



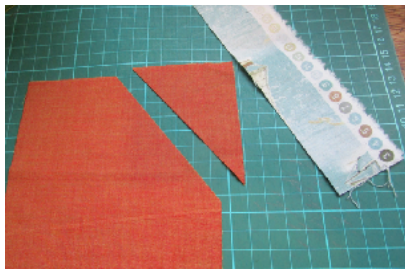
Modern Art Quilters Tutor Box 19

Selvedge Diamonds

Cream quilt sample made and quilt designed by Karin Pope
Tutorial samples and red quilt made by Helen Howes

Selvedges are a valuable resource, and these days, many of them are both exciting and colourful.. Plus, they are too good to waste!

Start with some squares of background fabric - the samples are made from 5-inch squares, so these could be from a Charm Pack. The original quilt is in assorted neutrals, the following step-by-step examples were made in red and orange Oakshott fabrics. Choose some selvedges - note that I have cut mine quite generously from the most interesting edges of the fabrics (and you can, of course, use strips or leftovers). My pieces were cut about 1-1/2 inches wide



Lay the first square on your mat and make a diagonal cut across one corner. Use a ruler and your cutter. Take a selvedge piece somewhat longer than the cut and lay it right sides together with the larger of the two pieces. Sew these together with a 1/4 inch seam (note that consistent is better than accurate here) and press towards the darker fabric.

Lay the piece back on the mat and trim the ends of the selvedge piece to match the angle of the edges of the background square.



Add the second side of the square and sew again, then press to the dark again.



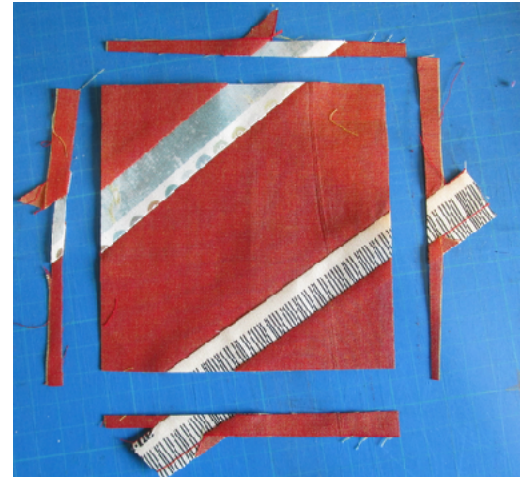
Now, in theory, if you add a one-inch strip into a gap, and sew with two 1/4 inch seams, you will not change the size of the block. As most of my selvedges pieces were wider than one inch, the background did tend to expand. This is fine... Strips narrower than 1 inch may cause problems



Now turn the block around and make another cut on the opposite corner, and add the strip in as before.

Work one side at a time, or this can happen...
Ooops!

Trim to a perfect square - mine came out at 4-1/2 inches, but yours may vary... And you can start with other sizes of squares, of course



Sew the squares right-sides together, quilt simply, make another?

Please feel free to share these instructions, but do not amend them in any way. And teach!



If you have a particularly delicious but rather small piece, check that it will fit before you cut. Allow a bit of room for manouevre...