Kaleidoscope Pre-Cut Block Instructions

<u>Please read instructions before beginning.</u> Individual sewing practices vary but try sewing with these general guidelines. For best results, sew using a scant 1/4" seam allowance. I usually move my needle over 1 click.
Also, we find it best to 'press' instead of ironing, ironing can force fabric to move and stretch. You may iron your seams open or not, it's a personal preference, try both ways and see what one works best for you. Using Best Press can help your block lay flat and crisp but is not necessary, mostly - Have Fun!!
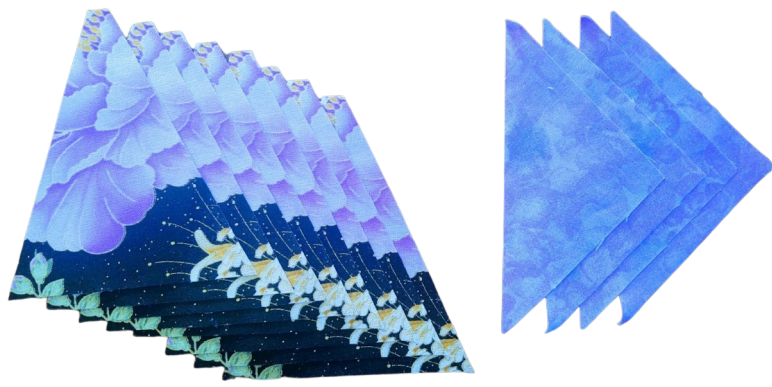
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Each Pre-Cut Kaleidoscope Block will have 8 wedges & 4 cornerstones. <u>See Fig 1.</u>

Fig. 1

Step 1: Place two wedges with right sides together and stitch your seam along the long edge, starting with the point/smaller end as shown in <u>Fig. 2</u> - Chain piece the 3 remaining sets of wedges. You will end up with 4 sets/pairs.
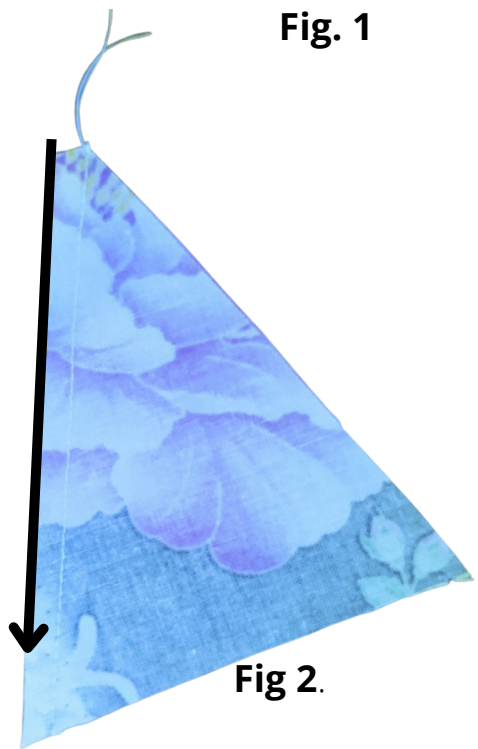

Fig 2.

Step 2: Take your 4 sets/pairs you just sewn and press outside seam to set the seam, then press open as shown in <u>Fig 3.</u> Again, you may press back seams open if you choose.
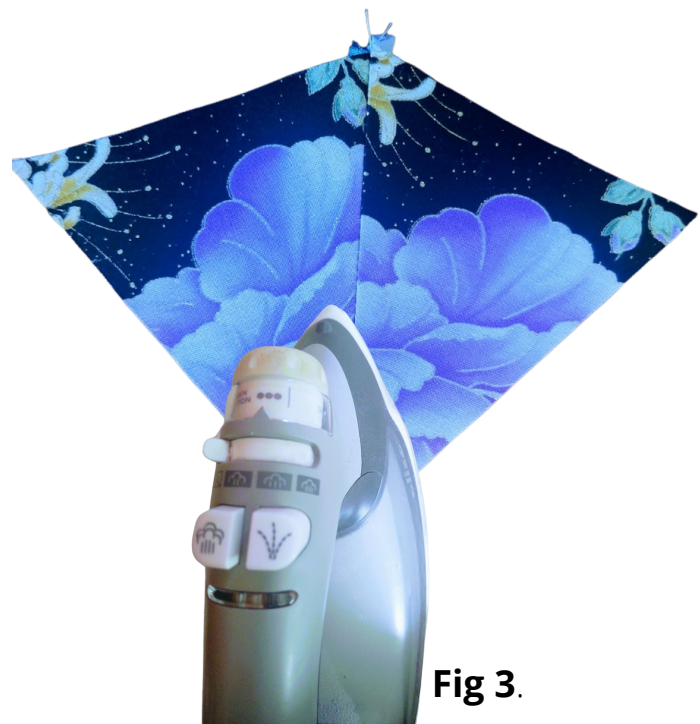

Fig 3.

