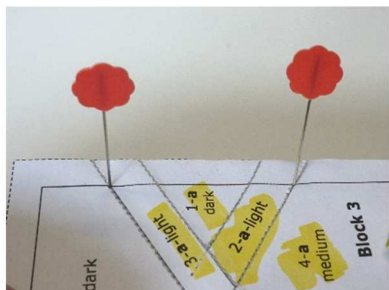


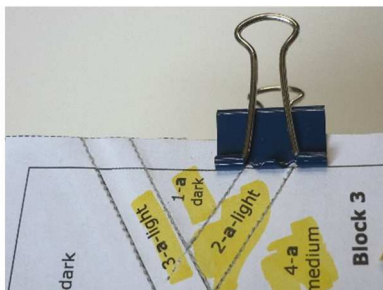
## FREE TUTORIAL: Machine Tacking

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This is a useful method of checking that blocks line up without too much tedious unpicking if they don't. Anyone who has seen my work will understand that accuracy is very important to me. I love foundation paper piecing and the precision that entails. With many designs, not just mine, getting blocks to line up perfectly is the difference between the success and failure of a finished image. Also, although I enjoy hand sewing as a form of relaxation, when I am machine sewing I like to get on with things.



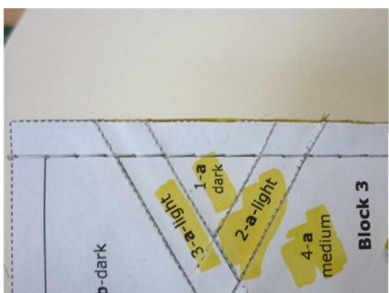
With your blocks right sides together, start the lining up process by pushing pins through key points and checking that they line up in the appropriate place on the other side



With foundation paper piecing, once you have lined up the blocks together I find it better to hold them together with clips rather than pins that can distort the work



Set your sewing machine to a very long stitch length



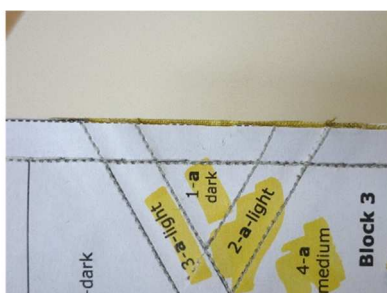
Stitch on the solid line which denotes the edge of the block. Use the same thread that you are using for the finished seam



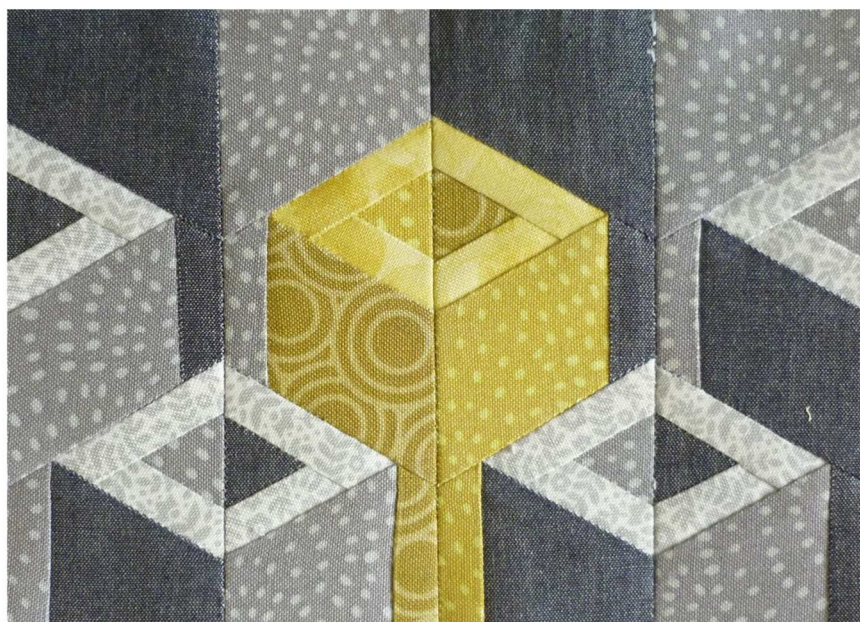
Check your blocks are correctly lined up. If not, the long stitches are very easy to unpick so you can re-align things



Set your stitch length back to normal (if you are foundation paper piecing this means it needs to be set to very short)



If you are careful to stitch on the same line as your tacking stitches, you will not need to remove them – that's why you used the same threads



If you like this design, it is called BOX SECTION and is available in the following formats

Postcard kit available here: <https://www.littlepatchpockets.co.uk/patterns/postcardkits.html>

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