





A note about pressing:

To reduce bulk and assure the flattest seams possible, I always use a Tailor's Clapper. You really can't fathom the difference it makes until you've used one.

Press your seam, give it a shot of steam, remove the iron and immediately plop down the Clapper. The open grain in the wood will draw out the heat and moisture, which is ultimately what sets the seam so neatly.

Foundation paper piecing needs as much bulk reduced as possible, because there are often so many layers of seam allowance right next to (or on top of) each other. Using a Clapper and lighter-weight thread makes such a difference.