

# Free Snowflake Pattern

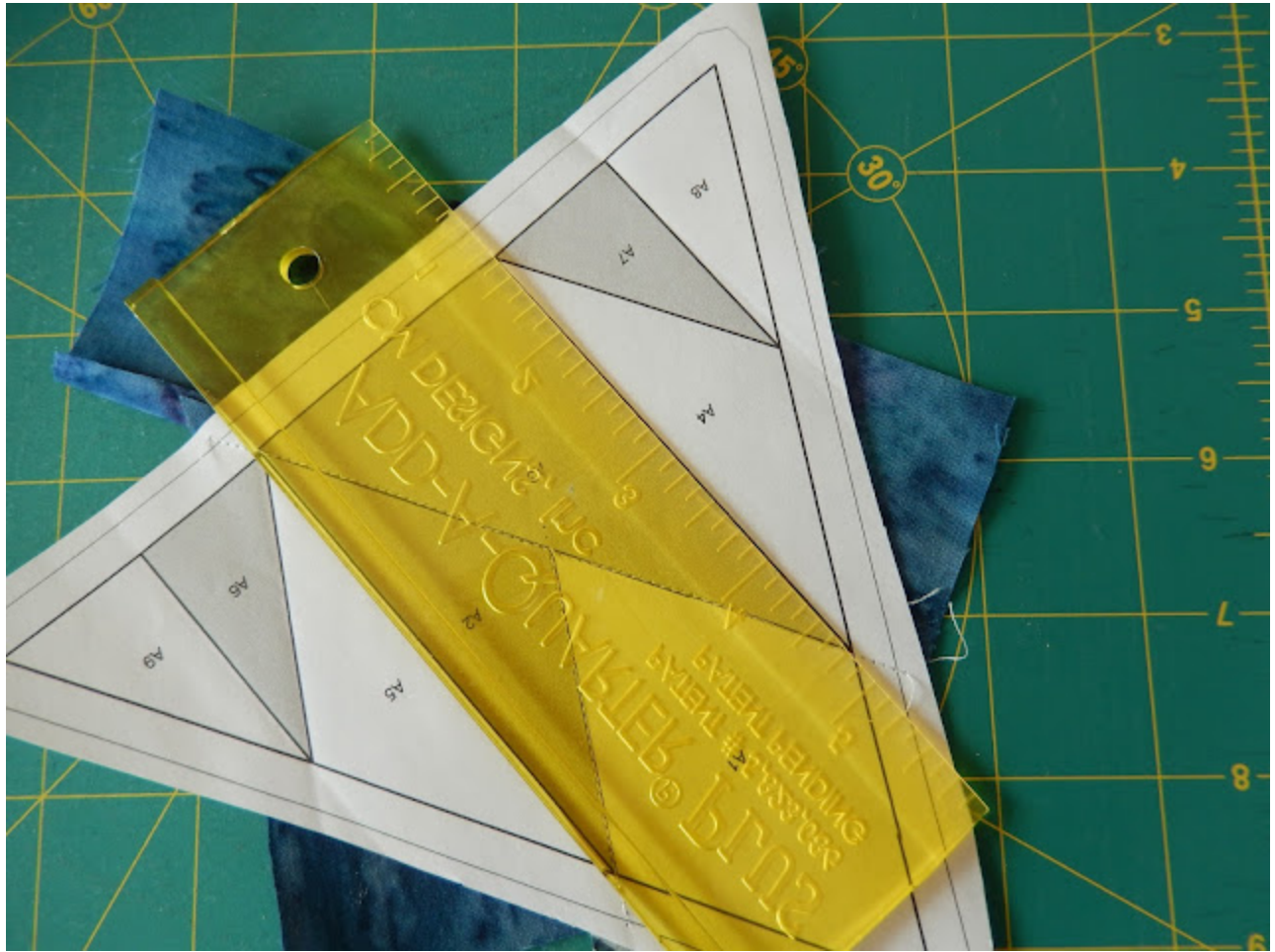
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I recently discovered that the quintessential tool for paper-piecing, the Add-A-Quarter Ruler, has evolved. What do I mean? Now it has a plus version with a tapered edge, which means you can dispense with the previously obligatory rectangle of template material for creating an edge to fold over the top of.

