

Paper Airplane Quilt

Quilt Pattern Created by Leah Day

Let's explore paper piecing with this modern paper pieced quilt inspired by paper airplanes.

Finished size: 42 x 49 inches

Materials

2 yards Fabric A - Background and Binding

¾ yard Fabric B - Border around triangles

¼ yard each of 3 fabrics for triangles

Note: I used 7 fat quarters of Paper Obsessed fabric designed by Heather Gavins for Windham Fabrics.

White 100% cotton piecing thread

Fabric Preparation and Quilt Piecing Tips

For best results, prewash, starch, and press all fabrics before cutting.

Remember to lower your stitch length to 1.5 mm to create a tight stitch.

Cutting Chart

Note: For long sections of background fabric, cut parallel with the selvage of the fabric.

Fabric A	Cut 1 - 7 ½ x 50-inch strip Cut 1 - 21 ½ x 50-inch strip Cut 7 - 9-inch squares, then slice in half diagonally to create 14 triangles Cut 5 - 2 inch strips for quilt binding
Fabric B	Cut 14 - 1 ½ x 12-inch strips Cut 14 - 1 ½ x 8 ½-inch strips
Fabric C	Cut 7 - 7-inch squares, then slice in half diagonally to create 14 triangles

Paper Piecing

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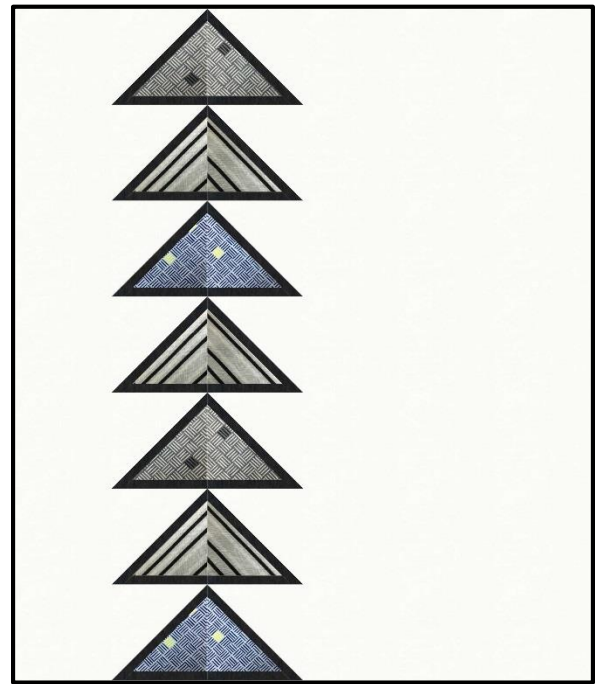
Triangle Left Side - With the paper pattern face down, place one Fabric C triangle right side up over the Piece 1 space and pin into place. Flip the paper over and fold over along the line between Piece 1 and 2. Place a shorter Fabric B strip right side up and extending around ¼ inch from the folded paper. Unfold the paper and stitch along the line between Piece 1 and 2. From the fabric side, fold over and press Piece 2 and double check that the fabric fills the Piece 2 space completely.

Next fold the paper along the line between Piece 1 and 3. Place a longer Fabric B strip right side up and extending ¼ inch beyond the paper fold. Stitch right on the line between Piece 1 and 3. Fold over the fabric, press, and check that it fills the space completely.

Finish by folding the paper along the diagonal from corner to corner along the line between Piece 3 and 4. Place a Fabric A triangle right side up with the edge extending ¼ inch from the folded paper. Stitch right on the line between Piece 3 and 4. Fold over the fabric, press, and check that it fills the space completely.

Triangle Right Side - Repeat this process to paper piece a Triangle Right side. Trim the blocks to exactly 7 ½ inches square, then piece them together to form 7 ½ x 14 ½ inch Airplane Blocks. Repeat this process 6 more times to create a total of 7 paper airplane blocks.

Piece the blocks together to create a long strip that measures 14 ½ x 49 ½. Piece the Fabric A 7 ½-inch strip to the left side of the Airplane blocks. Piece the Fabric A 21 ½ inch strip to the right side of the Airplane blocks. Carefully remove the paper from the back of the blocks and trim the background fabric square with the edges of the pieced blocks. The quilt should now measure 42 ½ x 49 ½ inches.