Step 3: Then place 2 set/pairs right sides together and sew again on the long edge starting with the point/smaller end as shown in <u>Fig. 4</u>, Repeat with remaining wedges. Set outside seams and press open your two halves as shown in <u>Fig. 5.</u>

Fig 4.

Step 4: Now place your two block halves right sides together, matching center points and center seams so your block lays flat. I tend to pin here using around 5 pins to hold everything in place. Sew using your scant 1/4" down the long seam as shown in <u>Fig. 6.</u> Press your outside seam, then press open as shown in <u>Fig 7.</u>
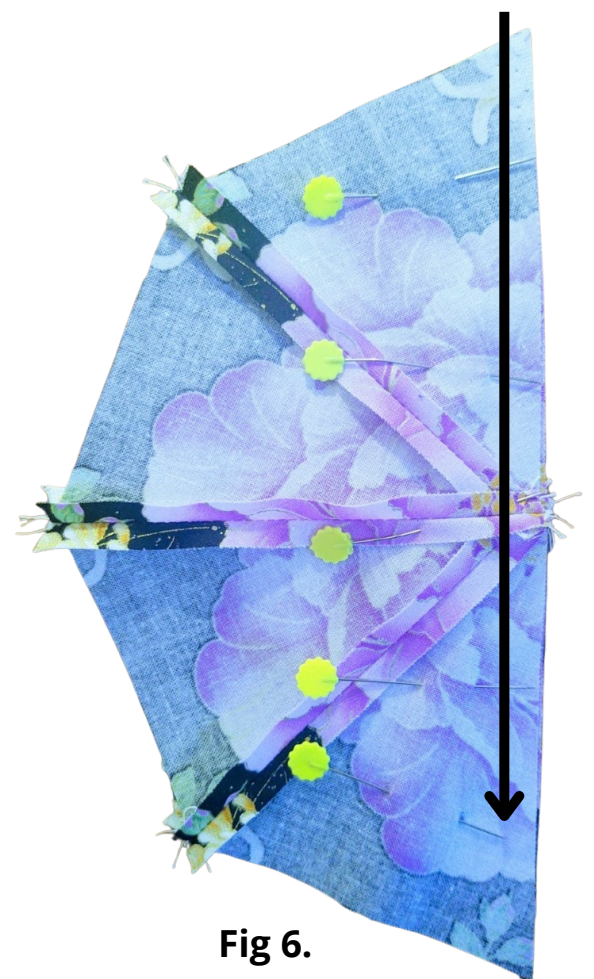

Fig 5.

Step 5: Adding the cornerstones. Take one corner and center over every other wedge (right sides together), pin in place and sew as shown in <u>Fig. 8.</u> Flip over corners and press - these will look 'jagged' at this point. <u>Fig 9.</u>

Step 6: Square your block, **when squaring your block - always square to 1/2" larger than the size of your finished block.** (a 7" Block will square to 7.5" / a 10" blocks should be squared to 10.5" etc.) <u>Fig. 10.</u>
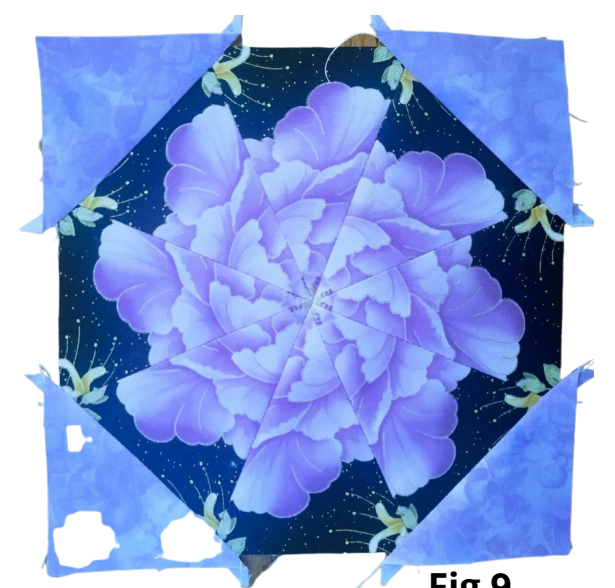

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