1-1/4"x13" Side borders

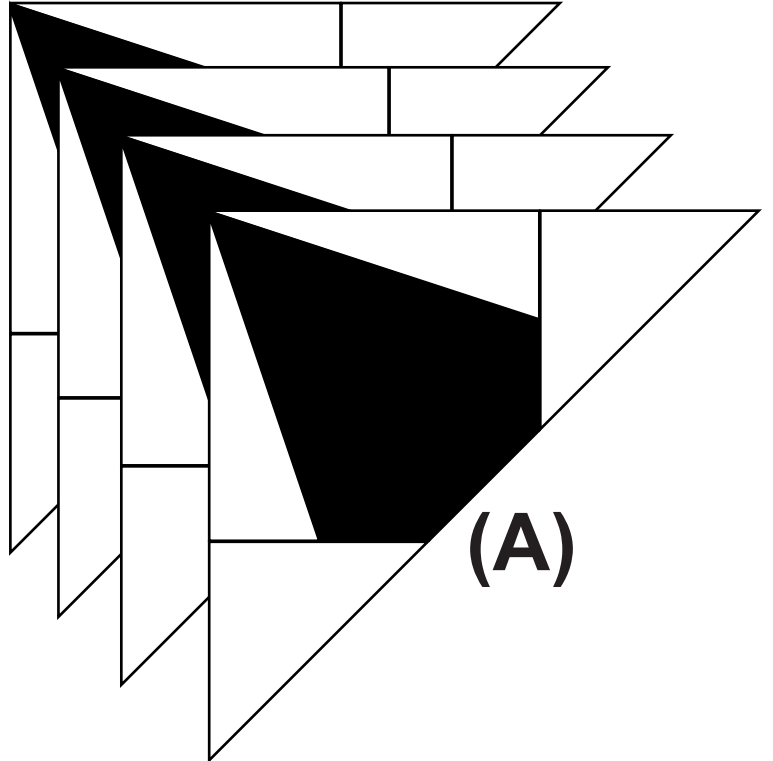


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1. Cut each pattern on the outer thin line. You will have a total of 8 pieces. Put them in stacks of the (A) portion and (B) portion (4 of each).



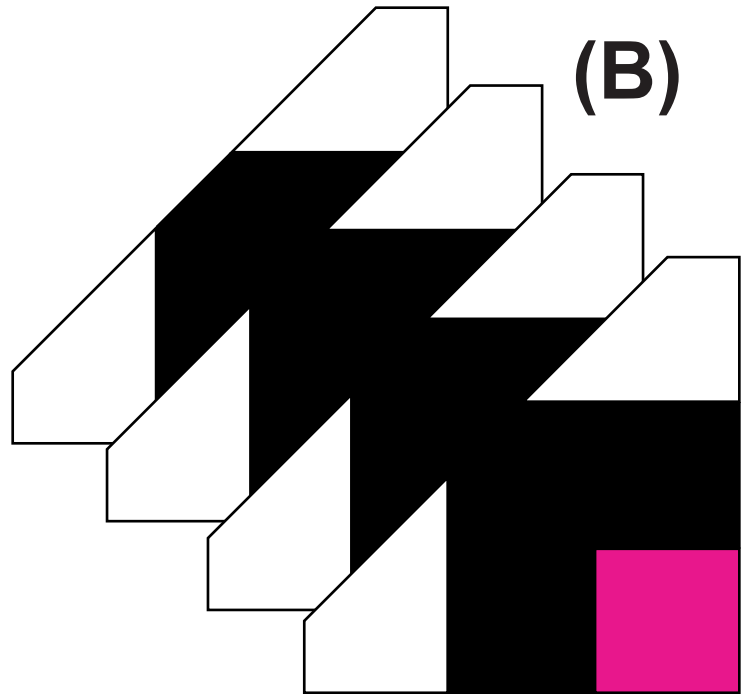
2. Following basic Foundation Paper Piecing technique, sew each of the (A) portions using White and Black.



