

# Stepping Stones

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## What you will need

- 8 1/2" square of red scooter print
- 10" square of pink dot print
- 10" square of red square print
- 10" square of blue dot print
- Fat eighth of white solid
- 3 strips 2 1/2" x width of fabric for binding

Finished Size: 20" square

This is a great pattern to show off a favourite print. The centre square is 8 1/2" so you can really make the most of any precious print.

Make 1 block for a pillow or make more for a fun quilt.

## Step ① - Cutting the Fabric

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### From the red scooter print, cut:

1 square 8 1/2"

### From the red square print, cut:

8 squares 2 1/2"

### From the dot print, cut:

8 rectangles 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

### From the pink dot print, cut:

12 squares 2 1/2"

### From the scarf print, cut:

2 squares 4 7/8"

### From the white solid, cut:

16 squares 2 1/2"

4 squares 2 7/8" cut in half diagonally

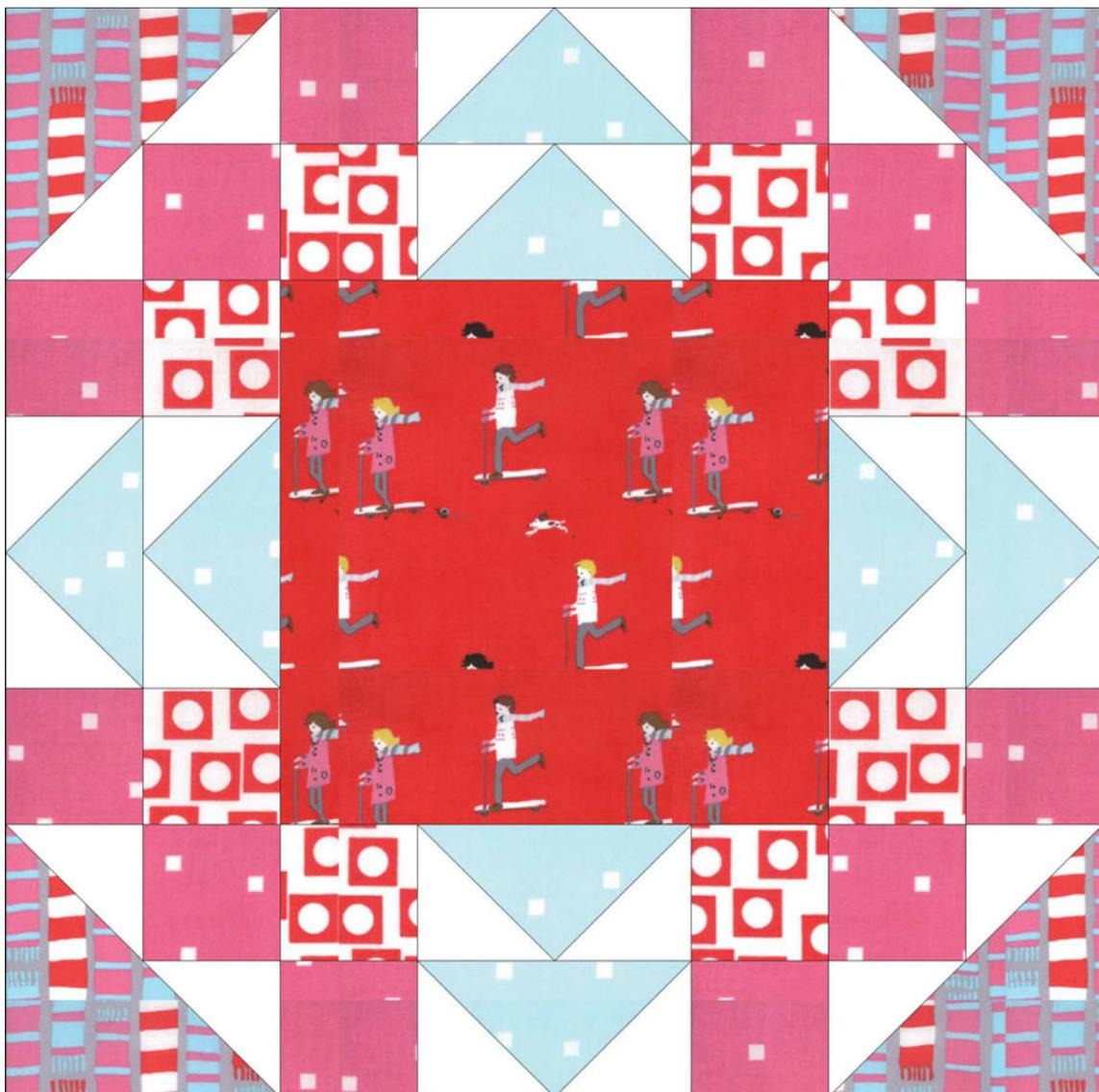
2 strips 2 1/2" x 16 1/2"

2 strips 3 1/2" x 20 1/2"

