



Butting Seams.

When you are sewing blocks together either made up of many pieces or just single blocks of fabric into rows it makes sewing the rows together easier if the seam butt together so that when the foot of the machine goes over the seams they work against each other making a tighter fit.

1. First pin and sew the blocks together as the pattern directs you to so you have a number of rows waiting to be sewn together. Most patterns will tell you which direction to press the seams following the instruction in the pattern press the first and second row, figure 1 shows both rows with the seams pressed under the darker fabric.

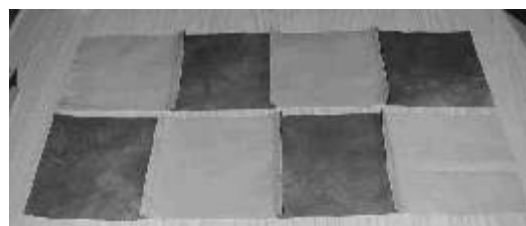


Figure 1



Figure 2

2. Pin the two rows together with the right sides together match the seams together and begin to pin from the centre working to the outside place the pins every few inches, as well as either side of the seams. Figure 2. Sew the two rows together use a stiletto to help keep the seams flat as they pass under the machine foot, a walking foot can all so help keep the seams flat. Check the bottom row for flat seams trim the cotton.

3. Remove the pins then press the seams as the pattern directs. Continue to this method with all the rows, figure 3 shows a series of rows with butted seams from the wrong side.



Figure 3