As you know, every great gadget deserves a great project. Enter my awesome snowflakes!

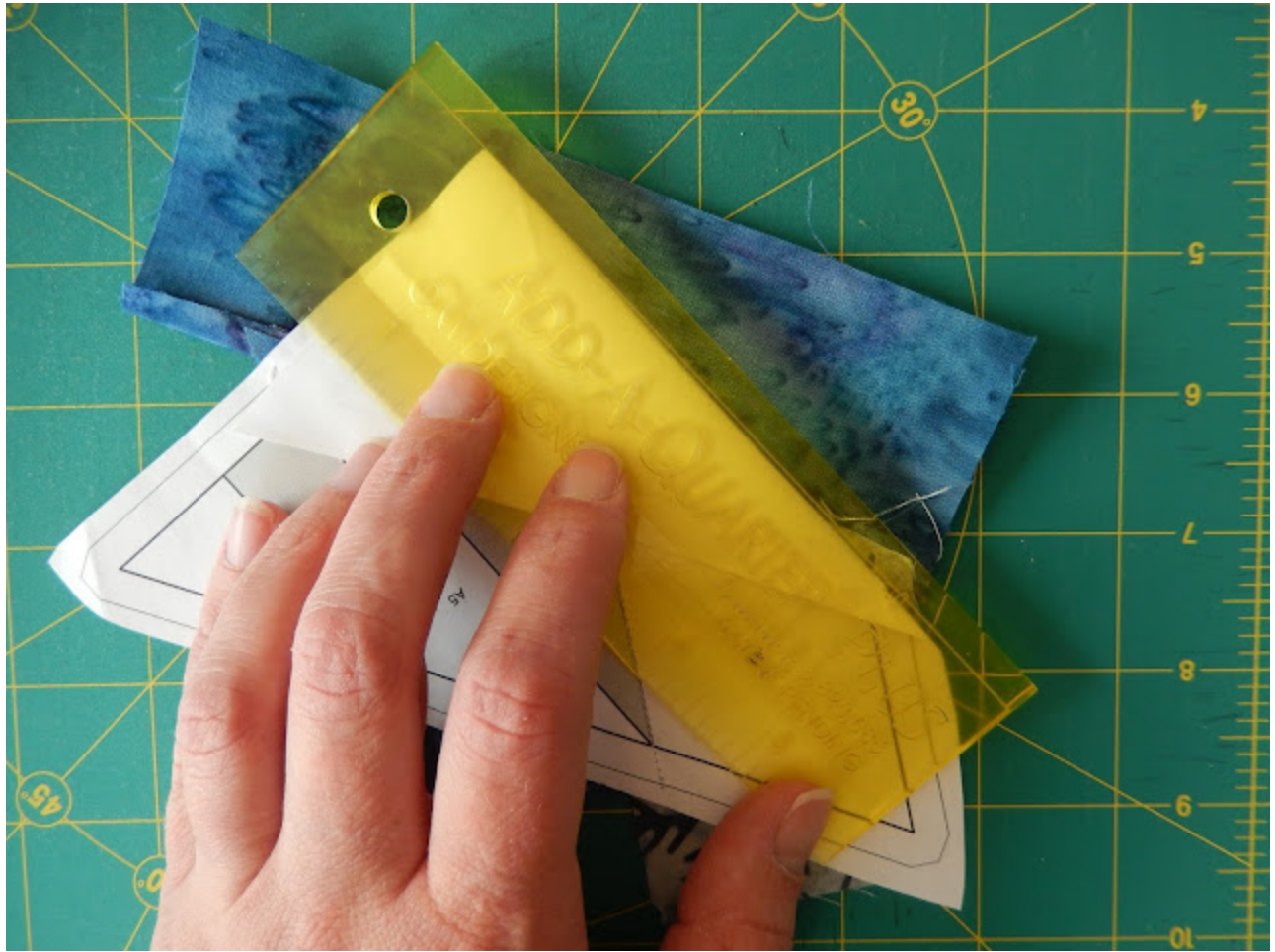


If you're a seasoned paper-piecer, you have to do a little self-talk as you adjust to the "Plus" factor. Lay the tapered edge of the Add-a-Quarter Plus ruler along the line with the lip facing upwards; fold the paper over the top.



