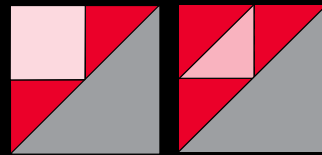# NON-SLIP
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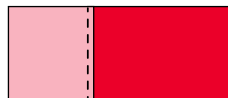
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Make Cat's Cradle units in 6 sizes.

Double your fun by creating two Cat's Cradle units from each set of squares and rectangles. Make blocks in 6 different sizes ranging from a finished size of 1 ½" to 4". Trim the blocks with the Cat's Cradle Tool to create perfect triangle blocks without ever cutting a single triangle.

1. Following the chart on the Cat's Cradle tool, cut (2) squares, (2) small rectangles, and (1) large rectangle. Sew squares and small rectangles together as shown. **Press the seam toward the rectangle.** (Fig.1)
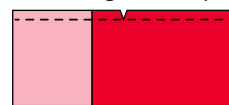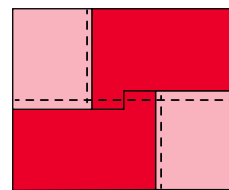
(Fig. 1)

2. Stitch these units together along one long side with squares facing in opposite directions.

BEFORE you press the seam open, find the center of the block and clip to the stitching line. (Fig. 2) Then press the seams in opposite directions - once again toward the rectangles. Keep the stitching lines visible along both sides. You must press toward the rectangles in step 1 and 2. (Fig. 3)
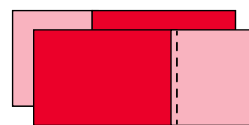
(Fig. 2)

(Fig. 3)

Tip-As these units are sewn together, place the square leading into the machine on the bottom and the rectangle leading into the machine on top so that you can keep the top seam allowance from flipping directions. (Fig. 4)

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3. Place the Cat's Cradle tool on the wrong side of the pieced unit, lining up the "Place on Seam Line" markings on the stitched lines of the squares. Draw a line to mark the sewing line on both ends as shown. (Fig. 5)
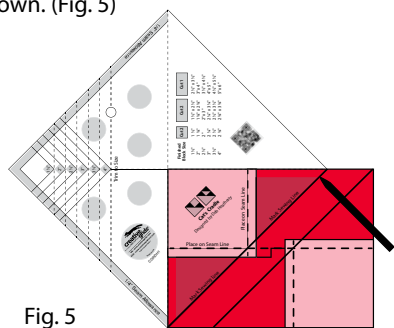
Fig. 5

The drawn line must intersect the stitching line on each square and extend to the corner of the rectangle. (Fig. 6)
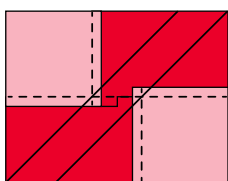
Fig. 6

4. Place this pieced unit - right sides together – on the large rectangle. Stitch on both drawn lines. Cut ¼" from the sewing line. (Fig. 7)
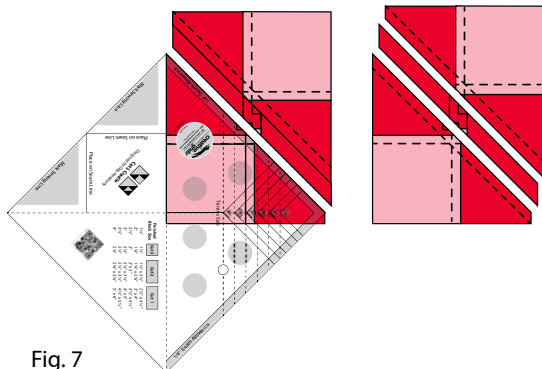
Fig. 7

Open the units and press toward the large triangle. Two Cat's Cradle units are created with each set of squares and rectangles. (Fig. 8)
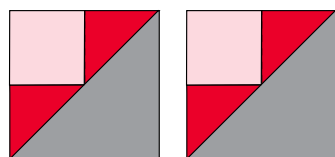
Fig. 8

5. Use the corner of the Cat's Cradle tool to trim to size. Place the dashed diagonal line on the diagonal seam line and the black solid square on the stitching lines of the appropriate sized square. Make sure you are using the square that coincides with the size unit you are making. (Fig. 9) Trim two adjoining sides. The markings on the tool show the **finished size**.
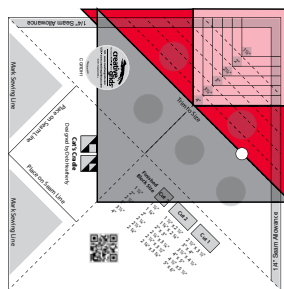
Fig. 9

Rotate the Cat's Cradle unit to square up the other two sides. Align the appropriate short diagonal dashed line on the diagonal seam line and the long diagonal dashed line so that it intersects the corner of the side that has already been trimmed. Trim. (Fig. 10)
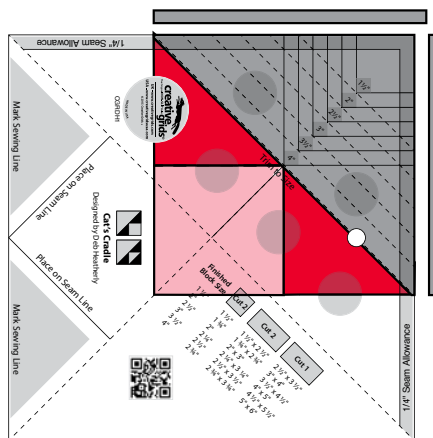
Fig. 10

Split Cat's Cradle (Fig. 11 & 12)
Following Steps 1 – 5, create the Cat's Cradle units and trim to desired size.

Cut two squares the appropriate size as listed in the chart below. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of these squares. Place the square - right sides together - on the square of the Cat's Cradle unit. (Fig. 11) Sew on the drawn line. To eliminate bulk, trim ¼" away from the seam line. Fold back the triangle and press. (Fig. 12)

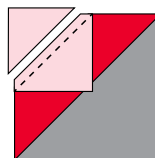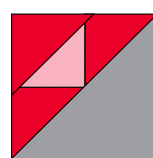Fig. 11   Fig. 12

Size of Cat's Cradle Unit	Size of Square for Fold Back
1 ½"	1 ¼"
2"	1 ½"
2 ½"	1 ¾"
3"	2"
3 ½"	2 ¼"
4"	2 ½"

*Note: You will can get different looks depending on where you place your darks and lights when creating the Cat's Cradle units.

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