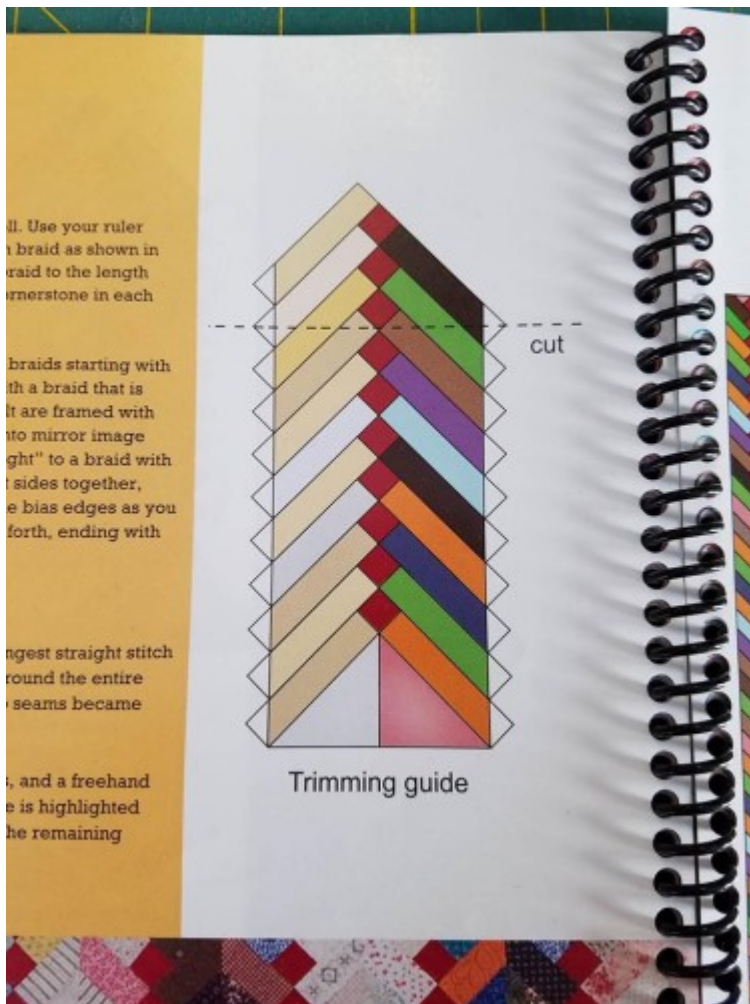


UFO Progress

I didn't get much done this week...I knew I wouldn't have sewing time because what little time I did have had to be dedicated to charity quilts. BUT I didn't want a week to go by with no progress at all...so I pulled out my Texas Braids and decided to trim them. I've had them done for awhile but have been afraid to trim them...well I started out by reading the directions. I read and tried to understand the cutting process. It shows to cut between the two squares. Hmm...I decided I really didn't like that option.



If I do that, part of my block will get lost in the seam when I put the binding on. I decided instead to slide my ruler over about a 1/4" and cut



there.

