

∞ Giant Pandas ∞

Quilt by Deb Mosa

Finished Quilt Approximately: 75" x 75"

Giant Pandas fabrics by Exclusively Quilters - Style #3694

Fabric Requirements: Based on 44" wide fabric

One giant panda panel (#8541-1)
3/4 yard feeding pandas (#8543-6)
1-3/4 yards dark green (#8549-6)
2-1/4 yards packed pandas (#8544-8)
2-1/3 yards black fur (#8550-80)
1/2 yard red bamboo leaf (#8578-1)
1 yard red floral (#8547-1)
1/2 yard silver fur (#8550-8)
1/2 yard red fur (#8550-1)
1/2 yard brown bamboo (#8548-9)
3/8 yard light green (#8578-6)
4-3/4 yards fabric for backing (#8544-8 packed pandas suggested)
80" x 80" quilt batting
template plastic

An added 1/8 to 1/2 yard is added to all yardages to account for shrinkage, straightening, cutting errors and prints that may require special cutting to get the best results.

You should protect your investment in time and fabric by making sample blocks before cutting into your fabric because Exclusively Quilters will take no responsibility for replacing fabrics.

Shops who wish to kit this design are responsible for figuring yardage for their kits if they wish to reduce yardages.

Make Template: Trace template onto template plastic. Cut out and label.

Cutting Directions: All measurements based on a 1/4" seam allowance.

From **feeding panda** fabric cut:

Fussy cut four 8-1/2" squares

From **dark green** fabric cut:

Two 6-1/4" x 44" strips recut into eight 6-1/4" squares

Sixteen 2-1/2" x 44" strips for border/binding

From **packed panda** fabric cut:

Two 6" x 72" strips cut lengthwise parallel to selvage

Six 6" wide strips cut the width of remaining fabric

From **black fur** fabric cut:

Two 5-3/8" x 44" strips recut into twelve 5-3/8" squares

Six 3-1/2" x 44" strips

Thirteen 2-1/2" x 44" strips for border

From **red bamboo leaf** fabric cut:

One 6-1/2" x 44" strip recut into four 6-1/2" squares

From **silver fur** fabric cut:

Three 3-1/2" x 44" strips

From **red fur** fabric cut:

Two 3-1/2" x 44" strips

From **brown bamboo** fabric cut:

One 9-1/4" x 44" strips recut into two 9-1/4" squares

From **light green** fabric cut:

Two 3-3/8" x 44" strips recut into twenty-four 3-3/8" squares

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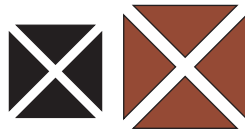
Quilt Center:

1. Trim the panda panel to 18-1/2" x 20-1/2", about 1/2" beyond the red border.
2. Stitch a 3-1/2" x 44" black fur strip to right and left sides of panel. Press and trim excess from these and all successive border additions.
3. Sew a 2-1/2" x 44" black fur strip to top and bottom of panel. Press and trim.

It is important that you use care when stitching the large pieced borders.

Inner Borders:

1. Cut each of the 5-3/8" black and 9-1/4" brown bamboo squares diagonally twice, forming four triangles from each square.



2. Stitch a 5-3/8" black quarter-square triangle to two adjoining sides of each of the twenty-four 3-3/8" light green squares.



3. Lay out each of the borders with two 6-1/4" dark green squares, six light green/black units and two 9-1/4" brown bamboo quarter-square triangles (refer to quilt diagram for direction of brown bamboo print in each border).



4. Stitch pieces into diagonal rows. Sew rows together matching seam allowances.



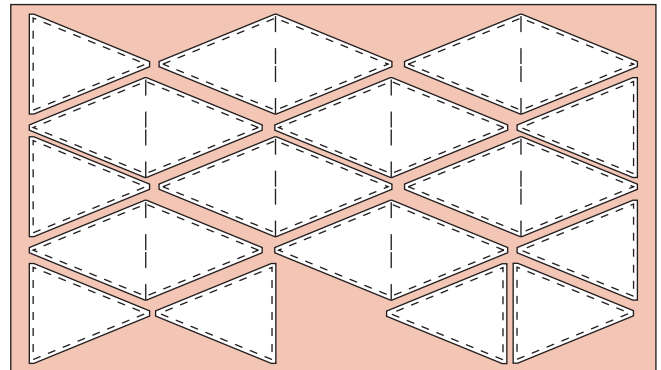
5. These pieced borders may be slightly long. If they are, trim them even with the edges of quilt center or adjust the seams until the borders are the same size as the quilt center. Sew the right and left borders to quilt center.