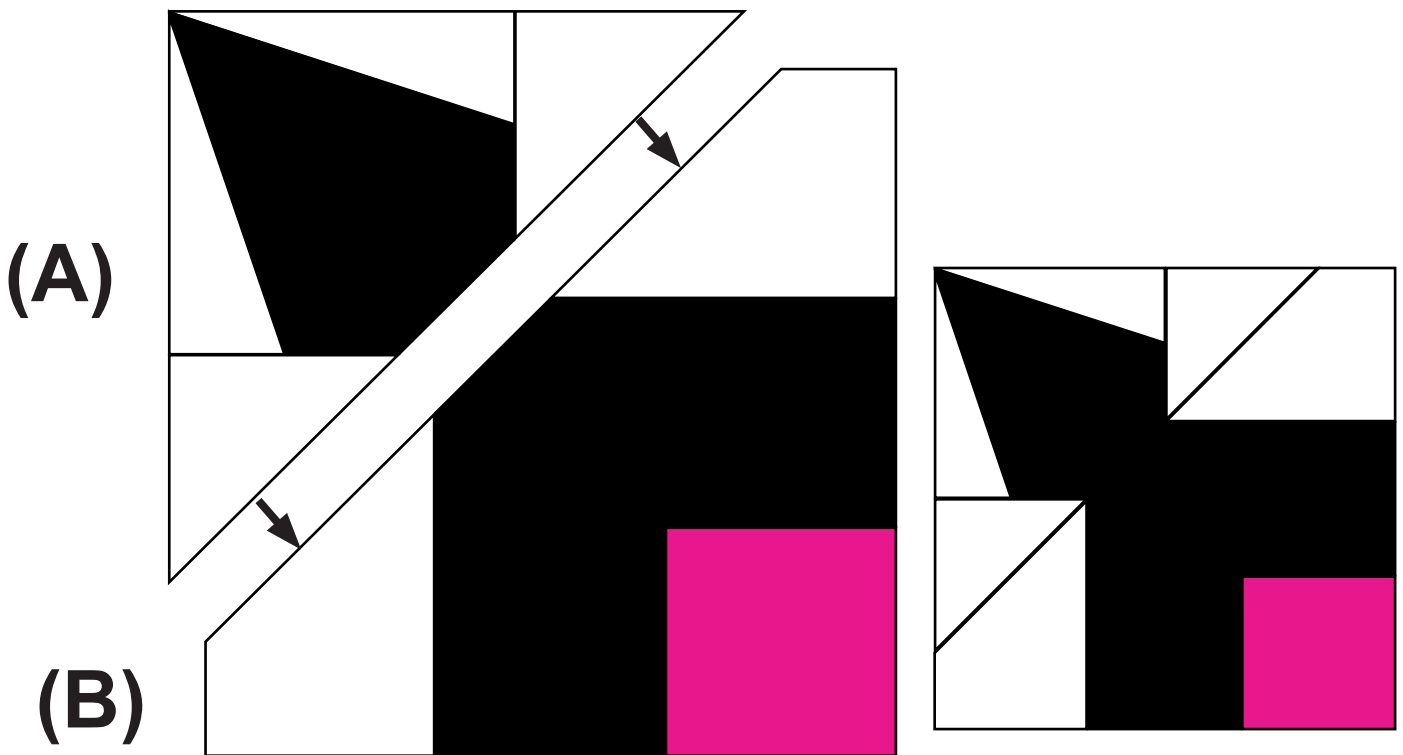


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3. Following basic Foundation Paper Piecing technique, sew each of the (B) portions using Pink, White and Black.



