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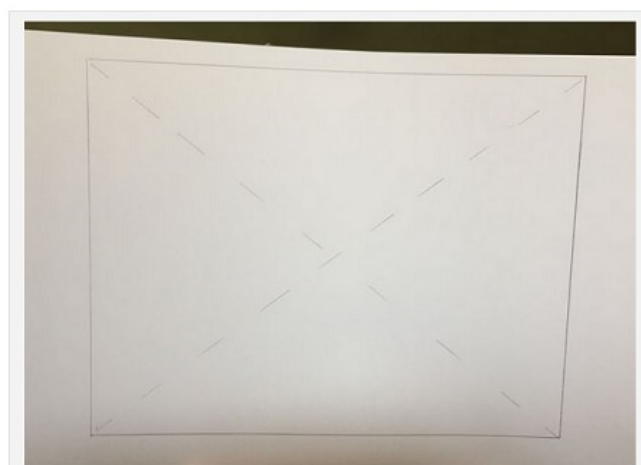
Cross Hatch Stitching Path

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Yesterday I talked about the cross hatch design I used on the [most recent quilt](#) I worked on, and told you I would share my quilting path in order to avoid starts/stops. So, here it is. 😊

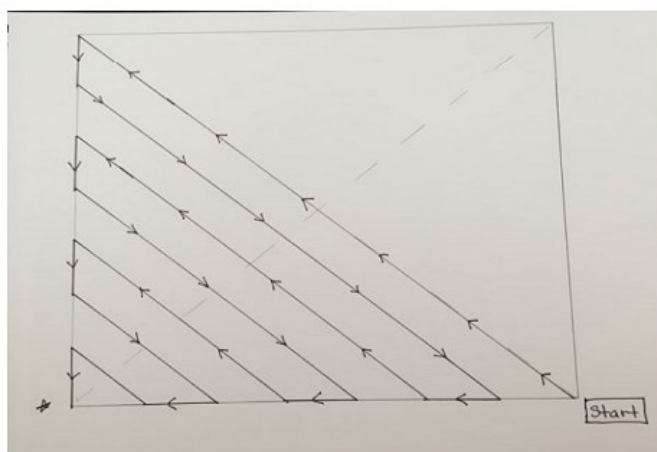
The block in the quilt measured 8-1/2" x 6-1/2". Because the diagonal measured longer than the straight ruler I had, I marked a line on each diagonal to align the ruler. These marks will not be necessary if your ruler is long enough to extend diagonally from corner to corner.

TIP: Remember when using a ruler and ruler foot for quilting, the stitch line will be 1/4" away from the edge of the ruler. Be sure to place the ruler 1/4" from the diagonal line you have drawn so the stitching will be on the line and start/end in each corner and not a quarter inch to the side of the corner.



Step 1 – Mark Diagonal Line

You can start in any corner you wish. I chose to start stitching in the bottom right corner, probably because I'm right-handed and it just made sense to me to start there.



Begin stitching on the first diagonal line, following the direction of the arrows in the photo. When you get to the edge of the block, travel down the seam line to start the next diagonal line. In the quilt I did, I spaced the lines 3/4" apart. Continue stitching the lines and traveling in the seam lines until you reach the opposite corner. See the star in the bottom left corner? That is where the stitching will end for the first section. You can see you are ready to start stitching

