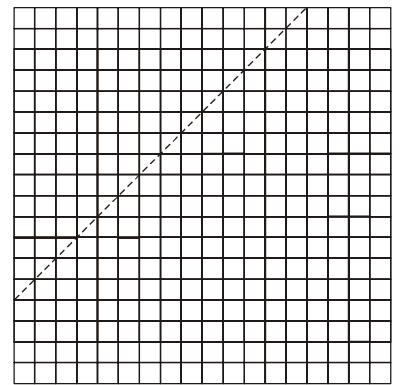


# Make Your Own “Reverse” Mitering Tool

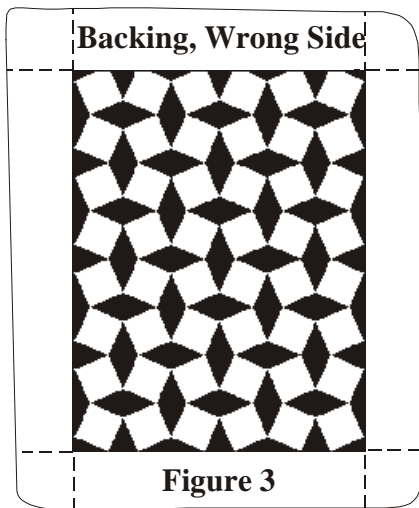
Find a sheet of gridded plastic (the thickness of the average transparency). Cut the sheet according to the long dotted line shown in Figure 1, and square up the outer edges (if they aren’t already)..

Figure 1 (greatly reduced)

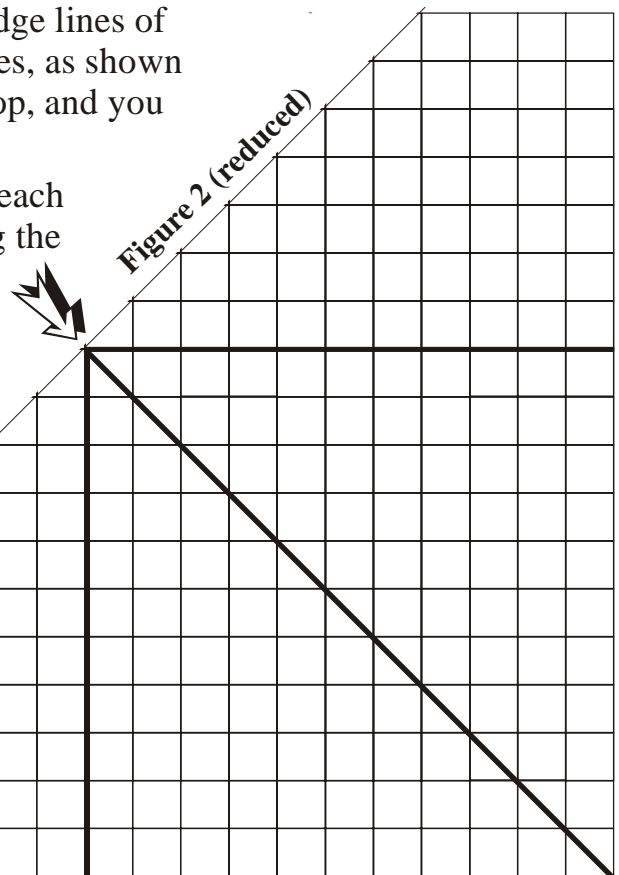


With a permanent marker, draw the three dark lines shown in Figure 2. You now have a template that may be used for reverse mitering.

To use your new mitering tool, prepare your quilt block or top and square it up. Cut backing fabric that is the size of your prepared top PLUS DOUBLE the amount of the border that will be mitered (and one extra inch). Place the prepared top in the CENTER of the backing and draw (onto the wrong side of the backing) the outer edge lines of the prepared top. EXTEND these lines to the backing edges, as shown with the dotted lines in Figure 3. Lift away the prepared top, and you can see the DOTTED outline shown in Figure 4.



Place your mitering tool at each of the four corners, aligning the “arrow tip” drawn on the plastic to match the outer point and two sides. Draw the diagonal lines (as shown in SOLID bold lines), also in Figure 4.



(Tip: It helps if your backing is squared up.)

Pinch each corner and fold back on itself (right sides together), so the two halves of the diagonal lines are folded onto themselves. Stitch on this folded diagonal line. Trim the seams, press each one open, turn inside out, and press again. See Figure 5. You are now ready to place (and stitch) your finished quilt top (or block) atop this mitered backing. See Figure 6.

