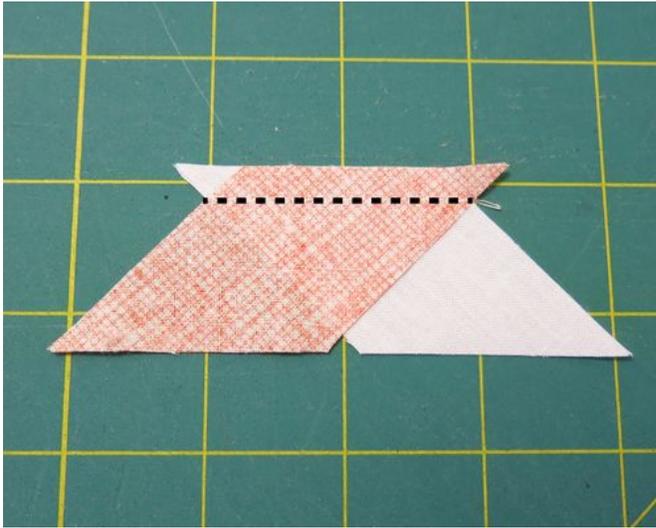


Center Block

This handout includes information to supplement the Aviatrix Medallion pattern. Fabric requirements are included in the pattern itself.



Tips for Piecing the Center Block

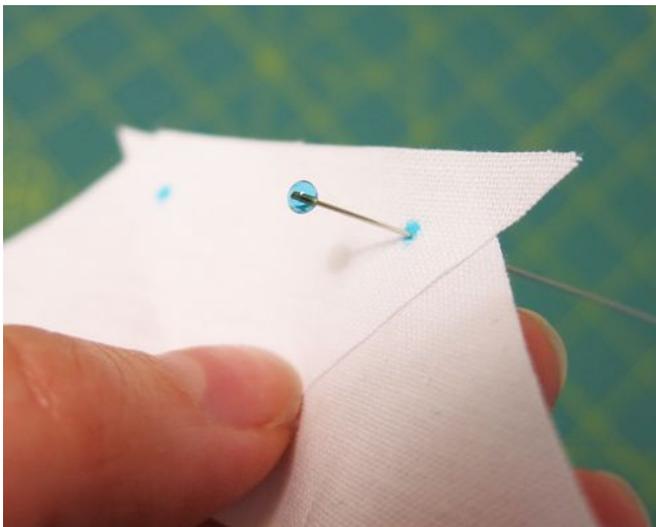
Proper alignment is the key to accurately sewing together the small diamonds (Template 1).

Notice, in the photo on the left, how the marked stitching line starts and ends right at the points where the two diamonds meet.



The photo on the left, show what it looks like during sewing. In this photo you can see how, when the diamonds are lined up correctly, a 1/4" seam allowance will pass right through those points (where the two diamonds meet).

When sewing together the small diamonds, I usually just eyeball the alignment. If you're feeling confident and don't want to mess with marking so many points, don't hesitate to do the same.



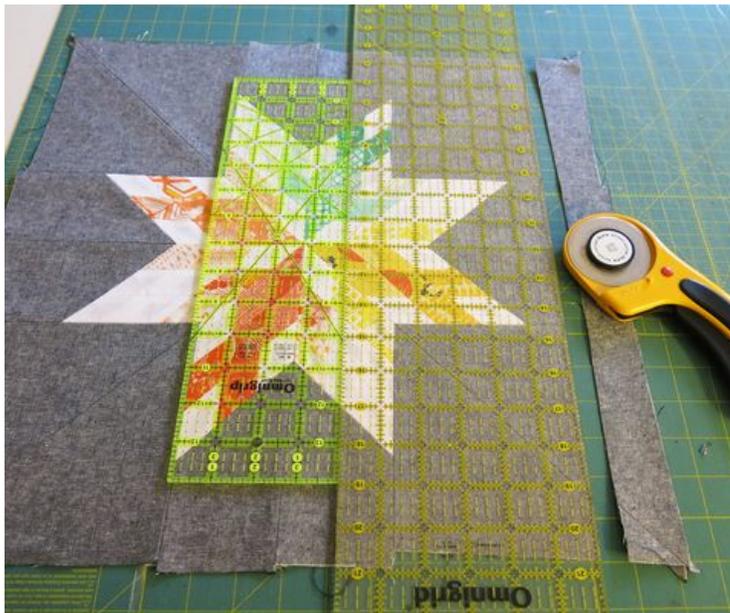
If you've marked matching points on the diamonds, you can use a pin to help line them up properly. Simply stick a pin through the marked point on the first diamond and then through the corresponding point on the second.

Pull the head of the pin close to the fabric to make sure everything is lined up just right.

You won't want to try to sew with pins sticking through your fabric like this but, before you remove them (while they're still holding the fabric together) take a moment to pin the pieces as you normally would.



This pin trick also works well for sewing together the rows of diamonds and for matching the points at the center of the block.



Squaring Up the Block

The finished block needs to be trimmed/squared up to 14-1/2" x 14-1/2". I find that the easiest way to do this is to measure and cut 7-1/4" from each of the center seams. Place rulers side by side to get the required width and be sure to line up with both the vertical and horizontal seams.