

# Pineapple Fruit Quilt Pattern from [SewCanShe.com](http://SewCanShe.com)



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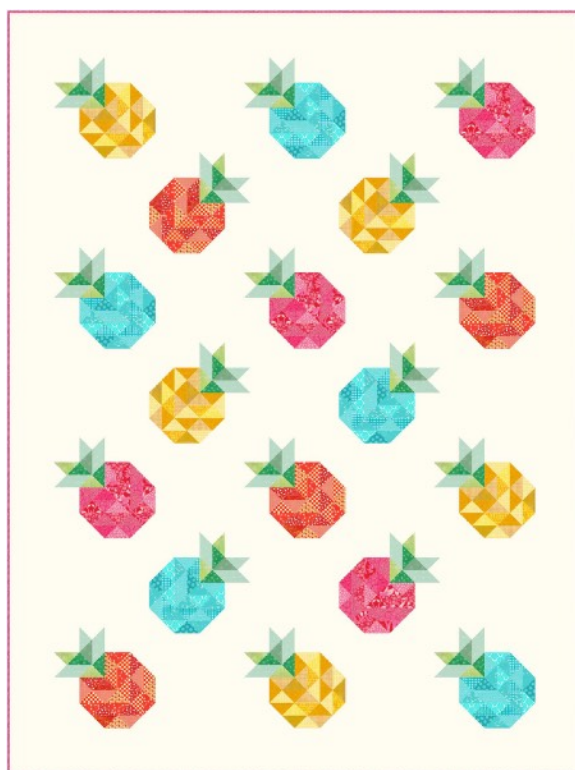
Have you ever wanted to sew a pineapple fruit quilt? Here's your chance... This pineapple quilt block and twin quilt pattern is as easy as sewing half square triangles! It's a great way to use up fabric scraps and make a gorgeous colorful quilt.

Pineapples are my favorite because they are a symbol of friendship and hospitality. I love decorating the inside (and outside) of my home with pineapple decor. So this summer I thought it was about time for me to sew a Pineapple Fruit Quilt!

The Pineapple Fruit Quilt Block is a standard 12" size (when finished) so it would be easy to incorporate this block into any of your other quilts too.

This quilt has 18 pineapple fruit quilt blocks set on point. I used 3" sashing plus setting triangles at the edges.

The step by step tutorial uses a common technique for making half square triangles that does not require special tools.



Finished twin quilt dimensions: Approximately 64" x 85". Finished block size: 12" x 12".

## YOU WILL NEED:

- 4 1/2 yards background fabric (suggested: white or cream fabric)
- 1/2 yard total of scrappy yellow fabrics (for 5 yellow pineapple blocks)
- 1/2 yard total of scrappy turquoise fabrics (for 5 turquoise pineapple blocks)
- 3/8 yard total of scrappy pink fabrics (for 4 pink pineapple blocks)
- 3/8 yard total of scrappy orange fabrics (for 4 orange pineapple blocks)
- 3/4 yard total of scrappy green fabrics (for all 18 pineapple blocks)
- 5/8 yard binding fabric
- 5 1/4 yards backing fabric, or enough to piece together a 67" x 90" backing piece (in this instance I highly recommend using 108" wide quilt backing fabric because you'll only need 2 yards!)
- a 67" x 90" piece of quilt batting



## CUTTING:

Just so you know, ONE yellow pineapple quilt block would require:

- 13 scrappy yellow squares 3" x 3"
- 5 scrappy green squares 3" x 3"
- 4 background fabric squares 3" x 3"
- 2 background fabric squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"
- 2 background fabric strips 2 1/2" x 12 1/2"

Here are cutting instructions for the ENTIRE quilt:

From your scrappy yellow fabrics, cut:

- 65 squares 3" x 3"

From your scrappy turquoise fabrics, cut:

- 65 squares 3" x 3"

From your scrappy pink fabrics, cut:

- 52 squares 3" x 3"

From your scrappy orange fabrics, cut:

- 52 squares 3" x 3"

From your scrappy green fabrics, cut:

- 90 squares 3" x 3"

From your cream fabric (or other background fabric), cut:

- 72 squares 3" x 3"
- 36 squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"
- 48 sashing strips 3 1/2" x 12 1/2"
- 17 cornerstone squares 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"\*
- 2 squares 9 3/8" x 9 3/8" for corner setting triangles
- 3 squares 18 1/8" x 18 1/8" for the side setting triangles
- 4 squares 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" for the sashing side setting triangles

\*You will notice that I cut my sashing in many pieces and use 3 1/2" 'cornerstone' pieces in between the 3 1/2" x 12 1/2" sashing strips. While this technique is not absolutely necessary, it makes lining up the rows and blocks a cinch. In my experience, if you cut long sashing strips instead of shorter strips with cornerstone blocks, it will take lots of time (and frustration) making sure that the blocks in each row are lined up properly.