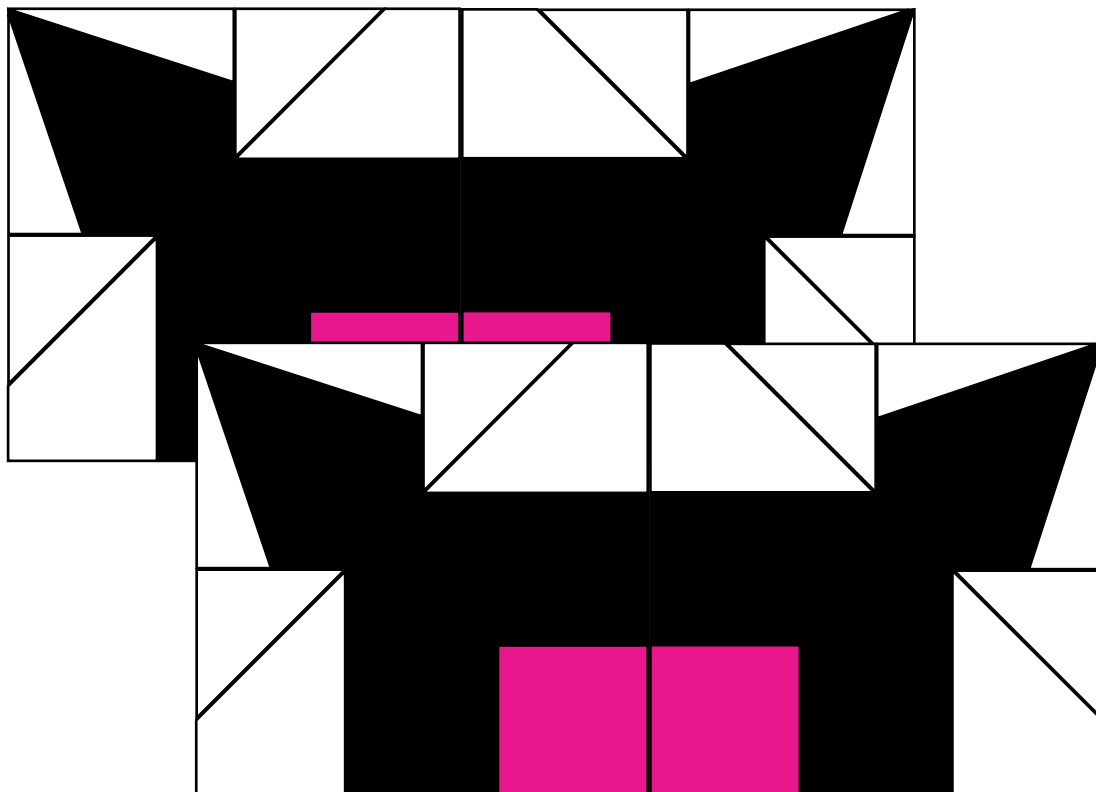
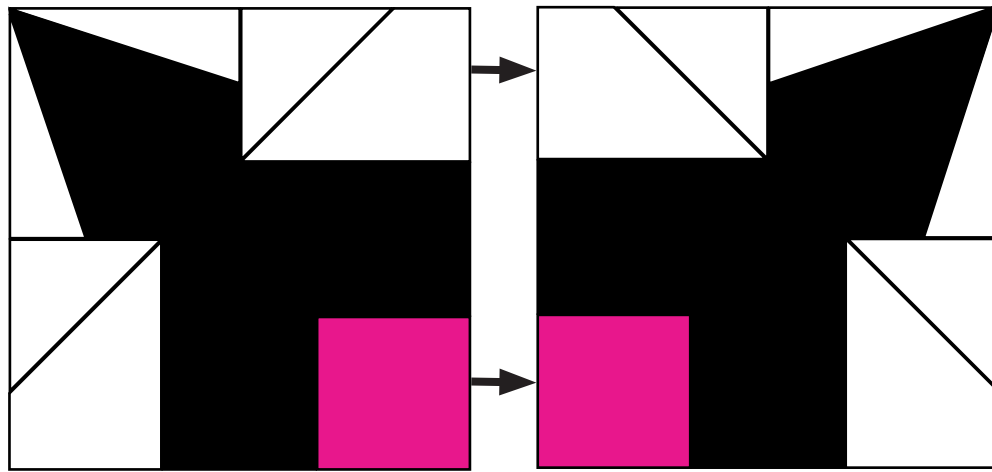
4. Connect each of the (A) portions to the (B) portions to create a square. Remove all foundation paper from all (4) squares.





