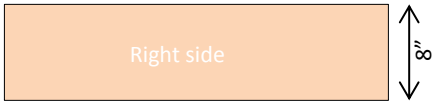
EASY PRAIRIE POINTS

DIRECTIONS:

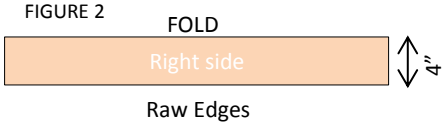
1. Decide what size points you would like and cut your fabric four times wider than the height of your prairie points. For example, if you want your Prairie Points to be 2" tall, you will need to cut an 8" strip. (Fig. 1) The length of the strip is determined by the length of the area you want to cover with Prairie Points. If more than a WOF (width of fabric) is needed, just piece strips together with ¼" seams.
    1. 2 ½" points: cut a 10" width
    2. **2" point: cut an 8" width**
    3. 1 ½" point: cut a 6" width
    4. 1" point: cut a 4" width

FIGURE 1



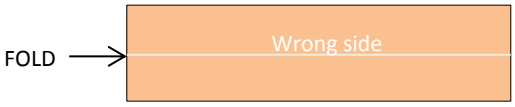
For 2" points cut an 8" wide strip

FIGURE 2



2. Fold the strip together, wrong sides together and press to mark the fold. (Fig 2)
3. Open the strip and place it, wrong side up on the cutting mat. (Fig 3)
4. Using a rotary cutter, cut your strip up to the fold. Be exact! Cuts will be made at intervals equal to ½ of the width of the strip. For an 8" strip, make cuts 4" apart and up to the fold and continue across the length of the strip (red lines). (Fig 4)

FIGURE 3



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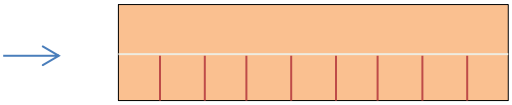

5. Turn your strip around and begin cutting on the opposite side of the strip, up to the fold. The first cut will be made ½" the width of subsequent cuts. If you made 4" cuts on Side 1 of the strip, then your first cut on Side 2 of the strip will be 2" from the end of the strip. Cut out and discard this first 1/2-sized section and continue cutting the same width sections as your previous side (blue lines). (Fig 5)

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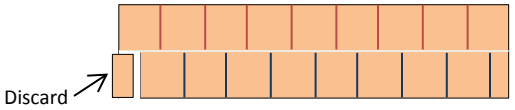

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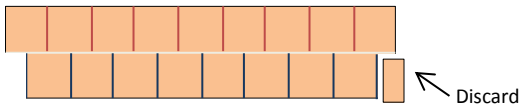
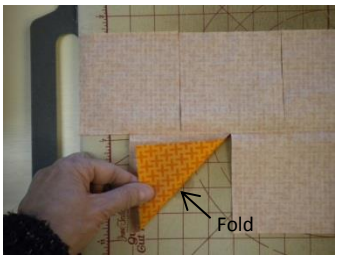


6. When you finish the row, you will have a 2" section left. Just cut that section out and discard. (Fig 6)

It's time to fold the points. The easiest way to do this on an ironing board.

1. Beginning with the bottom row of cut sections, fold all of the cut sections in half on the diagonal. Make sure you fold them all in the same direction and press as you go. (Fig 7)
2. Go to the top section and repeat the process folding all sections on the diagonal, in the same direction pressing as you go. (Fig 8)



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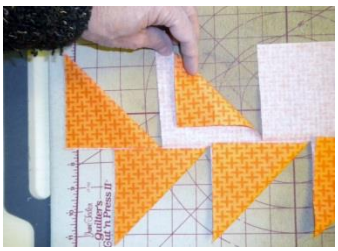

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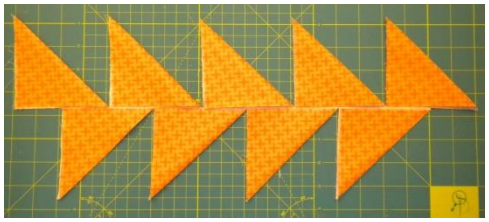
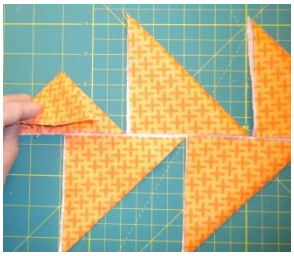


