

Directions for Continuous Prairie Points

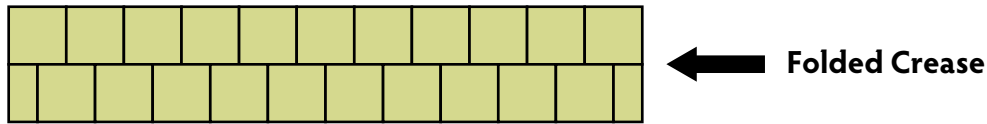


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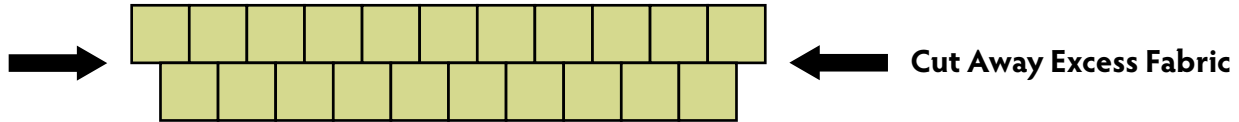


To Make Prairie Points That Are All The Same Color:

- ◆ Cut a strip of fabric 8" by the width of fabric. Press wrong sides together vertically. Unfold and place on your ironing board wrong side up. On one side of the fold, cut from the outside edge to the center crease every 4". On the other side, start 2" from the end, then, once again, cut from the outside edge to the center crease every 4". This cutting can be done using scissors or a rotary cutter.



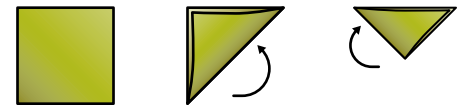
- ◆ There will be excess fabric on one or both ends of the long strip that should be cut away. Only keep the complete 4" squares, not the 2" sections or any other incomplete sections at the end of the rows.



- ◆ Once the 4" sections are cut, fold them like traditional prairie points. Referring to the diagram above, start with square located in the top, left-hand corner. (Remember, your fabric is wrong side up.) Fold the top right-hand corner down to the center crease and finger press. Now, fold the left-hand corner down to the crease. Press. Notice the "open flap" on the right side of the prairie point? Your next triangle will slide right into this slot!



- ◆ Make the next prairie point from the first 4" square on the other side of the crease. This time, fold the bottom right-hand edge up to the crease and finger press. Now, fold the left-hand edge up to the crease. Press.



- ◆ Tuck this prairie point into the flap of the previous prairie point. You can pin these if you like, but it is not necessary. When both rows are completely folded and each triangle is tucked neatly into the previous triangle, you can baste the continuous prairie points in place using a $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam. (You will connect the prairie points to your quilt using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, so these basting stitches will be hidden.)

To Make Prairie Points Using 2 Different Colors:

- ◆ Cut two different colored strips of fabric 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " by the width of fabric. With a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, sew these strips with wrong sides together. Press open and place on your ironing board wrong side up. You will end up with an 8" strip set. Follow the directions above.

* These prairie points are made with 4" squares from an 8" strip of fabric. You can also use 3" squares from a 6" strip of fabric. Other sizes can be readily made using similar arithmetic. Strips can also be sewed together for longer continuous prairie points.



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