



# Stripy Octagon Block

Play with shape and form to create an unusual strip effect. Make one block or four or maybe more then add a border or two. The design appears deviously difficult but with a little partial seaming - it is oh sew easy! All you need is the tools of the trade, some fabric and ...

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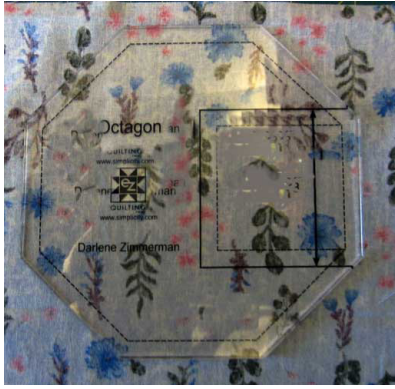
## Tools Required:

Companion Angle Acrylic  
Easy Angle 6.5" Acrylic  
Octagon Acrylic Tool



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1/4" Seam Allowance

1. On W/S of fabric draw round Octagon template.

2. Draw a line 1/4 " outside template outline. Use marked 1/4 " dotted line on Easy Ruler.

3. From three Fat Quarters cut:

Two 1 3/4 x 21" strips Dark Blue

Two 1 3/4 x 21" strips Pink

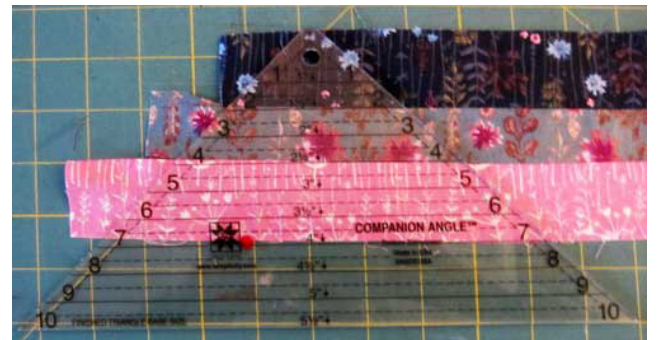
Two 1 1/2 x 21" strips Mid Blue

Join each set together using 1/4" S/A to make long strip approx 40" long.

4. Sew all three strips together to form a striped band. Off set strips at start as shown in photo. Press well. Seams can be pressed open and flat or to one side with this patch-work. .

5. Use Companion Angle:

Place template top on edge of strip. Align line on template with lower edge of band.



6. Cut as many triangles as possible from the band. You will need eight - if there is not enough fabric to cut eight then make more strip.



7. Align raw edge of one triangle with raw edge of octagon. Position triangle so that it overlaps the octagon on S/A.

8. Stitch triangle to octagon BUT ONLY stitch a SMALL section!

Peer at photo carefully!!!

Open out, finger press seam towards outside edge.







9. Alternating colours, align next triangle with edge of octagon and side of first triangle. Check this triangle overlaps underneath sections by S/A. Take care - the edges of the triangles and parts of the octagon very stretchy - on the bias!



10. Continue in same manner adding six more triangles. Seams will naturally go towards outside edge. DON'T PRESS with iron yet - finger press only



11. Realign raw bias (stretchy) edge of last triangle with straight side of first. Complete the seam.

Press carefully as all sides of this block are on the bias - over pressing will stretch the fibres.

12. Select another Fat Quarter: Cut one  $4\frac{1}{2}$  " strip. (Cut  $4\frac{7}{8}$  " if you do not have an Easy Angle or similar template)



13. From  $4\frac{1}{2}$  " strip, using Easy Angle acrylic cut four triangles. (Or cut two  $4\frac{7}{8}$  " squares, divide in half diagonally)

14. Sew one triangle on each corner.

15. Press carefully.



Repeat all last stages and make a second block.

TIP: Check blocks are square. 'Is It Square' acrylic is great for squaring up.

*Why not make four the same size? Sew together to make a pleasing overall pattern.*







## Play on.....Alternate the direction!

Follow Stages 1 - 6 then place first triangle as shown. You are now going in the reverse direction - think about it for a moment.



Continue adding the triangles in the same manner but going round the other way

Finish off corners as Stage 13 - 15.

Make another one the same.



Lay out all four blocks. Sew together to form a square.

## Add Border

Cut 2½" strips from another Fat Quarter.

Join strips where needed.

Press border seam towards outer edge.



Mount quilt top on wadding and backing fabric. Baste/tack together. Quilt layers in desired pattern.

Beginners: Outline each central octagon and centre square. Complete quilting by sewing ¼" away from border seam. this will be sufficient quilting to hold layers together. Sew close to outer edge before trimming all excess wadding and backing fabric. Bind raw edge in preferred manner.

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