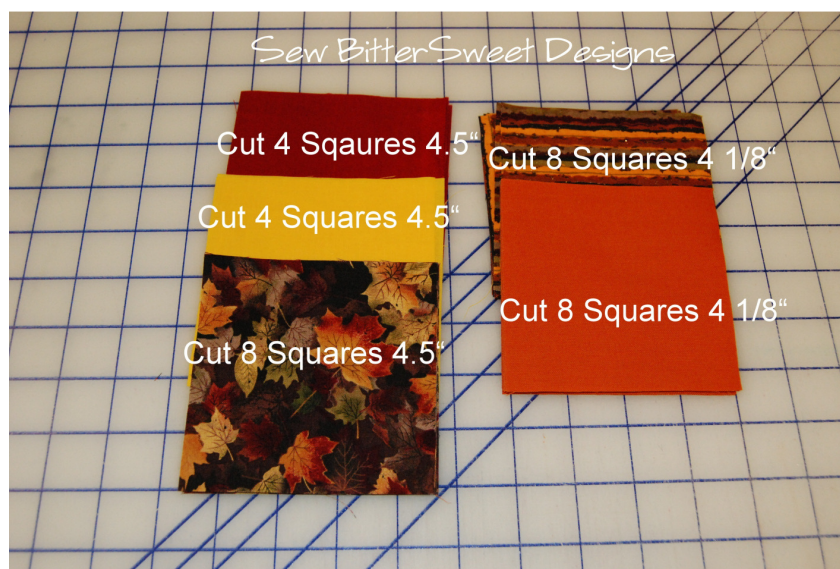# Sew BitterSweet Designs: Mirrored Diamonds Block

The cool thing about this block is that in order to make one, you actually make two! Two blocks for the price of one! You will start by cutting the following: (the fabrics on the left are for your QSTs, the fabrics on the right are for HSTs)
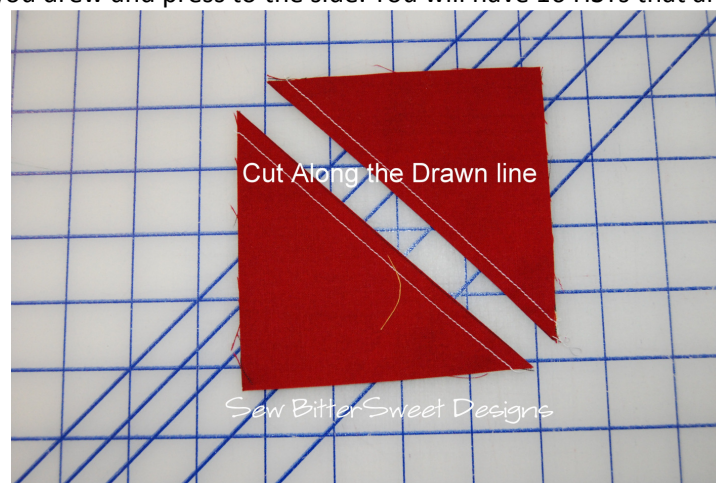

Next you will want to pair up your fabrics that will become your eventual Quarter Square Triangles (QSTs), prepare them for sewing by drawing a diagonal line corner to corner. Sew ¼" one either side of the line. Note: when you construct QSTs the first step is always to make Half Square Triangles (HSTs).
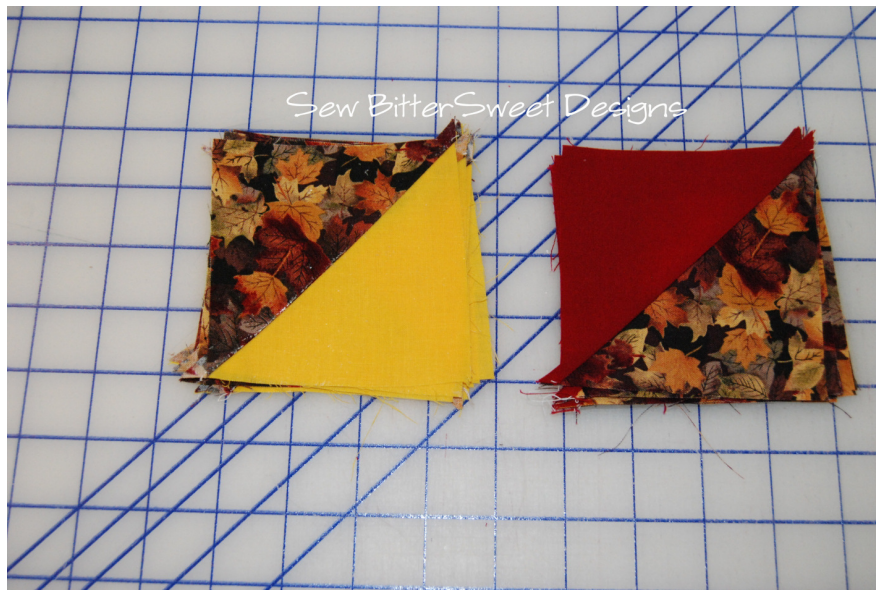
Pair your fabrics up for your eventual QSTs

Draw a line down the center
Sew 1/4" on either side of line

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Time Saving Tip: Chain piece all of your HSTs and QSTs, and then snip them apart before you cut them in half!

