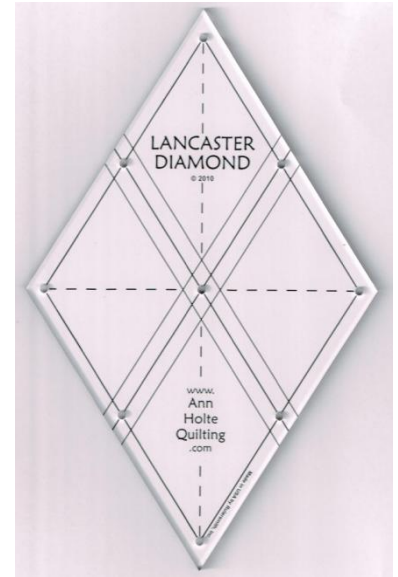


# Lancaster Diamond Template

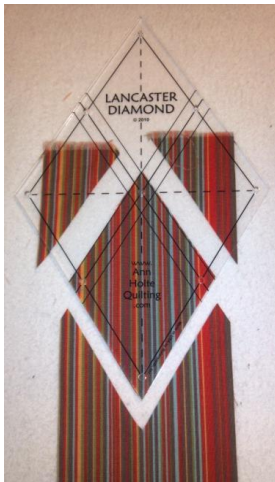
## Fussy-Cutting & Directional Fabric

There is a slight change in the new Lancaster Diamond Template. Several people suggested that it would be nice to have some guidelines for centering the template over a patchwork design or a fabric motif. So, I added dashed lines lengthwise and crosswise on the diamond template to help you visualize the position of the fabric in the block before you cut.



For example, in this wall hanging, the cats are fussy-cut so that they will be centered within the diamond. Also, notice that the stripes in the fabric cornerstones are going the same way.

This template can be used for cutting blocks, cornerstones, and sashing. So, when you position the design, remember that the holes in the template are on the SEWING lines. Your CUTTING line lies  $\frac{1}{4}$ " past the sewing line.



**For Stripes:** Cut a strip of fabric at least  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " wide for Cornerstones. Cut a 6" wide for full Blocks (or whatever width is appropriate to center the stripe design you are working with).

**For Fussy-Cutting:** This technique will make "Swiss cheese" of your fabric. Position the template wherever you want the design to fall in the block and then cut around the outside. Use the holes to mark the seam intersections on the back of the fabric for later reference when you will be assembling the blocks with sashing and cornerstones.



As long as you're in the mood for working with stripes, why not try pieced sashing? In this example, I pieced (3)  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " strips of fabric and then cut the sashing pieces from the resulting strip. Remember that the sashing pieces are **MIRRORED** pairs of parallelogram shapes. An easy way to cut mirror pairs is to fold the fabric right sides together (or wrong sides together) and cut two at a time.

Refer to the project sheet for "Cutting Stripes" for more ideas for working with striped fabric.



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