Binding fabric:

- cut 8 strips 2 1/2" x width of fabric (40-42") or your desired width for binding quilts

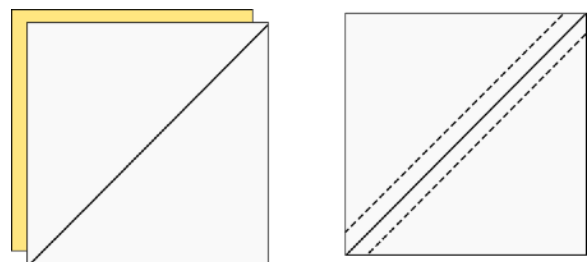
## INSTRUCTIONS:

Use a scant 1/4" seam allowance and a medium stitch length such as 2-2.5.

Start by making 2 1/2" half square triangle units. The diagrams below show how to make HST units using the 2 at-a-time method and 3" squares.

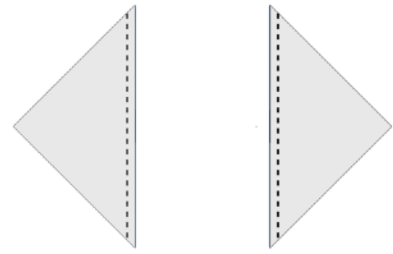
## THE 2 AT-A-TIME METHOD FOR SEWING HALF SQUARE TRIANGLE UNITS

1. Place one 3" background square and one 3" scrappy yellow square right sides together. Use a pencil or fabric pen to draw a diagonal line across the square on top. This is a cutting line and should be drawn on the wrong side of the fabric. Pin the squares together.



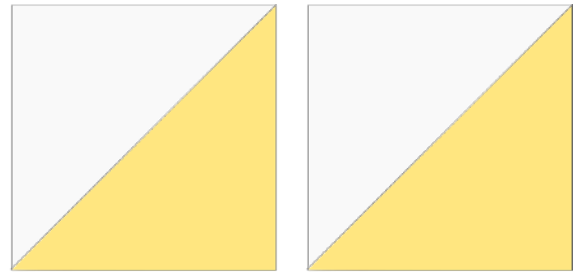
2. Sew a scant 1/4" away from the cutting line on on both sides of the drawn line.

3. Cut the piece in half diagonally along the line.



4. Open and press the half square triangle (HST) units. Press the seams toward the darker fabric.

Trim each HST to 2 1/2" square.



For one yellow pineapple block, you will need to make 22 HST units:

- 4 yellow/cream HST units
- 10 yellow/yellow HST units
- 2 yellow/green HST units
- 4 green/cream HST units
- 2 green/green HST units



The twin sized Pineapple Fruit Quilt has 5 yellow pineapple blocks, 5 turquoise pineapple blocks, 4 pink pineapple blocks, and 4 orange pineapple blocks. So for the entire Pineapple Fruit Quilt, you will need to make:

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| • 20 yellow/cream HST units        | • 40 pink/pink HST units     |
| • 50 yellow/yellow HST units       | • 8 pink/green HST units     |
| • 10 yellow/green HST units        | • 16 orange/cream HST units  |
| • 20 turquoise/cream HST units     | • 40 orange/orange HST units |
| • 50 turquoise/turquoise HST units | • 8 orange/green HST units   |
| • 10 turquoise/green HST units     | • 72 green/cream HST units   |
| • 16 pink/cream HST units          | • 36 green/green HST units   |

## SEW A PINEAPPLE QUILT BLOCK

1. Arrange the 22 HST units needed for one block together with 2 background fabric squares ( $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$ ) as shown in the layout diagram above.

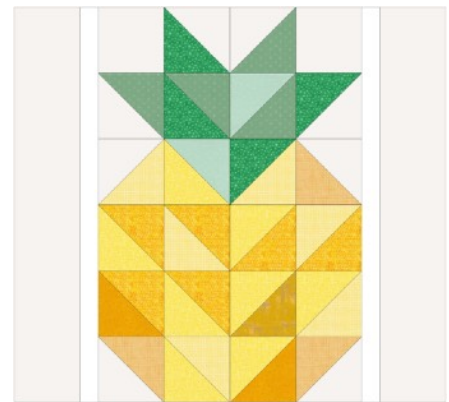
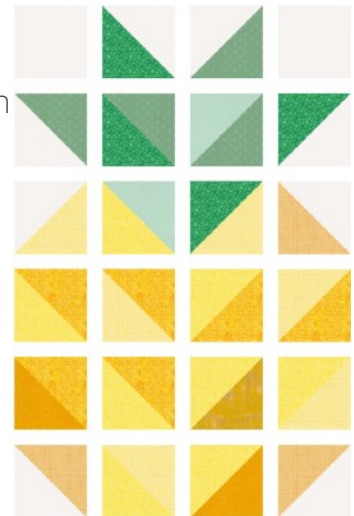
2. Use a  $\frac{1}{4}"$  seam allowance to sew the half square triangle units together in 6 rows. Sew the rows together to make the center of the pineapple block.