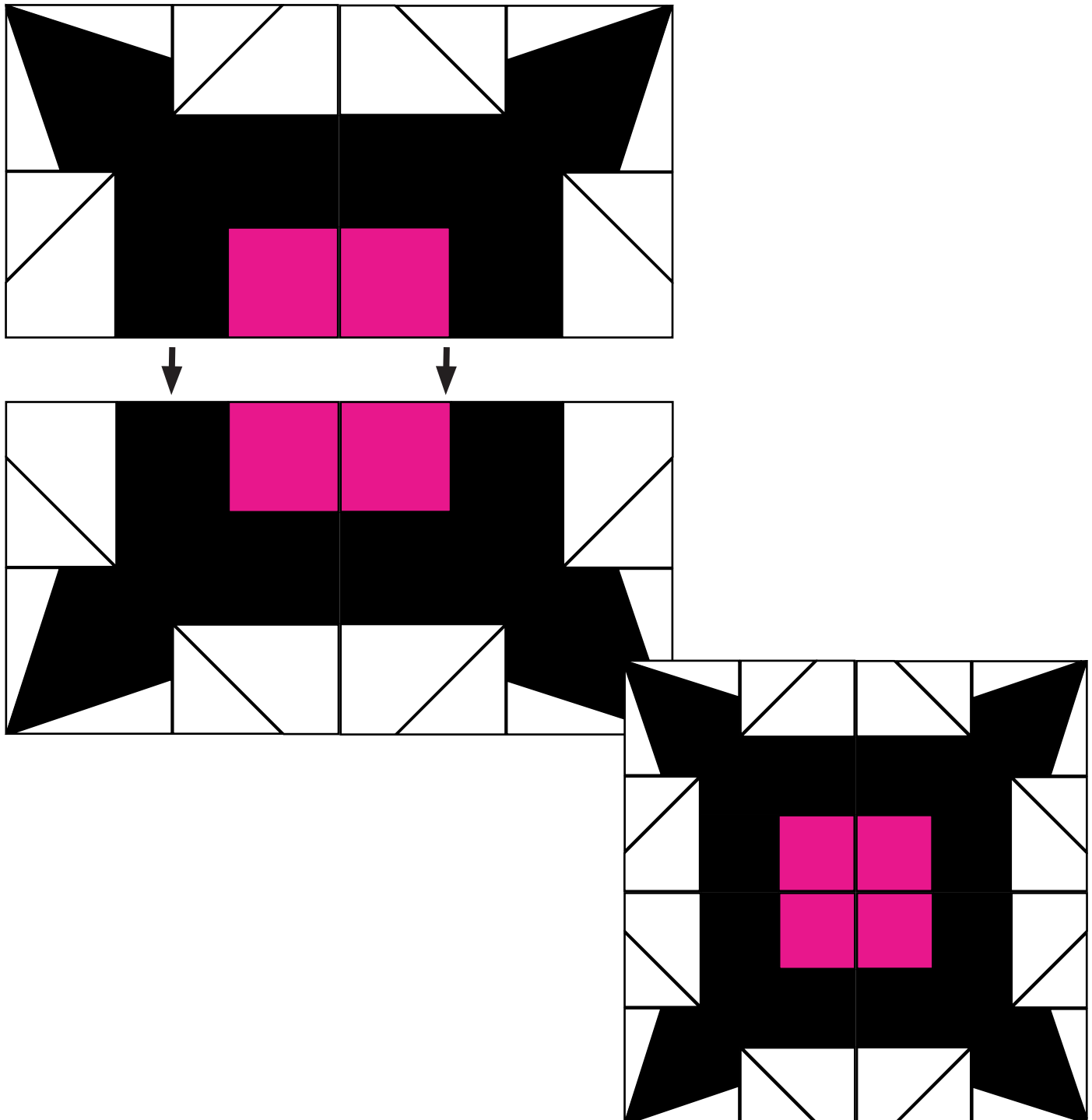
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5. Sew (2) of the squares together aligning the seams. Repeat for second (2) squares. This creates (2) wide portions, a Top and Bottom.