Chain Piece Your HSTs Together
This will save TIME!

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Cut them along the line that you drew and press to the side. You will have 16 HSTs that are destined to become QSTs:
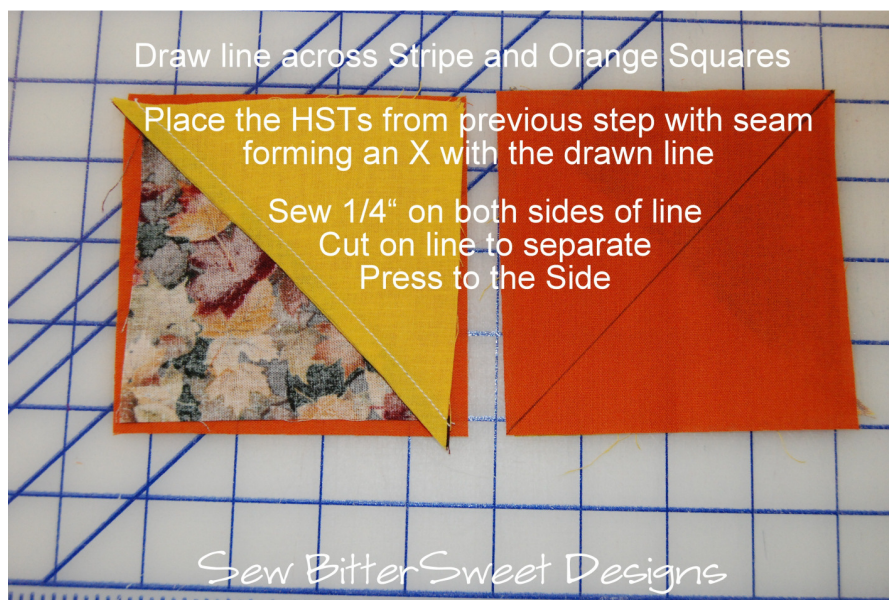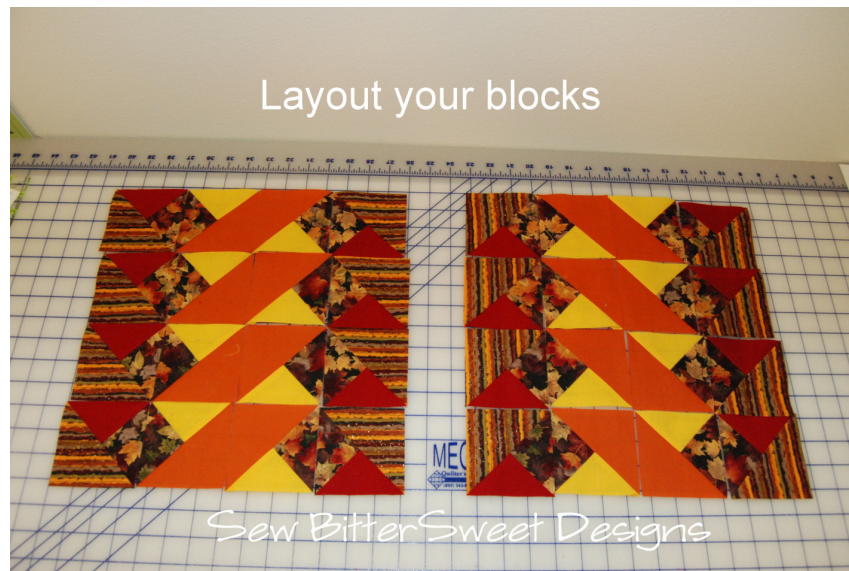
Cut Along the Drawn line

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Next take your squares measuring 4 1/8" and draw a line corner to corner as you would for HSTs (for my block this is the solid orange and the stripe fabric pictured). Then you will want to center the already made HSTs (which will become your QSTs) on the square right sides together. You will want to make sure that you are making an **X. The seam from your HST should cross the drawn line diagonally; you DO NOT want them to line up!!!**

Sew ¼" one either side of the drawn line on the 4 1/8" square.

Draw line across Stripe and Orange Squares

Place the HSTs from previous step with seam forming an X with the drawn line

Sew 1/4" on both sides of line
Cut on line to separate
Press to the Side

Note: I was using smaller measurements when I sewed these two blocks (4.25 for the QST fabric, and I found that going to a larger size made a world of difference). That is why mine seem a touch off, yours will not if you are cutting your QST fabrics to 4.5".

Again, chain piece these to make the process go by faster, snip them apart, cut along the drawn diagonal and press to the side. Then you will be ready to layout your blocks!

Not keen on this design, you can play with it and switch it up. There are endless possibilities. Here are 4 blocks I have made with this design.

If you totally love the mirrored image design, here is an example of a quilt made using the first two blocks pictured above:

Mirrored Images

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