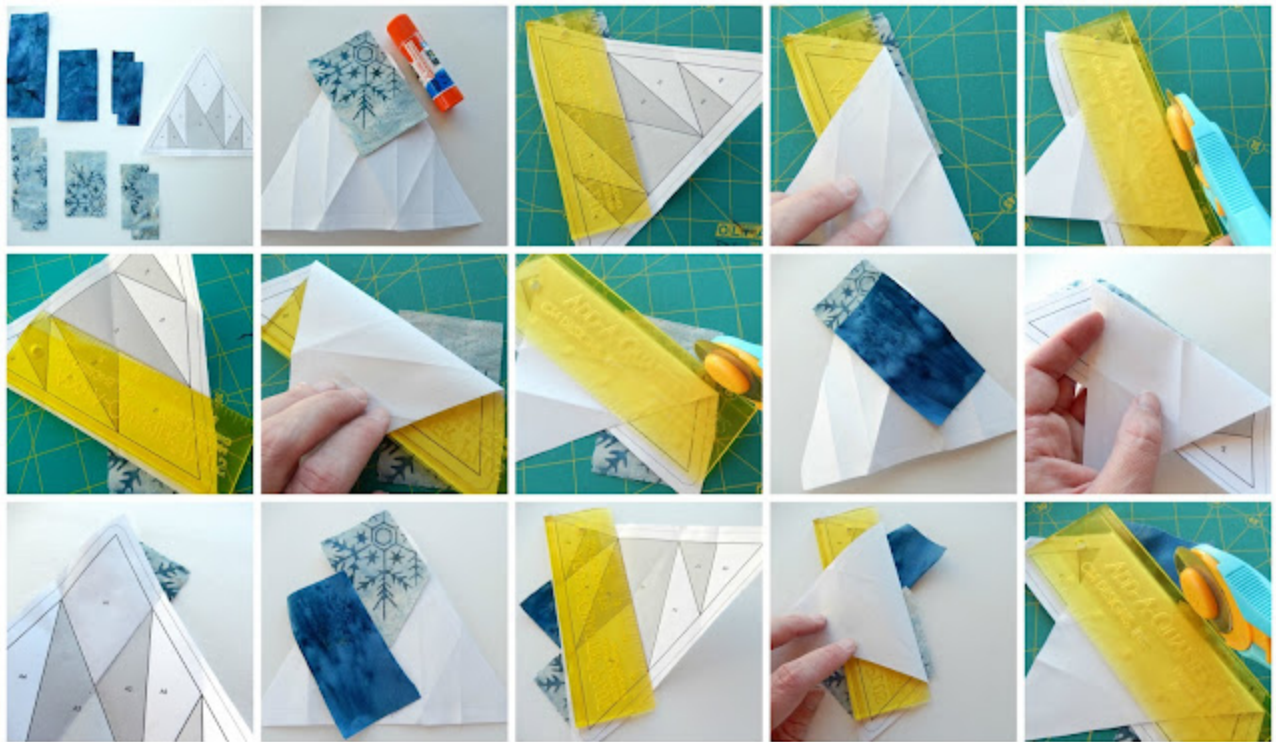
When you find your right hand flailing around your cutting mat attempting to locate a wayward chunk of template plastic, it's time to talk to yourself. Say, "Self, slide out the ruler. Flip it over like a pancake, and trim."