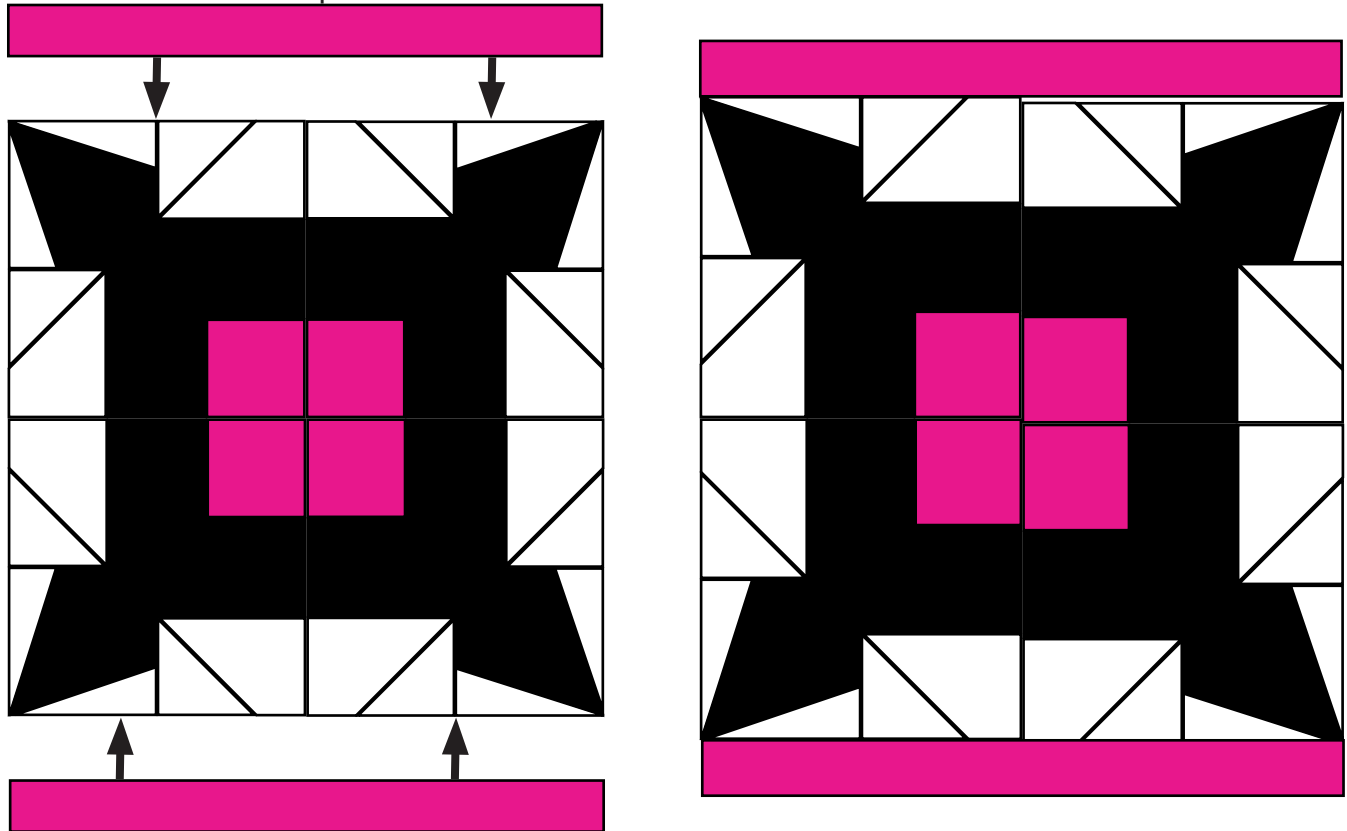
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6. Sew the Top and Bottom portions together to create one final block. Press.

