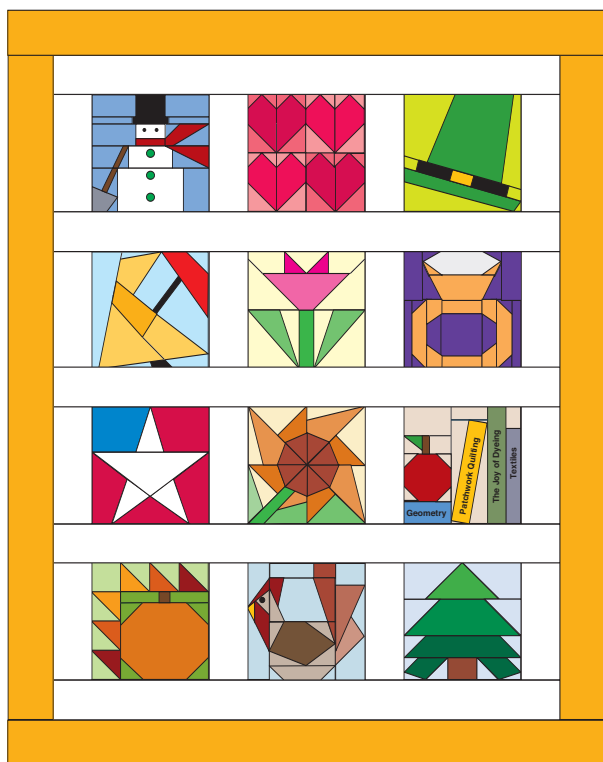
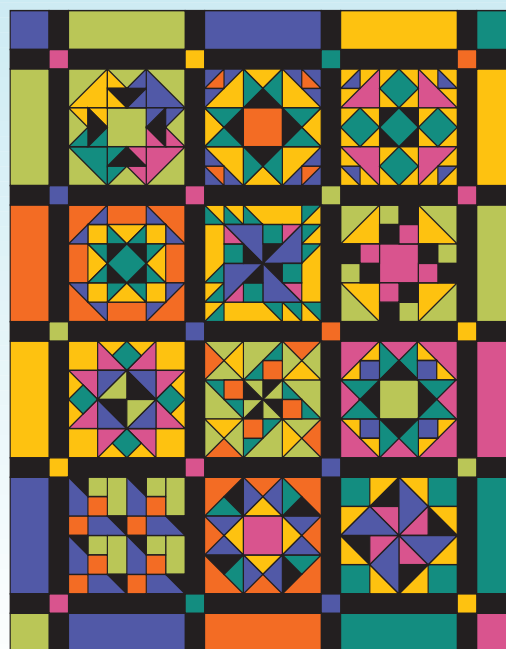


Block Of The Month

Sampler

At last! All 12 blocks for the 2008 Sampler Quilt are complete. Now it is time to sew your quilt together. Cutting directions for the sashings and borders were given at the beginning of the project. We are giving them again in case you didn't quite get started in January. The directions to make all of the blocks are on the NQA website – www.nqaquilts.org. Click on the link at the top of the page for the Quilting Quarterly to find the project pages in a pdf format. These patterns are complimentary downloads for NQA members to use individually or in NQA chapter projects or by NQA affiliates in their shops and classes.

In addition to making its debut in the *Quilting Quarterly*, the 2009 Block of the Month project will be posted to the internet, one month at a time, beginning in December so all of your chapter members can download the block for each month well ahead of January meeting times.



2009 Block of the Month Calendar – 6" blocks
Designed by Jean Ann Wright

2008 Sampler Assembly

Cutting sashings and borders

- (31) 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" black sashing strips
- (18) 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" black border strips
- (1) 4-1/2" square of violet, teal, pink and green for corners
- (2) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" border strips in teal and orange
- (1) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" pink border strip
- (3) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" border strips in violet, lime, yellow
- (20) 2-1/2" squares in assorted colors (no black)