3. Sew a  $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 12\frac{1}{2}"$  background fabric strip to each side of the pineapple center.

4. Trim the block to  $12\frac{1}{2}"$  square, if desired.

If you are sewing the twin sized quilt, repeat to make:

- 5 yellow pineapple blocks
- 5 turquoise pineapple blocks
- 4 pink pineapple blocks
- 4 orange pineapple blocks



## ASSEMBLE THE PINEAPPLE QUILT TOP

1. Arrange the 18 blocks on a quilt design wall or another large surface as shown above. Pay close attention to the color and orientation of the block layout. Note that the blocks are on point.





2. Sew the blocks into 6 diagonal rows with 3 1/2" x 12 1/2" sashing strips in between each block and at the ends of each row. Press the seams toward the sashing strips.



3. Cut the three 18 1/8" x 18 1/8" background fabric squares in half diagonally twice to make 12 quarter square triangles to use for the sides of the quilt. Sew 10 of the quarter square triangles to the ends of most of the rows as shown at right. You will have 2 quarter square triangles left over.



4. Cut the two 9 3/8" background fabric squares in half diagonally to make 4 half square triangles. These half square triangles will make the corners of the quilt. Sew 2 of these triangles to one end of the longer rows as shown at right. Lay out the remaining two half square triangles as shown. They will be attached with the sashing.

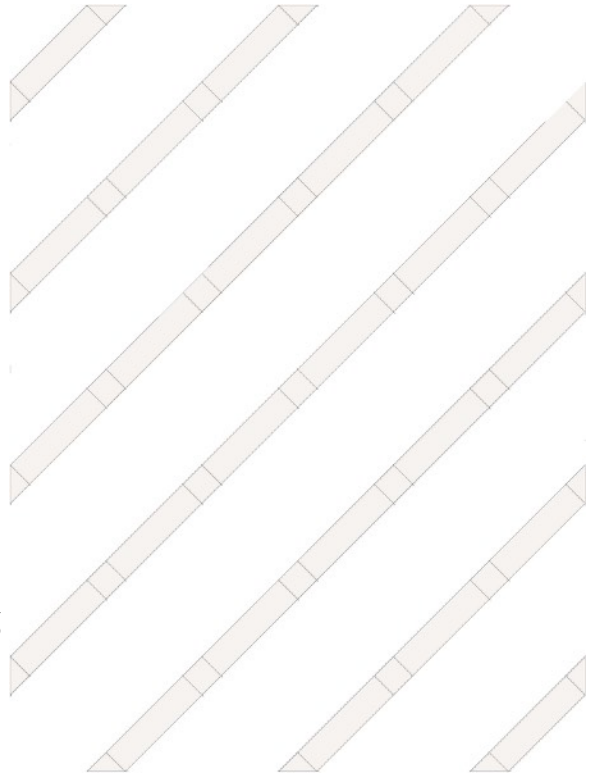
5. Cut the four 5 1/2" background fabric squares in half diagonally twice to make 16 small quarter square triangles.

6. Sew the small quarter square triangles together with the remaining 3 1/2" x 12" sashing strips and 3 1/2" cornerstone squares to make 7 sashing rows as seen at right. Press the seams toward the sashing strips.

Pay close attention to the orientation of the quarter square triangles at the ends of the sashing rows. It may help to layout the remaining sashing strips, cornerstone squares, and quarter square triangles together with your pineapple rows before sewing the sashing rows.

You will have 2 triangles leftover.

7. Sew the pineapple rows and the sashing rows together to finish the pineapple quilt top. Having cornerstone squares helps ensure that your blocks are all aligned correctly. You might not even have to use pins!



## FINISHING YOUR PINEAPPLE QUILT

1. Cut or piece together a piece of backing fabric that is at least 67" x 90". Make a quilt sandwich with the backing, batting, and top.
2. Baste together with pins or basting spray.
3. Quilt as desired. Straight line quilting with your walking foot would be fast and easy.
4. Cut 8 binding strips and bind using your favorite method. This is my favorite quilt binding method.

