

## Arrow drops baby quilt

Finished size 32" x 34"



### Fabric requirements

(for quilt top only)

- 1 ¼ metre (49") background fabric.
- Fat eighths of 6 different printed fabrics or simply use scraps.

### Cutting

- Background fabric - 12 strips 3 ½" x 36"
- Printed Fabric - 24 triangles using the template. (Cut 4 of each print.)

### Choosing the layout.

- Lay all the strips face up on a flat surface. Arrange them with long edges touching and short edges aligned as if you are putting them back into a single rectangular piece.
- Take your triangles and arrange them, face up, on top of the strips in a random layout. Keep two triangles per strip and try to keep the placement of different prints even. Ensure all the triangles are facing the same way with point down. Imagine how random raindrops might fall with some close together and some further apart.
- When you are happy with the arrangement pin the triangles to the background strips.
- Starting at the top, label each strip 1 – 12. I did this by pinning a numbered scrap of paper to the left edge of each one.

### **Piecing the triangles.**

- Take the first strip and lay it face up on a cutting mat. Remove the pin in the 1<sup>st</sup> triangle taking care not to move it from its position. Ensure the triangle is straight and the point is just touching the bottom edge of the strip. Cut the triangle out of the background strip by cutting the background exactly next to each side of the triangle. You can use scissors or a rotary cutter for this.
- Remove the triangle of background and sew the printed triangle in it's place using ¼" seams.
- Press the seams open and trim the excess fabric sticking out over the edge of the strip.
- Repeat for the second triangle in the strip.
- And then repeat for each of the strips.

### **Completing the quilt top.**

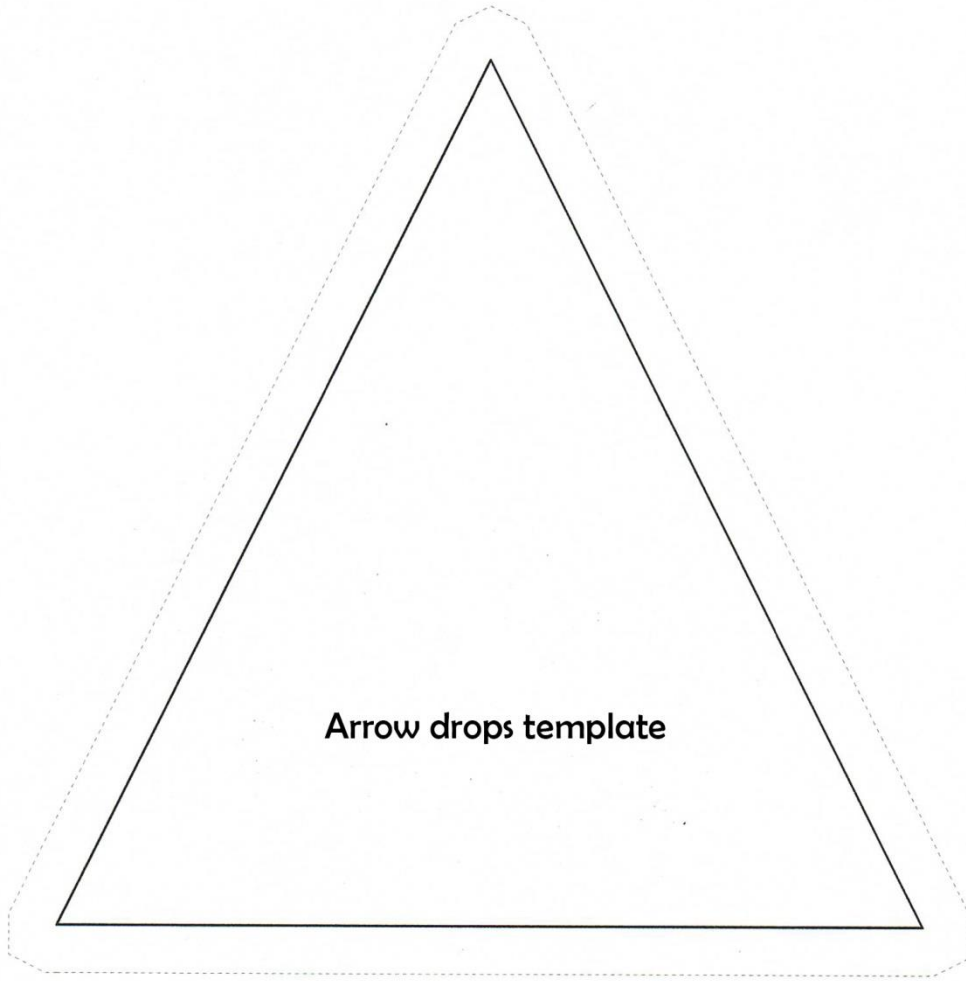
- Sew the strips together according to the labelled numbers.
- Press the seams open

### **Variations and other projects**

This method of piecing the quilt top allows many variations.

- You could change the shape of the triangle template to thinner one or to a different shape entirely like a trapezoid or rectangle.
- You could add more triangles so there are 3 or 4 in each strip. Just ensure if you do this to keep the same amount in each strip or the strips will finish up different lengths.
- You can start with whatever strip size or number of strips you like to alter the finished size of the quilt
- You could choose a printed fabric or range of printed fabrics for the background instead of a solid for a totally different look.

**Template**



**Arrow drops template**