

Kaleidoscope Block Instructions Please Read Before Beginning: Individual sewing practices will vary, but try sewing with these guidelines for beautiful blocks. **For best results, sew your blocks together using a scant 1/4".** As the blocks are sewn, some or all of the corners pieces not matching exactly and the corner pieces may seem too large or too small, and your block may look jagged or uneven, do not worry, once your block is pressed and squared up your block will then look correct. It is better to press than to iron, ironing can force the fabric to move and stretch, this may cause you to end up with a block that is either too small (forms a bowl shape) or too large (block will not lay flat, it will ripple and bubble up). Have Fun!!

Your pre-cut blocks will come in 'wedges', the wedges are sewn together to form the block and then the 'cornerstones' or corner pieces will be added to the corners to complete the block.

****Place two wedges with right sides together and stitch your scant 1/4" seam right along the diagonal edge, starting with the pointed/smaller end as shown in Fig. 1**

****Chain piece remaining wedges for each block as shown in Fig. 2**

****If you chain piece more than one block at a time, make sure you keep them in order, every 4 pairs will be one block.**

****Press outside seam on each sewn wedge, then carefully open wedge and press, being careful not to force the seam as the bias will be stretched and your block can become distorted. NOTE: Do not force seam all the way open if it doesn't open on its own, in the end when all pieces are sewn together, the seam will completely open on its own to form a perfectly flat block. Fig. 3**

****Place two pairs of wedges right sides together and sew on again on diagonal. Fig. 4**

****Chain piece remaining wedges Fig. 5, then press open carefully, again being careful not to force the seam. This will be one half of your block.**

****Then place your two halves, right sides together, matching center points and center seams so your block lays flat, (your outside edges may not completely be even, sew a scant 1/4" seam straight down one edge. Fig. 6**

****Continue to chain piece the block halves, press outside seam first, then flip open and press carefully, and there you have your inner block. Fig. 7**

****Place a corner triangle on each corner of block (right sides together) with long edge even with a diagonal edge of block, using a pin if desired, repeat with remaining corners, press outside seam and then flip open and press carefully. Fig 8**

NOTE: As mentioned above your finished block at this stage will be very jagged and uneven, Press the completed block one last pressing and then square up to size given, for the 10" blocks, square to 10.5" (always square to 1/2" bigger than your finished size of block. Fig. 9

