

*Flight of the Dragonfly*  
*Mini Quilt Pattern*



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*For Darvanalee Designs Studio©2019*  
*Size 23" x 23"*

### ***Supplies Needed***

White tone on tone Fabric  $\frac{5}{8}$  yard (includes border fabric)

Red Fabric  $\frac{3}{8}$  yard

Backing Fabric 25" x 25"

Wadding/Batting 25" x 25"

Binding 3 strips 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF

### ***Things you should know***

Throughout this pattern, we use a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$  seam allowance

If you are not sure how to set this up...click the link

For our video explaining what a scant quarter inch seam is and

How to set it up on your machine.

[How to set a Scant Quarter Inch Seam](#)

WOF = Width of Fabric.

Cross Cut = to cut across the fabric.

Reduced stitch length = to shorten your machine stitch length.

The weight of thread = how thick or thin your thread is.

HST = Half Square Triangle.

RST = Right sides of the fabric together.

Flight of the Dragonfly is based on a basic Half Square Triangle block.

We show you two methods on how to do them.

Below is cutting instructions for both Traditional cutting method

And the speed method.

\*\*\* Choose one method and follow throughout the pattern and

***Cutting Instructions For >***  
Traditional Method.

From Red Fabric

Cut 25  $\times$  3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares.

From the Background (white tone  
on tone).

Cut 25  $\times$  3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares.

Cut 2  $\times$  2" x 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Strips (side  
Borders).

Cut 2  $\times$  2" x 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Strips ( top &  
Bottom Borders).

Backing Fabric  $\times$  25" x 25"  
Square.

Wadding/Batting  $\times$  25" x 25"  
Square.

Cut 4  $\times$  2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Strips WOF for  
Binding.

***Cutting Instructions For >***  
Strip Piecing Method.

From Red Fabric

Cut 3  $\times$  3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " Strips.

From the Background (white tone  
on tone).

Cut 3  $\times$  3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " strips WOF

Cut 2  $\times$  2" x 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Strips (side  
Borders).

Cut 2  $\times$  2" x 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Strips ( top &  
Bottom Borders).

Backing Fabric  $\times$  25" x 25"  
Square.

Wadding/Batting  $\times$  25" x 25"  
Square.

Cut 4  $\times$  2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Strips WOF for  
Binding.

**Step 1. Pick one or the other method**  
**Traditional Method of Piecing.**

1. After cutting your 25 red squares and 25 White squares measuring  $3\frac{7}{8}$ " you will need to take one white and one red and place them right sides together.
2. Make sure that the white square is on top of the red square. Now, take your ruler and your Frixion pen and as shown in the video, mark diagonally from one corner to the other. Repeat for all 25 units.
3. Next, you are going to head to the sewing machine and you are going to sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on either side of the line you just marked. Refer to the video for guidance. Chain piece all 25 units.
4. Next, we are going to turn our sewn squares into HST's. The line that you marked earlier is now going to be your cut line. Cut diagonally from corner to corner and repeat with the remaining units...you should have 50 in total.

Refer to our supplementary video for tips and tricks

<https://youtu.be/3CvKLpQrFao>

**OR**

**Strip Piecing Method.**

1. Take your  $3\frac{7}{8}$  strips the WOF. And place the Red and White strips with RST and align all your raw edges. Pin into place.
2. Next, take your ruler and place the short end of the strip on the  $3\frac{7}{8}$  mark on your ruler and mark with your Frixion pen a vertical line, then repeat by placing your  $3\frac{7}{8}$  mark on your ruler on that line and continue up along the entire length of the strip.
3. Now we are going to mark diagonally from the left-hand bottom corner of your strip up to the first solid line you marked, you will then continue this all the way along your strip piece set. It should look like a zig zag pattern...For Guidance Refer to the tips and trick video.
6. Now you are going to head over to the sewing machine. Using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance you are going to sew on either side of the diagonal lines working your way down the strip...once you get to the end turn and come all the way back along the strip set.
7. Next, you are going to cut your strip set into squares and you do this by Cutting on the vertical solid lines that you marked earlier. You will have 25 square sets in total.
8. Now, you are going to cut the solid diagonal line on each of your square units...You should now have 50 HST.

## *Step 2. Layout*

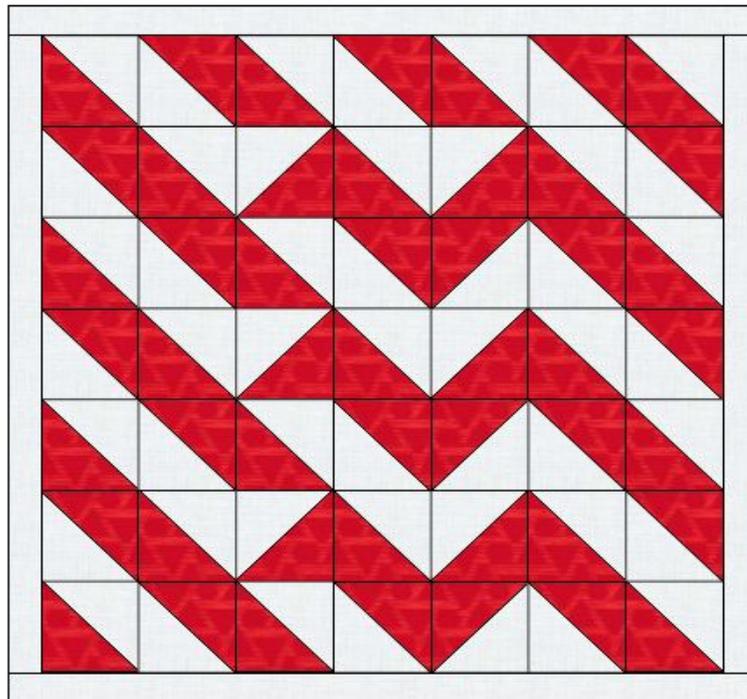
Take your layout image below and on a large table start to layout your HST's as shown on the image...You have 7 rows by 7 HST's per row.

Once you have all your HST's in the correct position then stack each row starting on the left-hand side of the quilt and once they are all stacked on each other number that row as #1 and continue doing this for each row...

Once you have all your HST's stacked head to the sewing machine and sew each row together and lay back out on your design board of layout table...

Next, you are going to press all your seams open. Now, take row one add row two and place RST. Aligning all the seams and pin into place.

Now, using a 1/4" seam allowance sew along the long edge you just pinned remembering to backstitch at the beginning and the end. Repeat by adding each row until you have done all 7 rows.



### ***Step 3. Borders***

Next, we are going to take our borders strips and add our 2" x 22½"  
And add to the top and bottom of our mini Quilt...Then, take your remaining  
border strips and add to both the right-hand and left-hand side of your quilt...  
Tada your Flight of the Dragonfly Mini Quilt Top is now complete.



### ***Step 4. Quilting***

Next, we move onto quilting...

Let your imagination run wild and quilt your mini as desired...but for those that have not done quilting before you can see how I marked it. And how I have quilted it...I used a 50wt cotton thread. White in colour and quilted only the white fabrics...You can see this more clearly in the supplementary video.



### ***Step 5. Binding***

Cut your binding strips at 2 1/2" WOF then  
View the video that we have provided for you  
To complete your binding.

### ***Bonus Binding Video***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsxoKjhdASw&t=104s>

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