6. Stitch a 8-1/2" feeding panda square to both ends of remaining pieced borders. Add these to the top and bottom of quilt.

7. Sew a 2-1/2" x 44" black fur strip to the right and left sides of quilt, pressing and trimming after each border addition. Cut one 2-1/2" x 44" black fur strip into two equal lengths. Sew each half-length strip end-to-end with a full-length strip. Add these to the top and bottom of quilt, press and trim.

Middle Borders

1. Using prepared templates, cut eight Diamond and eight Triangle shapes from the floral fabric as suggested in this diagram:



2. Use the Half-Diamond template to cut twelve black fur, eight silver fur and four red fur pieces from 3-1/2" strips.



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Middle Borders: (continued)

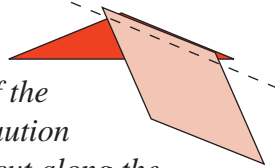
3. Lay out two floral diamonds, two floral triangles, three black half-diamonds, two silver half-diamonds and one red half-diamond for each of the four borders.



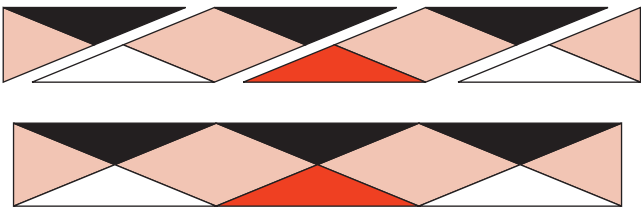
When sewing the large pieces together, line up the seam allowances so the ends of the seams

match - even if the ends of the fabric don't match. Use caution

when sewing these edges cut along the bias so they don't stretch.



Stitch pieces into diagonal rows. Sew the diagonal rows together matching seam allowances.



4. Stitch a pieced border to right and left sides of quilt - with the black edge on the outside.

5. Add a 6-1/2" red bamboo square to both ends of each of the two remaining borders. Add these borders to the top and bottom of quilt.

6. Cut two 2-1/2" x 44" black fur strips each into two equal lengths. Sew each half-length strip end-to-end with a full-length strip. Add borders to right and left sides, then top and bottom - pressing and trimming after each border addition.

Outside Borders:

1. Stitch a 6" x 72" packed panda strip to right and left sides, press and trim.

2. Make two borders each with three 6" packed panda strips (cut from the remaining width of fabric) sewn together end-to-end matching print as much as possible. Add these to the top and bottom of quilt, press and trim.

3. Make four borders each with two 2-1/2" x 44" dark green strips sewn together end-to-end. Add borders to right and left sides then to top and bottom - pressing and trimming after each border addition.

Finishing:

1. Cut backing into two equal lengths. Sew the two lengths together along selvage edges. Layer the backing, batting and quilt top. Quilt or tie as desired.

2. Prepare binding from eight 2-1/2" x 44" dark green strips. Sew strips together into one long binding strip. Press strip in half lengthwise.

3. Carefully trim backing and batting even with quilt top.

4. Leaving an 8" tail of binding, sew binding to top of quilt through all layers matching all raw edges. Miter corners. Stop approximately 12" from where you started. Lay both loose ends of binding flat along quilt edge. Where these two loose ends meet, fold them back on themselves and press to form a crease. Using this crease as your stitching line, sew the two open ends of the binding together right sides together. Trim seam to 1/4" and press open. Finish sewing tape to quilt.

