Red and White – Left and Right

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This 42 by 55 inch quilt uses the traditional block Grand Right and Left in a bold 14 inch size.

Materials – 44 inch wide quilting cottons.

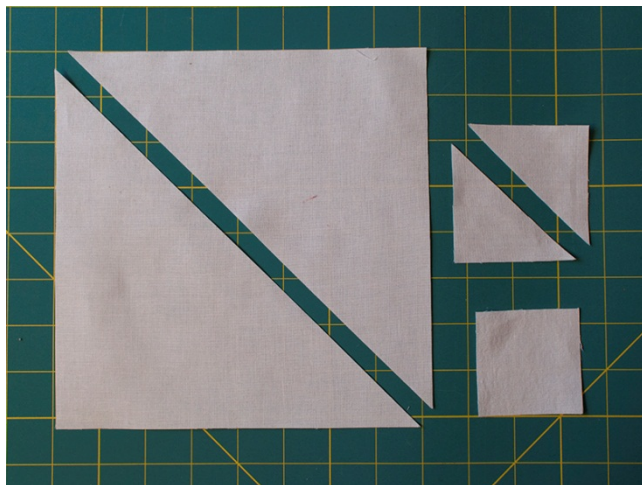For the top: White fabric – 1 3/4 yards
                Red fabric – 1 1/4 yards

Backing: 1 ¾ yard

Binding: ½ yard

From the white fabric cut:

Five 7 7/8 inch wof strips. Crosscut the strips into twenty four 7 7/8 inch squares –then cut
them on the diagonal

Six 2 5/8 inch wof strips. Crosscut the strips into ninety six 2 5/8 in squares – then cut them on
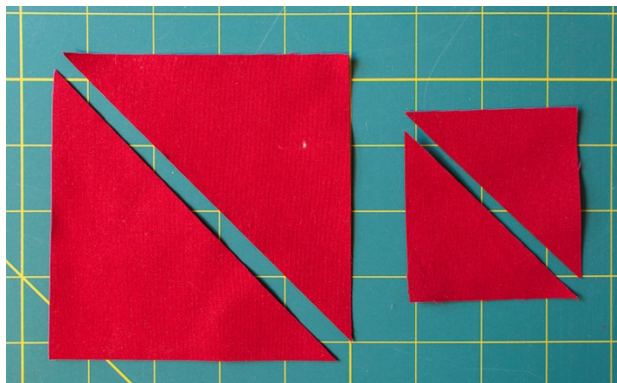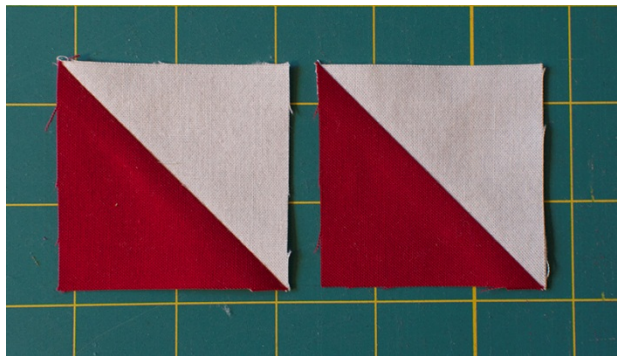the diagonal

Forty eight 2 ¼ inch squares

From the red fabric cut:

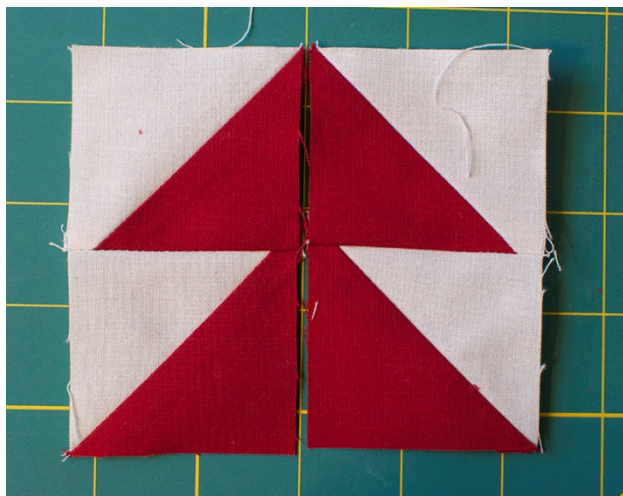Three 4 3/8 wof strips. Crosscut the strips into twenty four 4 3/8 inch squares. Cut these on the diagonal.

Nine 2 5/8 inch wof strips. Crosscut the strips into 144 2 5/8 inch squares. Cut these on the diagonal.
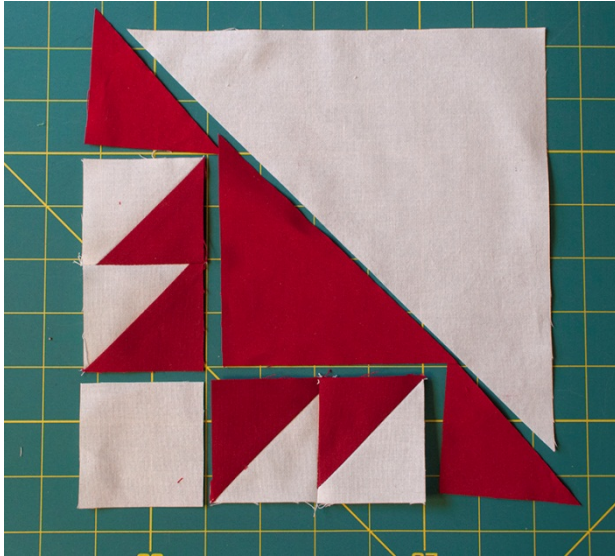

Sew each of the small white triangles to a small red triangle as shown below to make red and white half square triangle blocks.
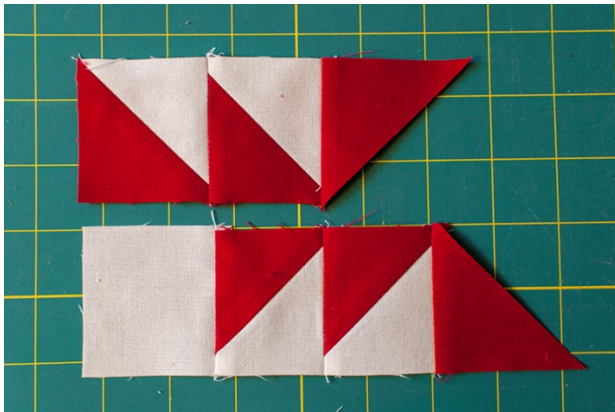

Sew all of these into groups of two with half of them facing one way and half the other, as shown below.

The block will be sewn together as shown below. Now it is time to add the other small red triangles. Be careful to make sure that the red triangles are arranged as shown before sewing them together.

Make 48 of each of the units shown below.

Next, sew the shorter triangle unit to the side of the large red triangle.

Add the longer unit to the other side of the red triangle as shown below.

Sew the large white triangle to the other half of the block to get the pieced section below.

Sew the pieced units together in groups of four as shown to make twelve 14 inch (finished) blocks.

Sew the blocks together to form the quilt top as shown below.

Layer the backing, Fairfield Nature-Fil™ 50/50 cotton bamboo batting, and the top. Baste.

Quilt as desired. Here the quilt was first quilted in the ditch around the red areas. The white was quilted with a filler pattern. The ditch quilting created a crisp edge and caused the red sections to "pop" from the background.

Bind using your favorite binding method.