Isn't that awesome? The Add-a Quarter Ruler was already a must-have notion, but the updated version is twice as useful.

If you're new to the paper-piecing scene, don't fret. I've have a play by play for you.



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### Adding the First Two Pieces

For increased efficiency, I have cutting instructions for you.

#### **Snowflake Fabric**

Piece 1: 2 1/4" x 3 1/2"

Pieces 4 & 5: 1 1/2" x 5"

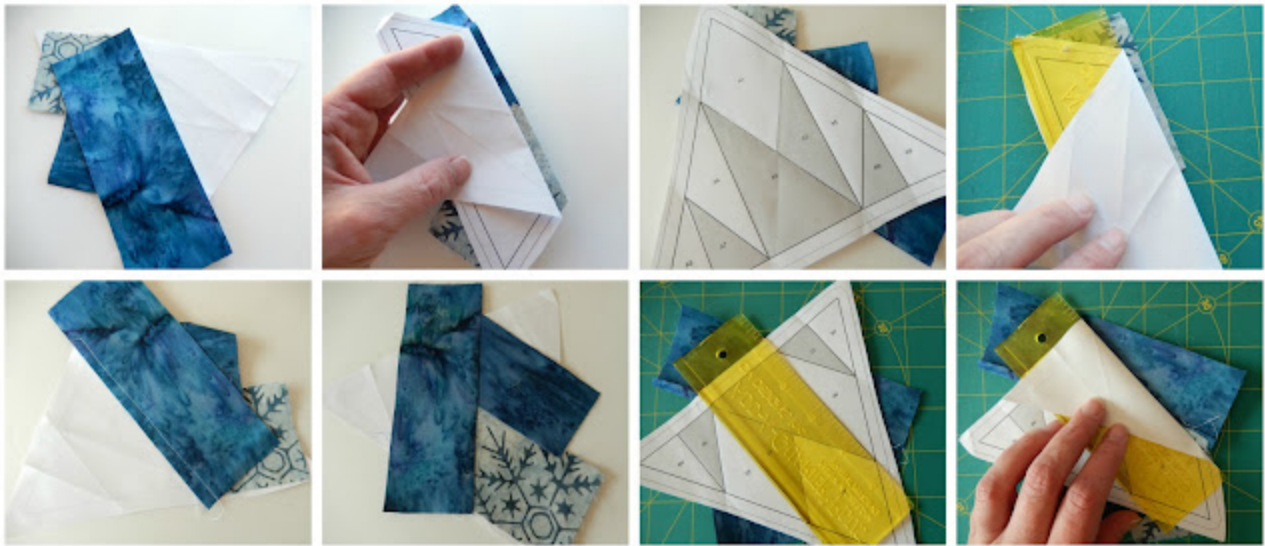
Pieces 8 & 9: 1 1/2" x 3 1/2"

#### **Background**

Piece 2: 2 1/4" x 4"

Piece 3: 2 1/4" x 6"