Sewing

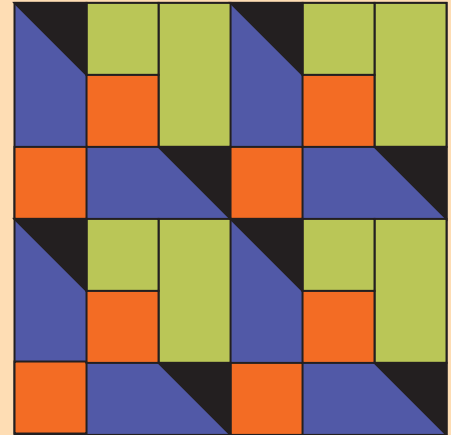
- Step 1** Refer to the quilt diagram and sew 5 sashing rows of 3 long black sashing strips, 2 short black border strips and 4 squares in assorted colors
- Step 2** Sew the blocks into 4 rows with 3 blocks in each row, 4 sashing strips and 2 border strips at each end.
- Step 3** Sew a top and bottom border row with 4 short black border strips, 3 color border strips and 2 color border corners.
- Step 4** Alternate the border rows, the sashing rows and the block rows to sew the quilt top together.
- Step 5** Layer the quilt top with batting and backing and quilt the layers together. Cut 2-1/2" black binding strips for the double fold binding to finish the outside edges.

October

Shadow Boxes Block

This block is made of mostly squares and rectangles with black triangles adding interest. The triangles are cut as squares, then stitched in place and cut away to make the triangle ends of each long rectangle.

Block Size: 12"



Directions

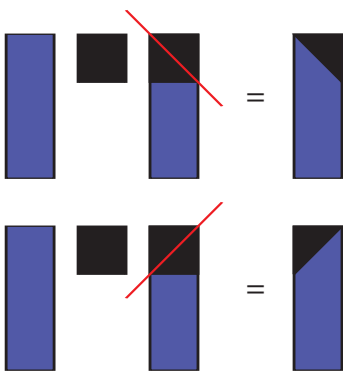
Cutting

- (8) black 2-1/2" squares
- (8) purple 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles
- (8) orange 2-1/2" squares
- (4) lime 2-1/2" squares
- (4) lime 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles

Sewing

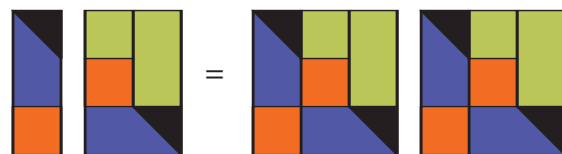
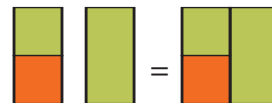
- Step 1** Long rectangle unit – position a black square at one end of the (8) purple rectangles. Sew 4 units in one direction and 4 units in the opposite direction. Trim away excess fabric 1/4" from stitching line, fold the black triangle out and press the seam. Make 8.
- Step 2** Small squares – sew an orange 2-1/2" and lime 2-1/2" square into a rectangle. Sew a lime 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangle to one side of the two squares. Make 4.
- Step 3** Sew the 4 block units together to complete the block.

Rectangle/Triangle Units



1. Stack and sew
Trim away, fold out, press.

2. Rectangle/Square Units



3. Block Units

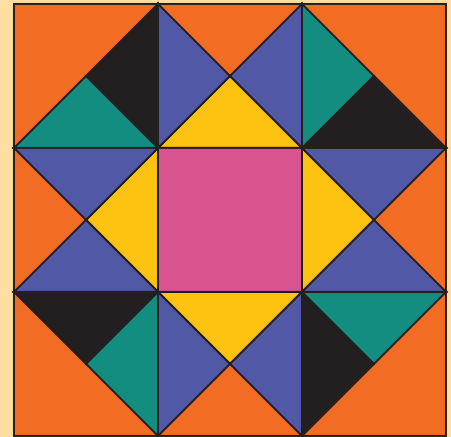


November

Triangulation Block

This block is made of three units, Hourglass, Triangle Squares and one simple Square. Sew the units the join the block together in rows.

Block Size: 12"



