seam allowances going "down" (this keeps the seam allowances from flipping as you sew these pieces together). Pin both side together, keeping the strips horizontal. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge, stopping about 3" from the end. Turn the strips so the other fabric is on top and sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press the piece to set the seams.

You are now ready to cut the triangles according to the directions below. When you have cut the last triangle, simply add another background piece and stripped piece, press the seam allowances, pin the fabrics together, sew the ¼" seam allowances, and proceed to cut more triangles.

If you would like to make some of the blocks in your design a solid background, measure the size of your pressed half square triangle and cut background strips at this measurement, then cut your squares at this measurement.

Another possibility: Make your strips 80" long and put background strips between the columns until you have a quilt 60" wide. Your background strips can be any width.

<u>Design note:</u> Any of these designs can be made using half square triangles of different fabrics. Also, look on Pinterest and type in half square triangles and you will get oodles of design possibilities.

I hope you have reduced your fabric stash and enjoy the result.