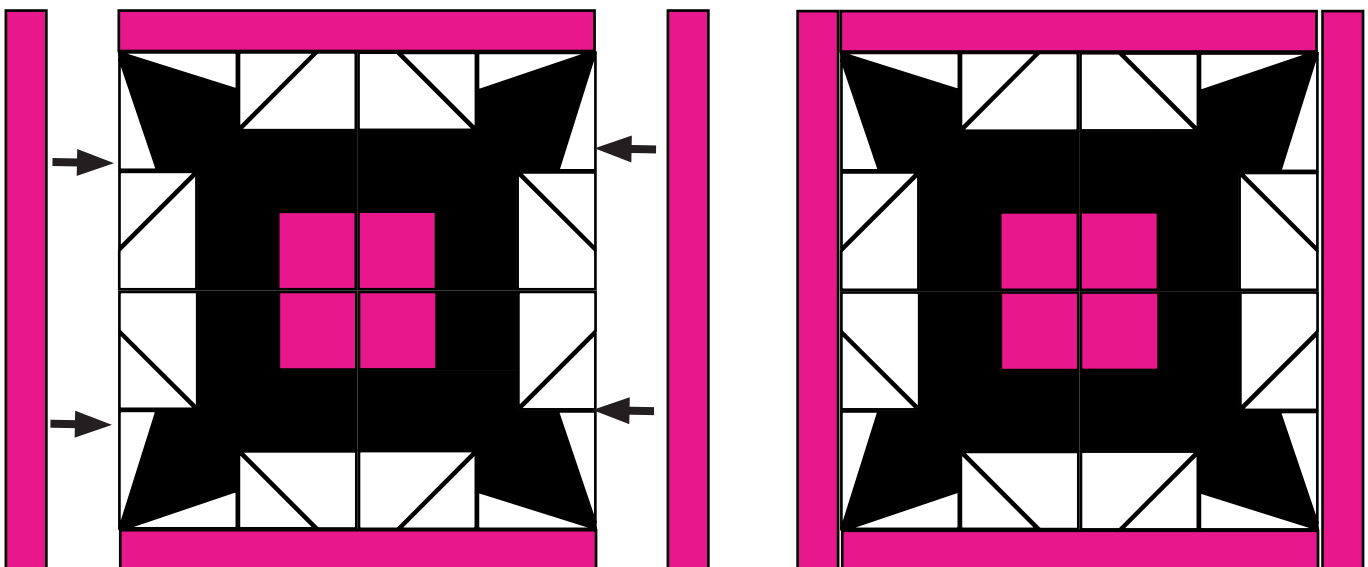


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7. Add borders to the top and bottom. Press.



8. Add borders to the sides. Press. Trim to 12-1/2" for a final sewn block size of 12"x12".





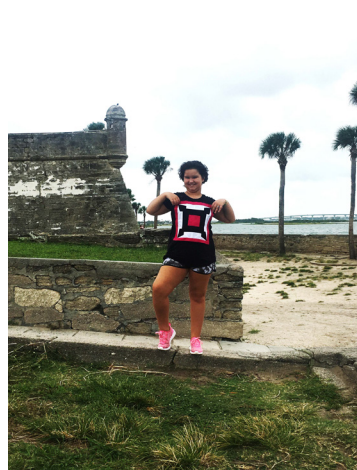
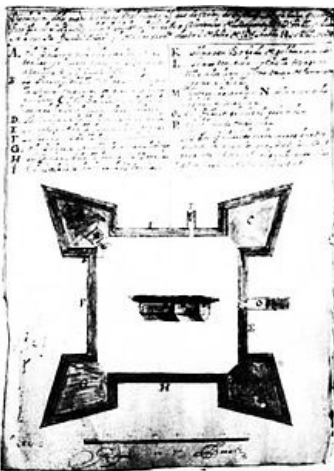
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The Fort Block was created for the 2018 Aurifil Designer of the month series. This block was created with the theme, "The Places we Go" hosted by Pat Sloan.

There is so much inspiration in St. Augustine Florida. Museums, tiles, architecture and even nature. After lots of various drafts, I finally settled on the Fort, Castillo de San Marcos as the primary inspiration for my block. I saw a postcard with an aerial view of the Fort and it hit me, that would make an amazing quilt block. Between it's sharp angles, defined corners and all the history it held just begged to be a quilt block.

My daughter Heidi and I went to St. Augustine to snap some photos of the Fort block in front of the Fort. We happened to travel there on the windiest and gloomiest day of October while Hurricane Michael's tail winds were blowing through. Despite the wind and rain, we had a thrilling time and gained even more inspiration for future blocks.





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