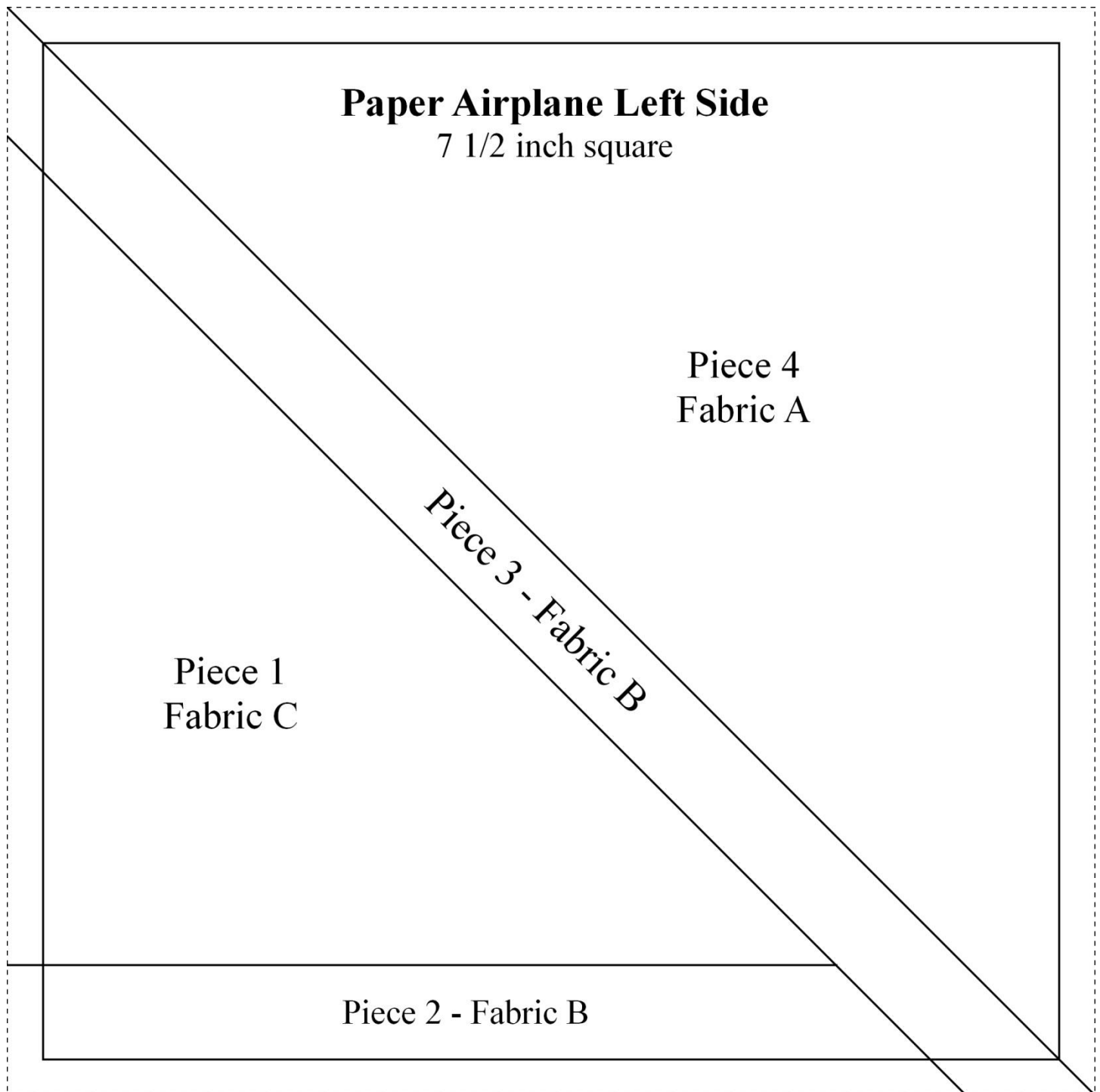


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