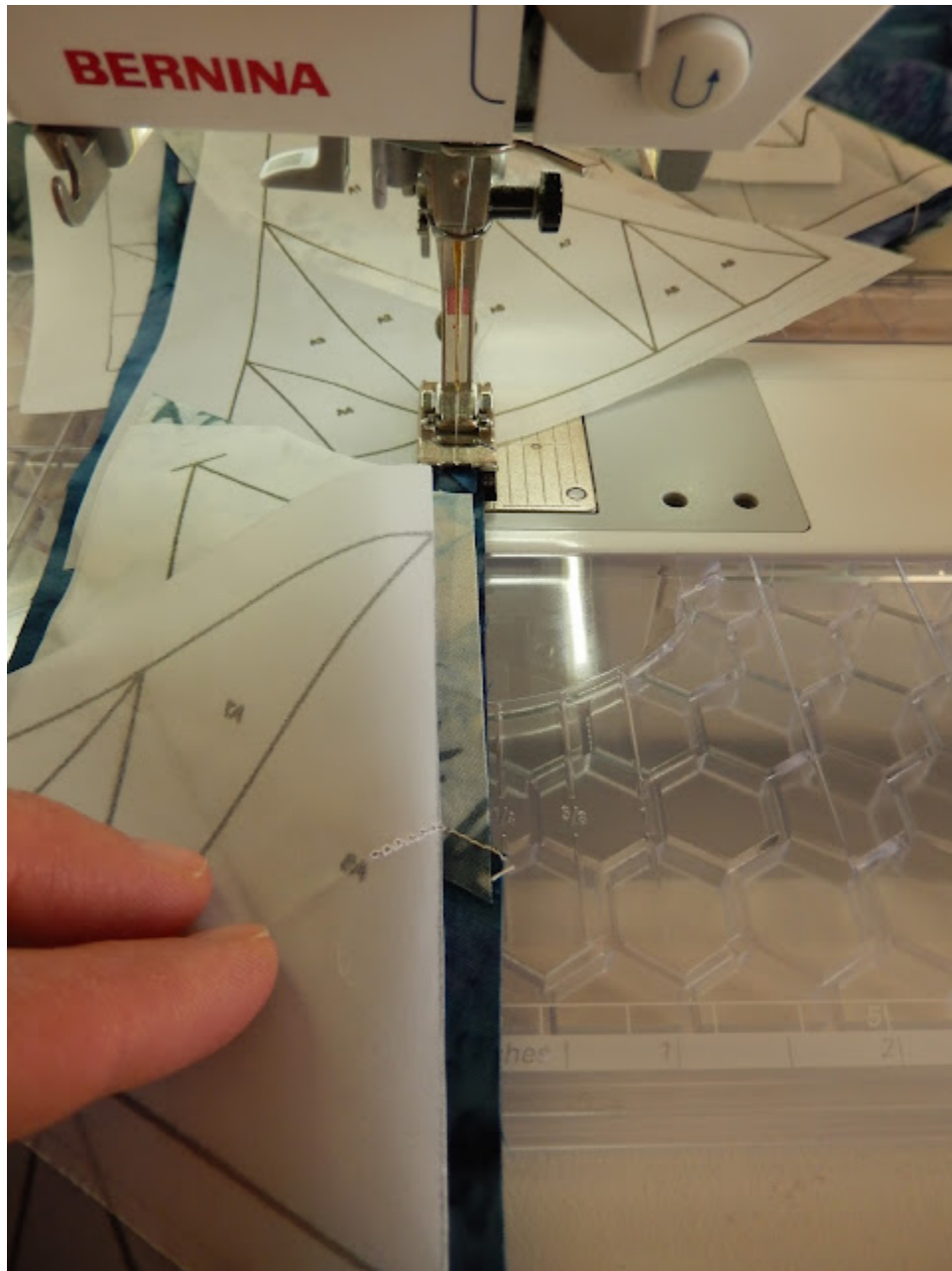
Pieces 6 & 7: 1 1/4" x 3 1/2"