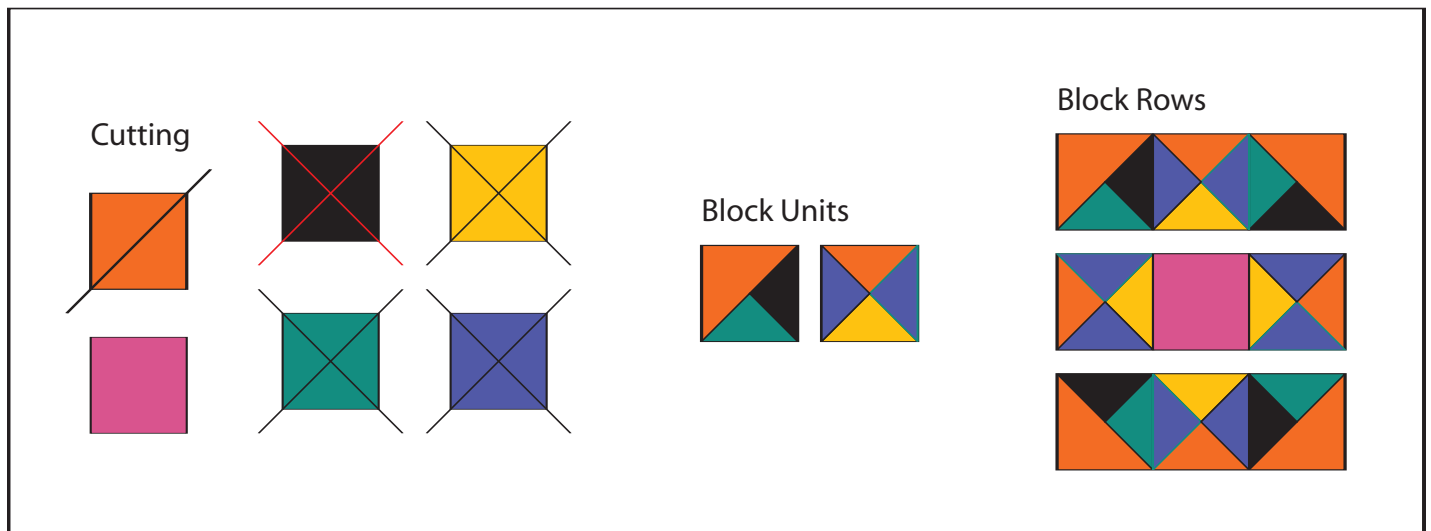
Directions

Cutting

- (2) orange 4-7/8" squares cut in half on diagonal once for 4 triangles
- (1) black 5-1/4" square cut in half on diagonal twice for 4 triangles
- (1) gold 5-1/4" square cut in half on diagonal twice for 4 triangles
- (1) teal 5-1/4" square cut in half on diagonal twice for 4 triangles
- (1) orange 5-1/4" square cut in half on diagonal twice for 4 triangles
- (2) purple 5-1/4" squares cut in half on diagonal twice for 8 triangles

Sewing

- Step 1** Triangle Square units – Following the diagram, sew 1 large orange, 1 small black and 1 small teal triangle into a square. Make 4.
- Step 2** Hourglass units – following the diagram, sew 2 purple, 1 same size orange and 1 black triangle into an hourglass unit. Make 4.
- Step 3** Following the Block Rows diagram, make the three rows for the block. The top and bottom rows will have 2 triangle square unit and 1 hourglass unit in each rows. The middle row will have the center pink square and the two remaining hourglass units.
- Step 4** Sew the rows together to complete the block.

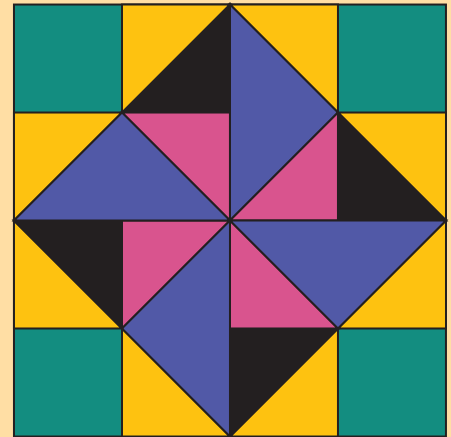


December

Flying Pinwheels Block

This block is made of 4 units each a small square. Make the smaller square units then sew them together to complete the quilt block.

Block Size: 12"



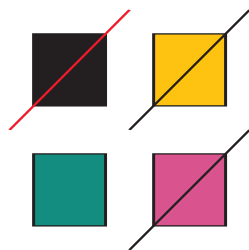
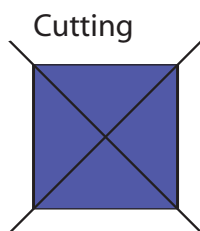
Directions

Cutting

- (4) teal 3-1/2" squares
- (1) purple 7-1/4" square cut in half on diagonal twice for 4 triangles
- (2) black 3-7/8" squares cut in half on diagonal once for 4 triangles
- (4) gold 3-7/8" squares cut in half on diagonal once for 8 triangles
- (2) pink 3-7/8" squares cut in half on diagonal once for 4 triangles

Sewing

- Step 1** Flying Geese units - following the block unit diagram, sew 1 gold and 1 pink triangle to each side of a purple triangle. Make 4.
- Step 2** Triangle Square units - following the diagram, sew 1 gold and 1 black triangle into a square then sew this square to a teal square. Make 4.
- Step 3** Sew the two units completed in steps 1 and 1 into a small square unit. Step 4 Sew these square units together to complete the block.



Block Units



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