3. Go back to the top row and fold each triangle in half again. You will be going in the opposite direction as you were when you made the first fold. Press as you go. (Fig 9)
4. Repeat with opposite side. Press as you go. (Fig 10)

FIGURE 9



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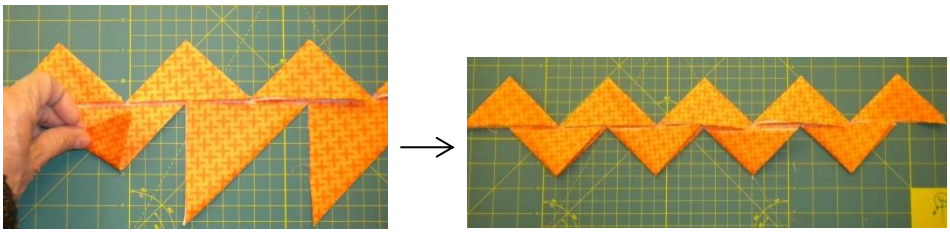
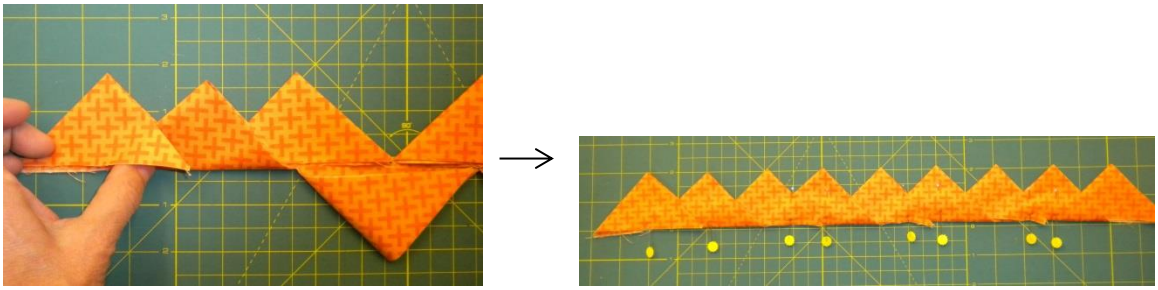


5. To finish the Prairie Point strip, you will need to fold the strip in half so that Side #1 is laying on top of Side #2. You can pull out the tips of the points as you go along to achieve a "nested" look to the strip. Be sure to pin as you go to secure the points in place. (Fig 11)

FIGURE 11



6. Stitch 1/8" along the edge of the strip and the strip is ready! (Fig 12)

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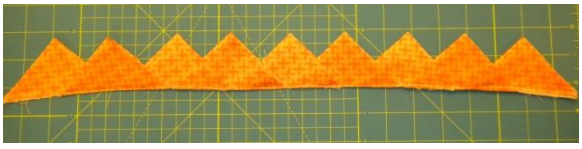
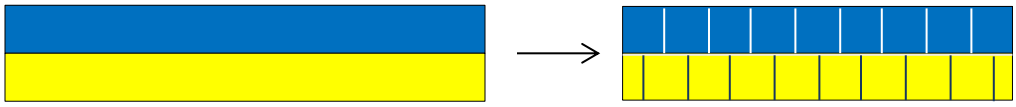


For a "two fabric strip", cut 2 different strips of fabric twice the size of the finished points plus ¼" for a seam allowance. Sew the two strips together with a ¼" seam, press open and then proceed cutting sections as outlined above.



Strip Measurements:

1. 2 ½" points: Cut two (2) 5 ¼" wide strips
2. **2" points: Cut two (2) 4 ¼" wide strips**
3. 1 ½" points: Cut two (2) 3 ¼" wide strips
4. 1" points: Cut two (2) 2 ¼" wide strips