5. Turn binding to back of quilt and blind stitch in place.

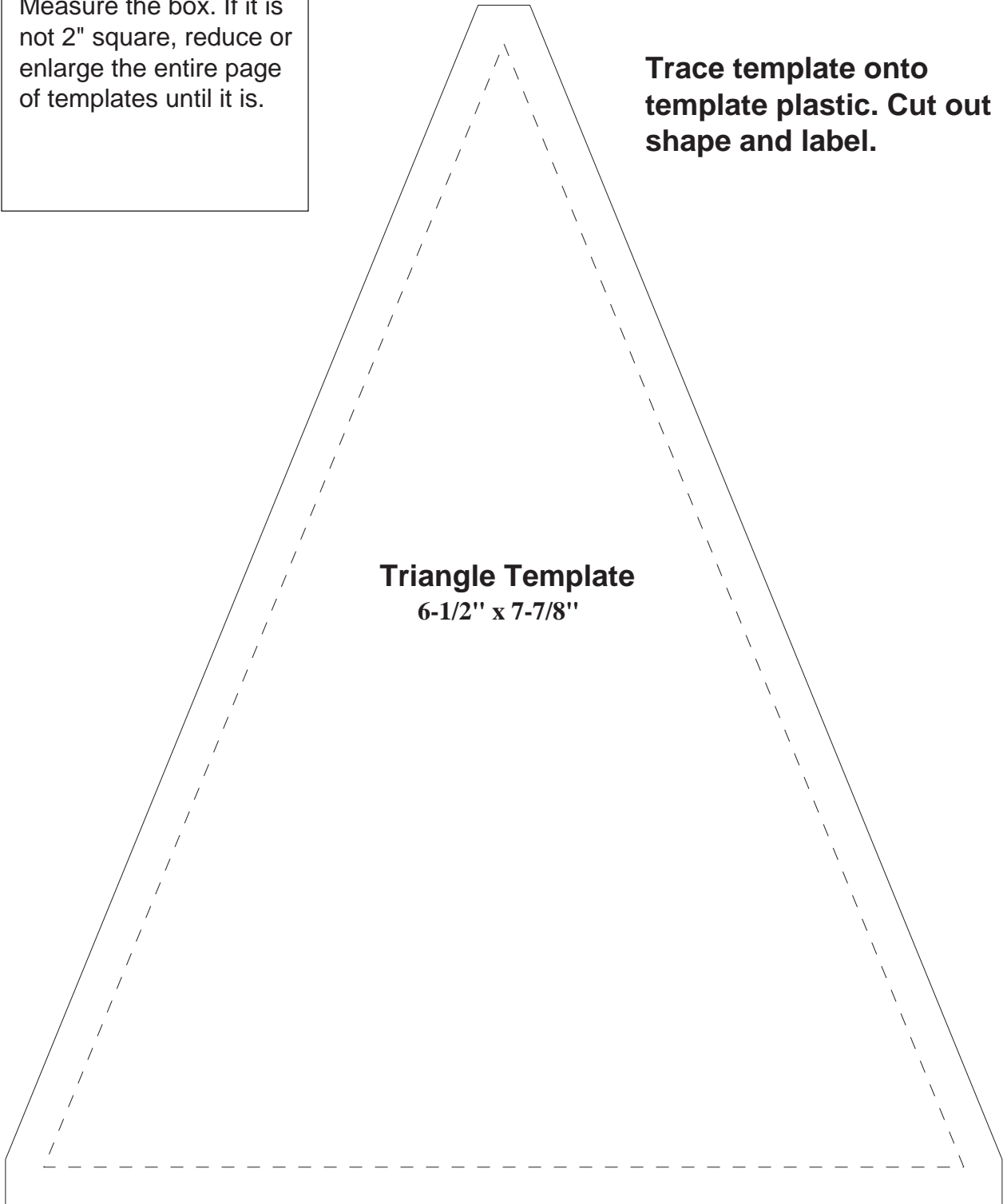
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Triangle Template
6-1/2" x 7-7/8"