## Step ② - Block Layout

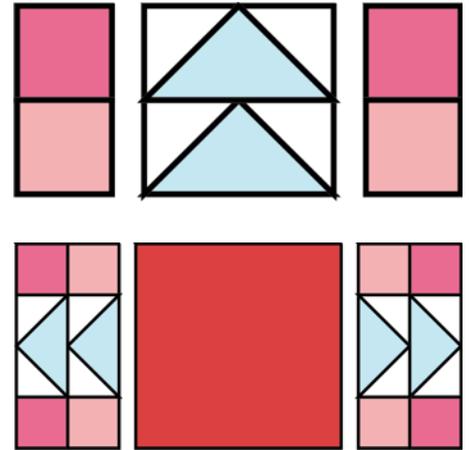
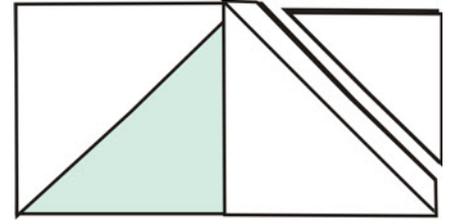
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The block measures 16" square finished. The pillow front with white border measures 20" square finished.

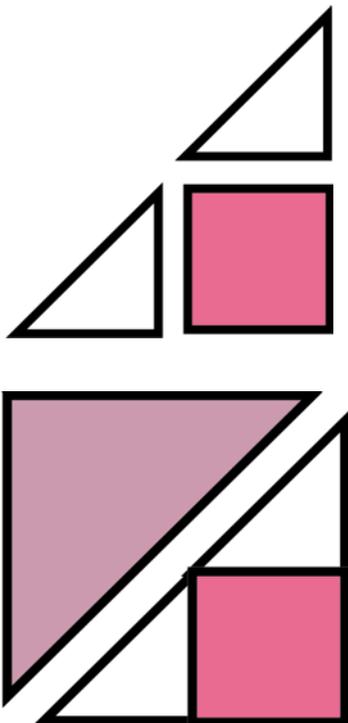


## Step ③ - Flying Geese

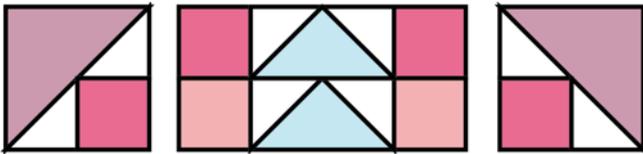
1. Draw a line down the diagonal of each of the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white squares.
2. Line up a white square with the corner of a blue  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Sew along the diagonal. Open up, trim away excess and press.
3. Line up another white square with the other side of the rectangle. Sew along the diagonal. Open up, trim away excess and press.
4. Arrange the geese in pairs and sew one on top of the other.
5. Take the 8 red square print squares and 8 pink dot print squares and sew them together in pairs.
6. Arrange the geese and square pairs as shown in the diagram and sew together. Make 4 such units.
7. Sew 2 to opposite sides of the red scooter print  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



## Step ④ - Corner Squares

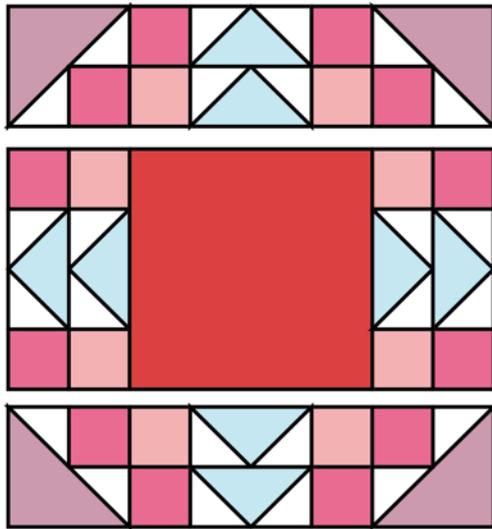


1. Cut along the diagonal of the white  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares. Sew two triangles to adjacent sides of a pink dot square as shown in the diagram. Repeat for the remaining pink dot squares.
2. Cut along the diagonal of the scarf print  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares. Sew to the pink/white triangle made above, as shown in the diagram. Repeat to make 4 squares.
3. Press seams and trim to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



4. Take the two remaining geese blocks. With the geese pointing upwards, sew the triangle units to both sides as shown.

Repeat to make 2 such units.



5. Sew to the top and bottom of the centre square as shown in the diagram.

6. Sew the white 2 1/2" x 16 1/2" strips to the sides of the block.

7. Sew the white 2 1/2" x 20 1/2" strips to the top and the bottom of the block.

## Step 5 - Quilting

Layer the pillow front abcking, batting and pillow front and baste.

Quilt as desired and trim to 20 1/2" square.

## Step 5 - Make the Pillow

1. Take your 18" x 20 1/2" lining and back fabric pieces and place them right sides facing. Sew along the 20 1/2" edge. Open and press so the wrong sides are facing. Topstitch along the sewn edge.

2. Take your 12" x 20 1/2" lining and back fabric pieces and place them right sides facing. Sew along the 20 1/2" edge. Open and press so the wrong sides are facing. Topstitch along the sewn edge.

3. Place the pillow front face down and lay the back pieces, face up, on top so that they overlap. Pin in place and sew the whole way around 1/8" from the edge.

4. Sew the 2 1/2" x width of fabric binding strips together and bind the pillow.

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