



This is a tutorial to make a basic string block.

### **Supplies:**

**Paper** – the thinner the better, think foundation paper for paper piecing or even pages from an old phone book, printer paper will work fine too but remember to decrease your stitch length to make it easier to tear off.

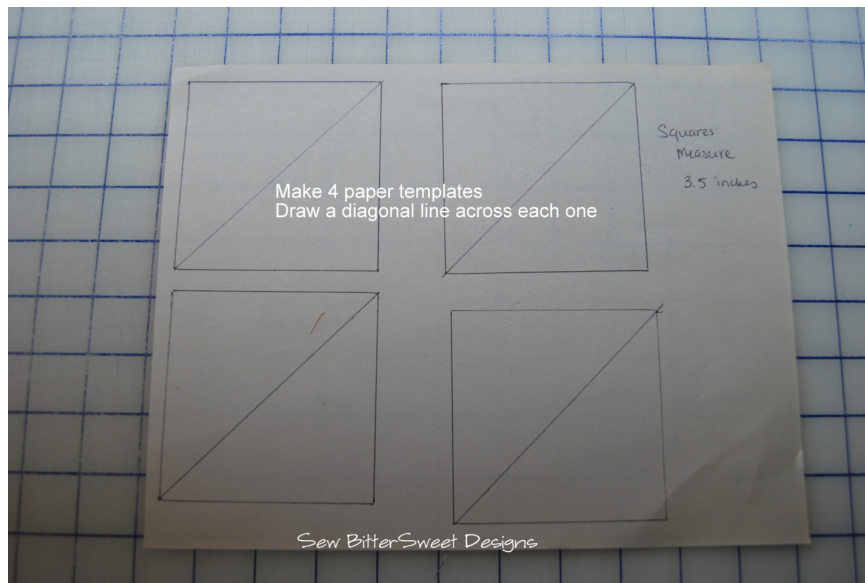
**Square ruler** – to draw your squares and for squaring up the blocks when you are done

**Strings** – I like mine between  $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 2" in width, you will need them to be long enough to reach diagonally across your blocks.

**$\frac{1}{4}$ " Foot** – Not required, but darned helpful with those  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams which are required throughout!

**Glue stick** – I use this to glue down my first string on the diagonal line

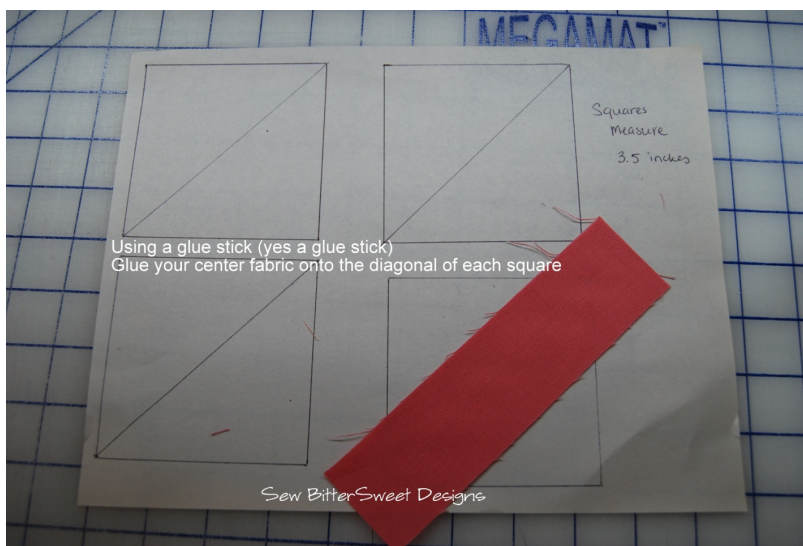
### **Basic sewing supplies**



Step 1: Draw your squares and draw a diagonal across each one – this is where you will glue your first strip.

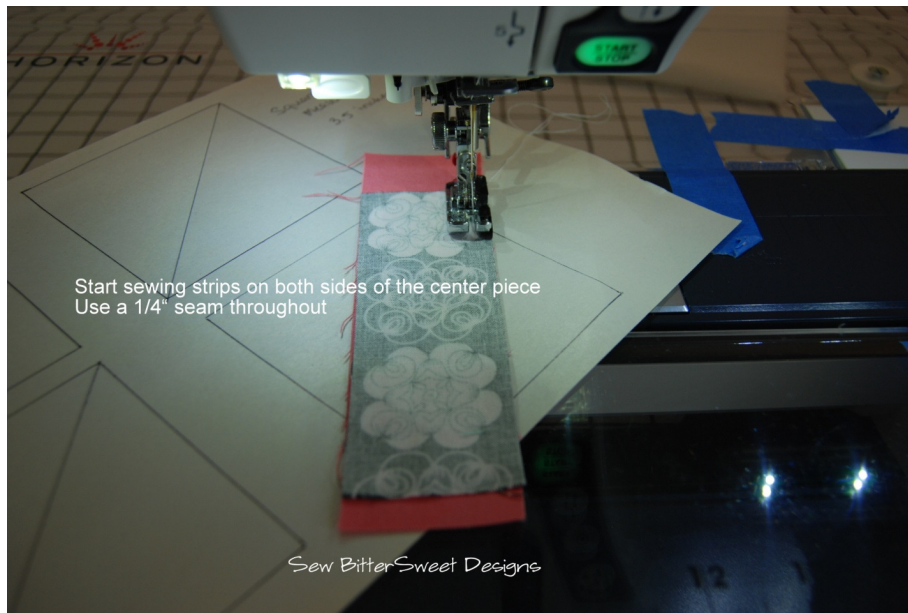
**Measurements (make 4 squares per block):**

Block Size - Finished	Square Size
6"	3.5"
7.5"	4.25"
9"	5"
10.5"	5.75"
12"	6.5"



Step 2: Using a glue stick, glue your center string to the paper along the diagonal. For my blocks this was my “pop” color.





Step 3: Start sewing strips to both sides of the center seam. Use a 1/4" seam throughout.



Step 4: Always press away from the center string.



Step 5: Continuing adding strings until the entire square is covered.



Step 6: Trim your squares down to size drawn and remove the paper from the back. Decide on a layout and sew the squares together using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.





Here are my 6” and 12” blocks using the same exact layout.

Below you can see other potential layouts that work nicely for squares with “Pop”