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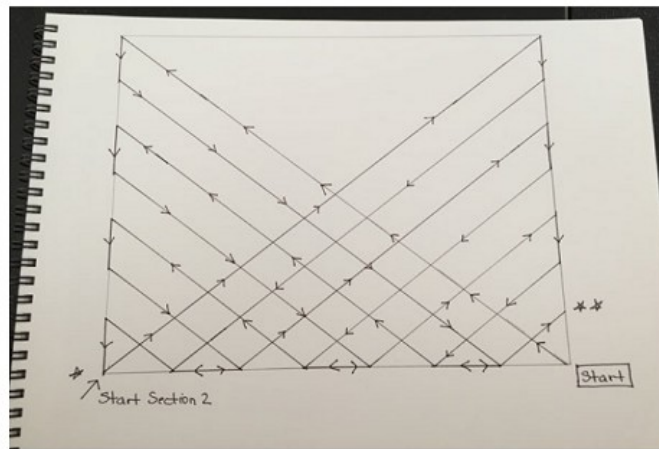
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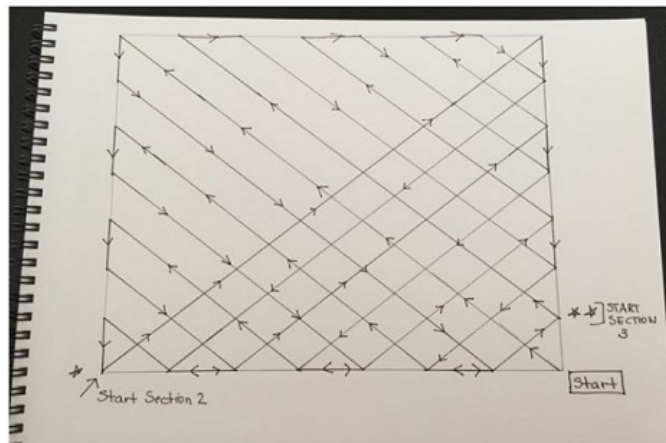
on the second diagonal line.



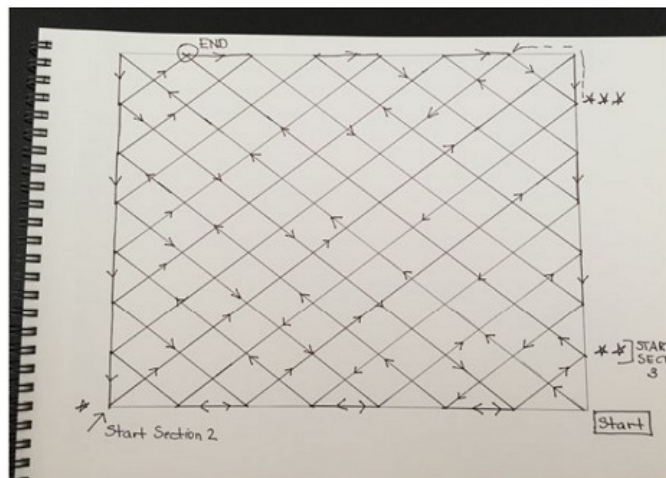
The next section is quilted the same as the first, and will end on the right side (where the two ** stars are.) You will be traveling in the seam on the travel lines previously stitched along the bottom of the block.

You are now ready to stitch the top half of the block.

Starting where the double stars are shown on the right of the block, stitch Section 3 as shown in the photo below.



The third section ends where the three *** stars are shown in the photo below - top right corner. To begin stitching the last of the design, travel along the seam line to the next starting point (shown in the upper right hand corner below).



The design will end in the opposite corner from where you started.

This is an easy way to cross hatch an entire block without a lot of traveling or starts/stops. I hope my explanation of how I stitch this design is helpful to you. Let me know if you have any questions!



7 Comments

Maria Sibaja **Maria Sibaja** on December 19, 2019 at 8:44 pm

Gracias . Excelente explicaciòn.

Mary Flores **Mary Flores** on June 18, 2019 at 8:59 pm

Beautiful! Was this done hand stitching or sewing machine?

handwroughtquilts **handwroughtquilts** on November 24, 2017 at 1:02 am

Holy hannah that's awesome! I have bookmarked this for future use. Thanks for figuring it out for us! And the finished quilt looks really great.



Susan on November 20, 2017 at 1:40 am

That's a great way of doing it, and well explained. Thanks.



Kate on November 15, 2017 at 6:52 am

Seems very straight forward. Thank you for sharing.

Louise Hornor **Louise Hornor** on November 14, 2017 at 3:06 pm

This is a very clear tutorial! Thank you for writing it up. I use the same basic path when I do wavy crosshatching, except I make the very first line a soft, random curve and then mostly parallel that line by eye for each subsequent pass. However, I really really like how your straight line grid turned out and I want to try it that way next!

Yvonne @Quilting Jetgirl on November 14, 2017 at 12:47 am

This is a great explanation! Thanks for drawing it out and showing how you did it, Beth. 😊

