Pineapple Tool Text

Cut strips 1-1/2"; cut center square 2-1/2" using ruler.

Round 1. Sew a strip to each side of the center square with right sides together using a scant 1/4" seam allowance. Press each seam towards strip as you sew it in place. From the wrong side of block, place the Pineapple Tool© so that the CUT edge of the center square is against diagonal lines and the center line of the Pineapple Tool© passing through cross points of stitching lines (Diagram 1). Trim. Repeat on each side. Round 1 is the only round which uses the diagonal lines.

Round 2. Align a strip to the CUT edge of each side and sew, pressing seams towards strips as they are sewn in place. From the wrong side of block align Pineapple Tool© as follows: 1) 1" mark is even with the raw edges of strip, and 2) center line passes through cross stitching of block (Diagram 2). Trim. Repeat on each side. Don't worry that the middle of the strip doesn't align. It will only align if you are sewing a scant or perfect ¼" seam. Continue for rounds 3, 4 and 5.

Self-check 1: Until you get the hang of it, center the Pineapple Tool© on the wrong side of the center square after rounds 2 and 4. The cut edges should align with the horizontal and vertical markings on the Pineapple Tool©.

Round 6. Sew a strip to each side; press seams toward strips.

Round 7. Using a slightly smaller strip, center strip from Round 6. Sew, then press seams towards strips. Repeat for Round 8. (Diagram 3).

Squaring the block: Place the Pineapple Tool© on the wrong side of block. Align the 2-1/2" center square with Pineapple Tool© marking (Diagram 4). Trim block on all sides to 8-1/2".

Self-check 2: Looking at the right side of your trimmed Pineapple block, each strip width should be 1" except round 5 which is 1-1/4" and round 8 was meant to be very small. Think of it as an embellishment.

Perfect!