Mine ended up

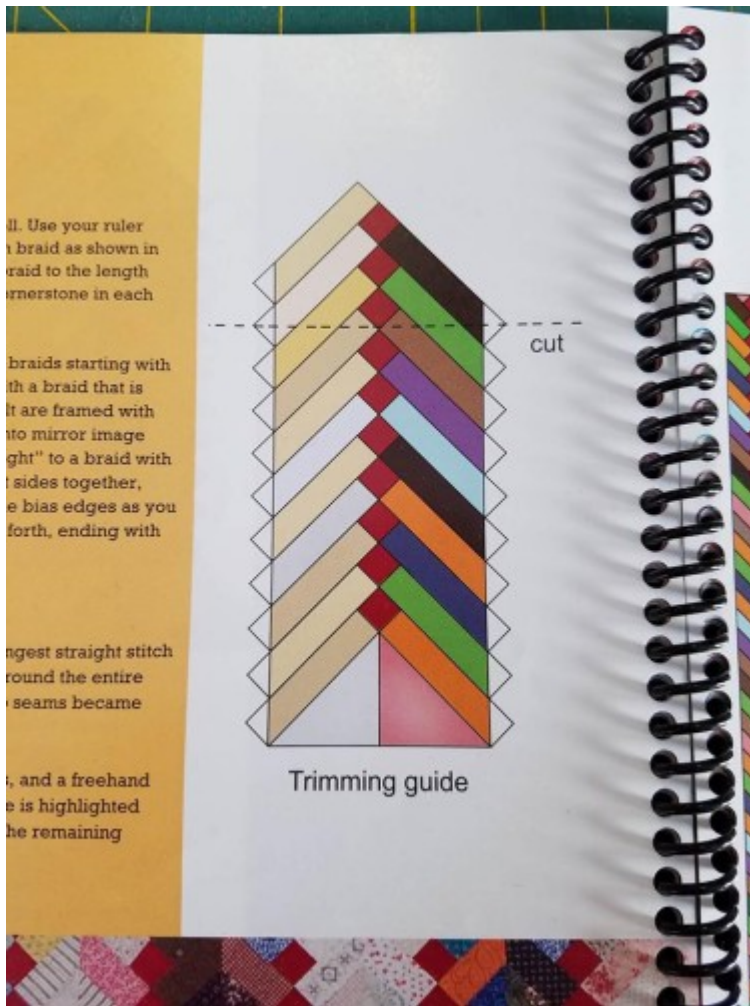


looking like this.

Then I started looking at the drawing. I was so confused. The picture showed that the little red squares went from border to border. I liked that. But then I went and re-read the cutting instructions. Something seemed off. I felt like I needed but cut something off the other end too.



See...look at the picture below. I cut off at the top but if I don't cut anything off the bottom like in the illustration, the red squares wouldn't go from border to border like the illustration.



ii. Use your ruler
to braid as shown in
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cornerstone in each

braids starting with
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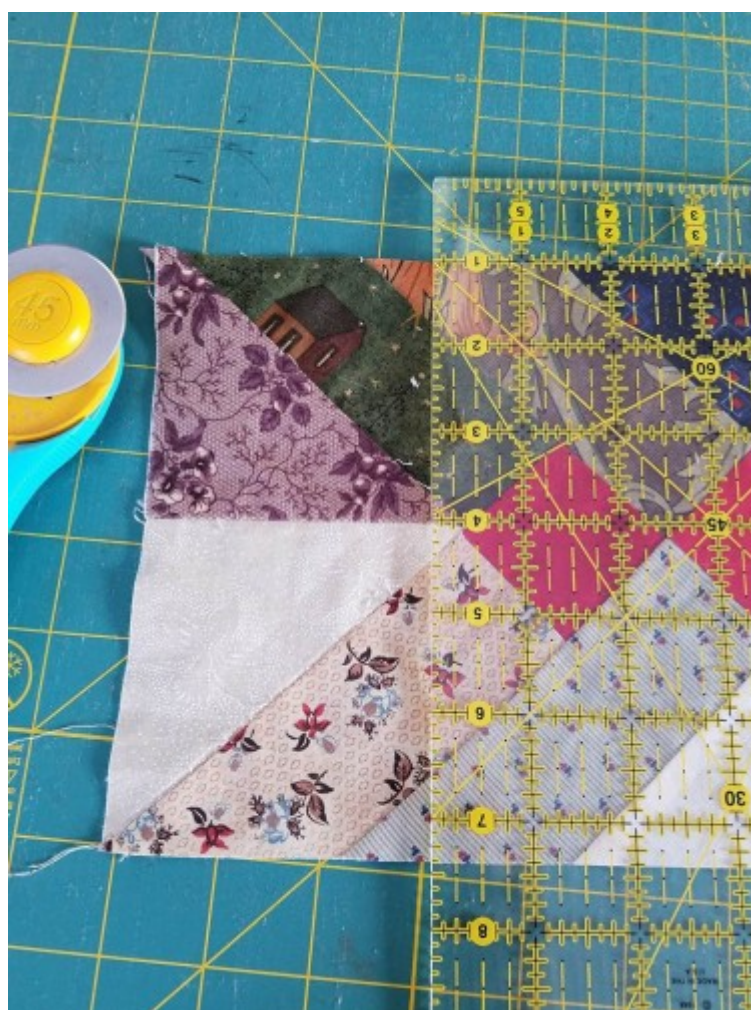
Trimming guide

cut

Then I flipped back a couple pages in the book to see what Bonnie had done on the quilt. LOOK. Her squares don't go from border to border. Her's stop. The cutting illustration matches her quilt but the illustration doesn't. It's not a big deal...either way the quilt looks great but it was time for to decided which way I was going to cut it.



I ended up cutting off both ends. My squares will go from border to



border. All of that was pretty simple but oh my it took me a long time to figure it all out. I read and re-read it all over and over. These

braids took a long time to make and I didn't want to cut them wrong. So what did I accomplish in the UFO department this week? I trimmed my Texas Braids. I know that doesn't sound like much but it's progress and I'm taking it!

You can catch me back here next Wednesday. I'm not looking for a lot of progress to report then as I'll still be working on charity quilts but even if it's only one seam, something is going to get at least one inch further along. I am committed.