

Episode 6 Class Notes: Straight Line Quilting Designs

Remember you can practice drawing your designs on paper before drawing on your fabric!

Once you're happy with your design on paper, you can draw on your fabric blocks with your [Bohin pencil](#). Make sure to **press very lightly** when using the grey lead, to avoid dark lines that are hard to wash out. A faint line is best, so you can see it under your machine light.

This is the simplest form of quilting; create the designs I have, or why not experiment and see what you can create. I will be using Blocks – A3 – B4 – F2 in this episode.

Block B4 – Double Grid Lines (11" x 11"):

Any size double grid can be quilted; the double lines make the design stand out.

We're not going to mark both lines. We're only going to mark every other line because when we quilt, we're just going to simply move our needle over 1-2 spaces and use the side of our foot on the stitched grid line to achieve the double grid.

On each side of your block, mark a line 7/8" from the edge of your fabric.

Next, mark a line 2" in from the first line and create lines at 2" intervals. If you would prefer to mark all of the lines, you can then move your ruler across and draw a line 1/4" from the 2" line. Repeat marking 2" and 1/4" lines.



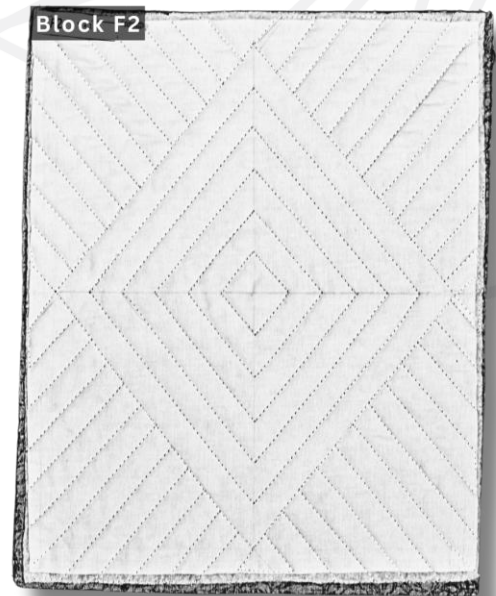
Block B4 Example (11" x 11") using Double Grid Lines

Block F2 (9" x 11"):

Find the center of the block and draw a very faint line across the center both ways.

Using the [10" x 1" ruler](#), form a diamond shape by drawing from the top point, down to the line on the side, then down to the bottom center point, then up to the point at the opposite side and finally back to the top point. For the first diamond shape, I find going right to the outside edge is going to allow me to square it up a lot better.


Next, draw lines $\frac{1}{2}$ " apart to fill in the diamond shape (creating smaller and smaller diamonds each time). Fill in the outside space with $\frac{1}{2}$ " lines on the diagonal.



Block F2 Example (9" x 11") using Straight Lines

A3 – $\frac{1}{2}$ " Lines (5" x 11"):

This is a $\frac{1}{2}$ " straight line design with great effect, I like to use the 1" x 10" ruler to draw up this design as well. You can keep the lines all going one way, or change direction half way across the block.

Stay tuned for the next episode where we will finish drawing designs onto the next blocks – Pauline 



Block A3 Example (5" x 11") using $\frac{1}{2}$ " Straight Lines