TWISTER BLOCK

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12.5" square unfinished

Fabric A (solid background)

Cut 1: 6.5" x 7" Cut 2: 3.5" x 7"

Fabric B (non-directional print)

Cut 1: 9.5" x7" Cut 1: 3.5" x 7"

(Both of these can be cut from a single piece measuring 13" x 7")

Use scant 0.25" seam allowances throughout.



1. First take one of the 3.5" \times 7" pieces of your background fabric and stitch it to the larger 9.5" \times 7". Press the seam towards the darker fabric. You now have a piece measuring 12.5" \times 7".



2. Cut this 12.5" x 7" piece in two as shown above to give you two pieces measuring 12.5" x 3.5" (see below).



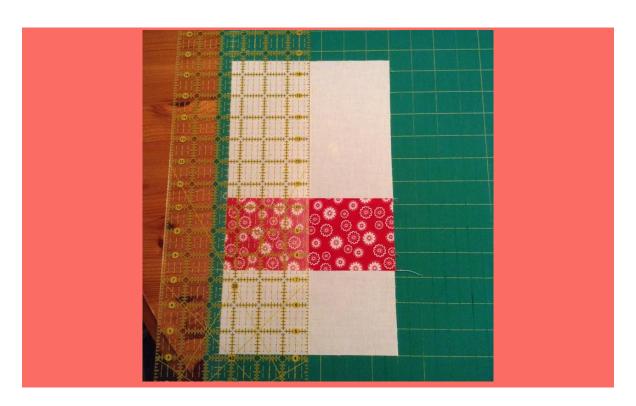
3. Just to mention: handle the pieces carefully where you have made the cut, just to prevent the seams opening where you have no excess of thread keeping them closed.



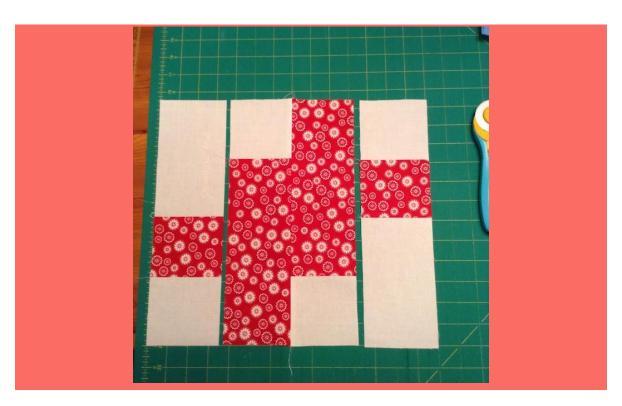
4. Now 'twist' one of the pieces upside down on your mat so that your layout looks like the pic above and then sew the pieces together along the center seam. This time, I pressed the seam open just because I didn't want my strong red showing through my white background. Leave the joined piece aside for a few minutes.



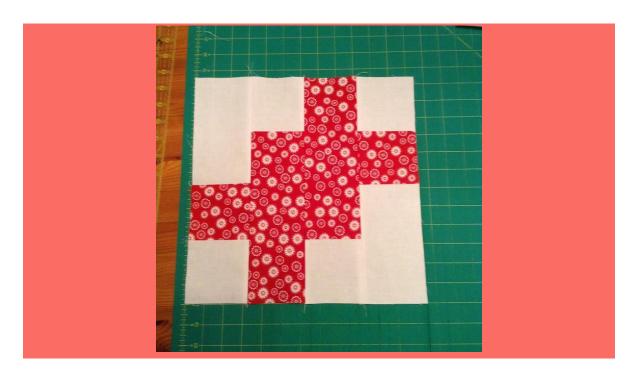
5. Take your three remaining pieces of fabric and lay them out as I have above. Join the background 6.5" \times 7" piece to the 3.5" \times 7" print fabric and then stitch the final 3.5" \times 7" background piece to the bottom. Press seams towards the darker fabric. You now have a piece measuring 12.5" \times 7".



6. As before, cut this 12.5" x 7" piece in two to give you two pieces measuring 12.5" x 3.5".



7. This time, you need to 'twist' the second piece upside down on your mat and make room between the two pieces for the piece you joined in steps 1 - 4. Check that the layout is the same as the photo above and then stitch the two side pieces to the center piece, pressing seams open.



8. And, yes, it really was that easy. You now have a 12.5" square Twister block!

Now as promised, here are the cutting measurements for using DIRECTIONAL prints in your blocks.