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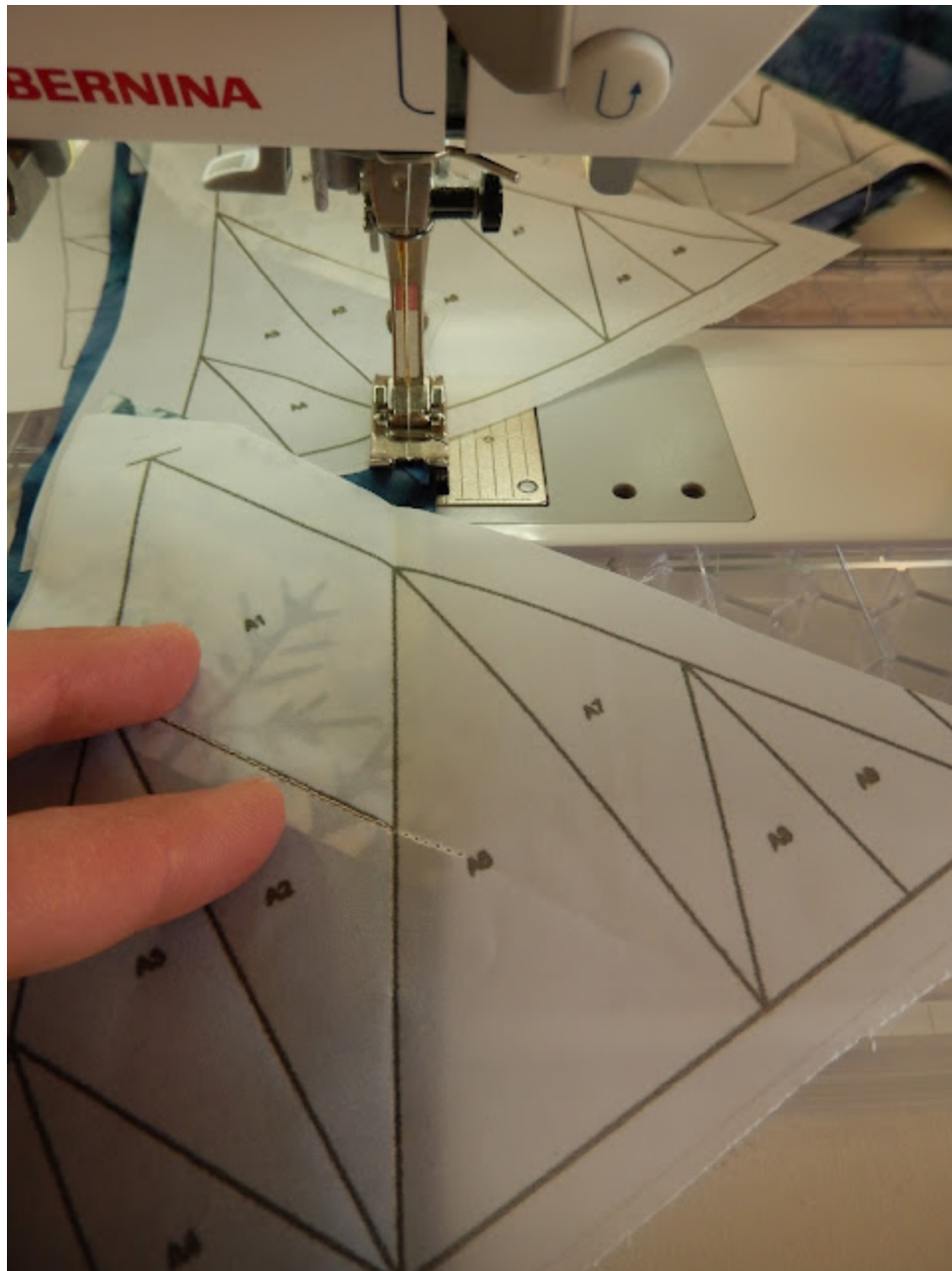
### Adding the Third Piece

For each piece, align it along the trimmed edge of the previous piece, right sides together.



Shorten your stitch length and sew on the line, starting and ending in the seam allowance.





Press. Lay the Add-A-Quarter Plus on the line, fold the paper over the top of it, slide it out, and trim. Once you have the sections completed, remove the paper and piece them together.