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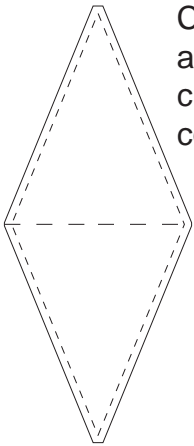
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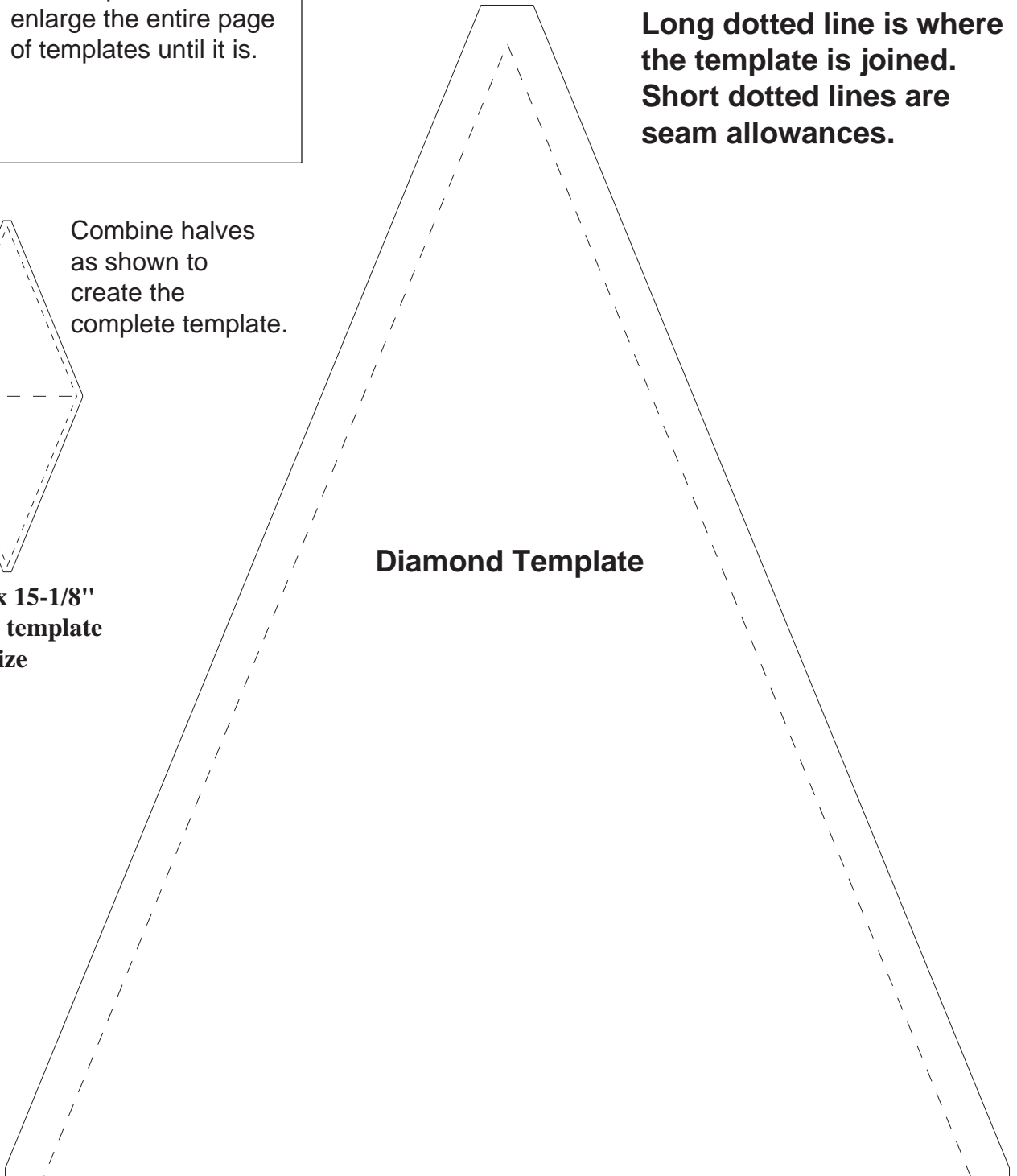
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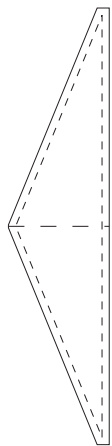
Diamond Template



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Half-Diamond Template

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