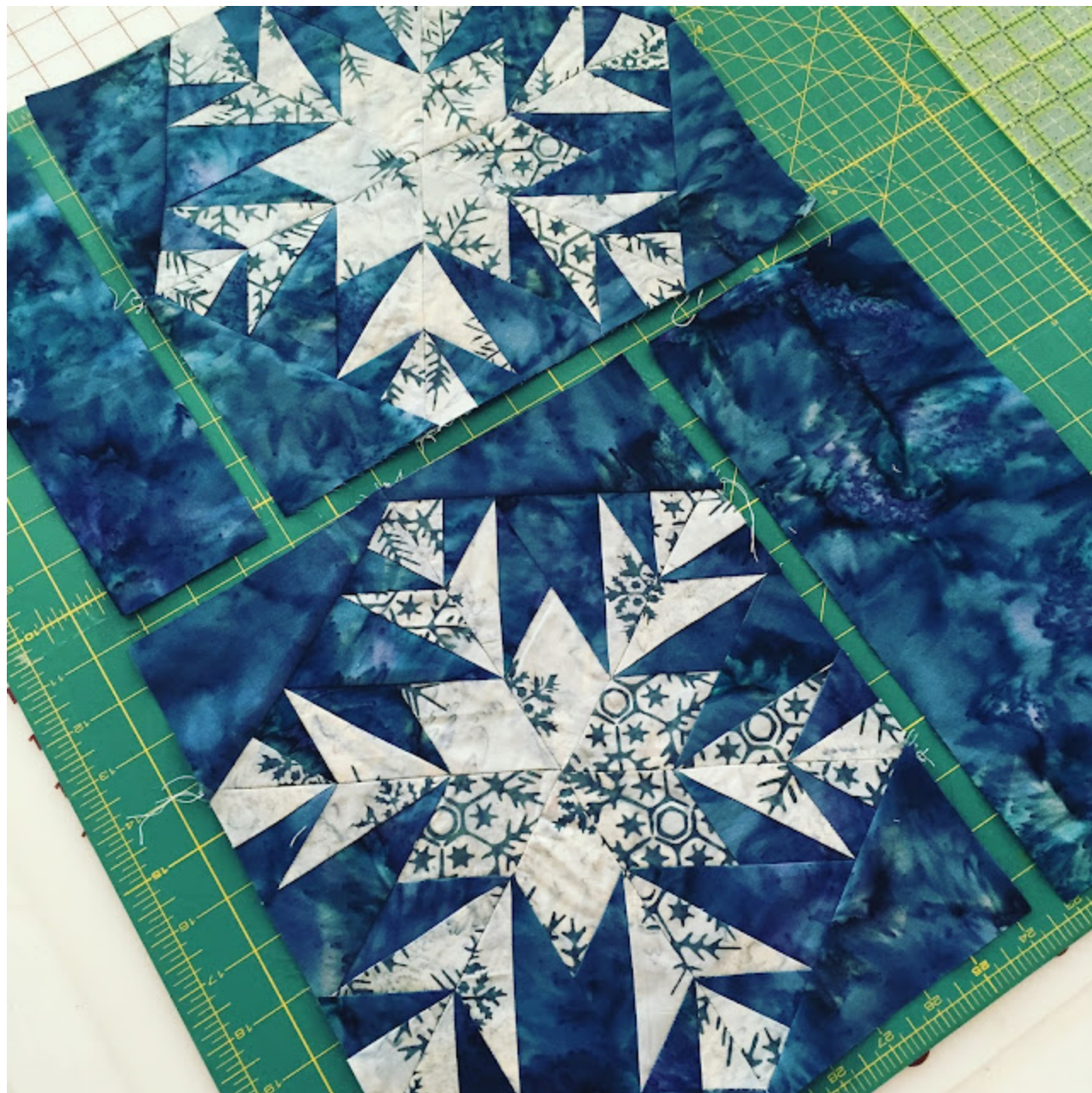


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#### Adding the Fourth and Fifth Pieces

Perhaps I'm getting ahead of myself. You're going to need to download [a pattern](#) to get you started. Each snowflake is composed of six identical units. It's very important to set the scale to 100% and the number of copies to 6 for each snowflake you'd like to make. The pattern also includes a template for setting triangles.





I added rectangular chunks to my blocks until the limits of my fabric allotment were met. I'm excited to take advantage of the negative space in this beauty.



