



Santa Rosa Quilt Guild

January Block of the Month



Due February 6, 2014

Squares in Squares

The theme for 2014 Block of the Month program is "Good Foundations." As the year progresses, the paper pieced blocks will increase in complexity. We hope you enjoy learning and honing your skills with this precise method of making quilt blocks.

For "Squares in Squares" you can use any fabric or color combination you wish. You may want to fussy cut #A1.

First, some tips that will help you :

1. Most blocks offered to you will finish at 6" square so they can be printed on one sheet of paper.
2. If you are printing on your own printer, be sure the printer is set for "Actual Size."
3. Print directly from the .pdf that you can download from our website.
4. Do not "copy" the pattern; the copy function on your printer is very likely to distort the pattern.
5. Using a #90 needle will make it easier to remove the paper.
6. Set your stitch length to 1.5.
7. Always use a dry iron to avoid warping the pattern. Iron only the fabric side of the block, not the paper.

Unfinished block is 6-1/2" square; finished is 6". Sew directly on the pattern lines.

Fabric:

Fabric A: Piece A1

1 @ 2-5/8" square.



A



B



C



D

Fabric B: Pieces A2-A5

2 @ 2-1/2" square cut once diagonally

Fabric C: Pieces A6 - A9

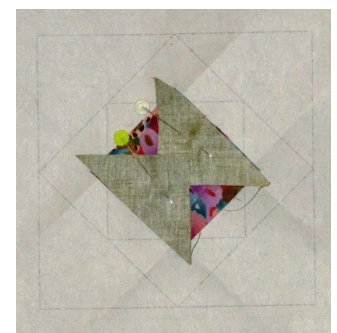
2 @ 3" square cut once diagonally

Fabric D: Pieces A10 - A13

2 @ 4-1/2" square cut once diagonally

Assembling the block:

1. Center Fabric A on the back of the pattern. The piece will extend 1/4" from all sides of the A1 pattern. Pin or secure with a spot of washable glue.
2. Center and align Fabric B along edge of A for pieces A2 and A3. Flip the pattern over. Sew on the line.



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Assembling the block (contd.):

3. With a dry iron, press A2 and A3 open.
4. From the pattern side, fold the pattern back at the sewn line. Be sure the fabric is tucked back on the other side as well. Using your rotary cutter and template, trim 1/4" seam from the sewn line.
5. Align and center A4 and A5. Follow steps 2-4 again.
6. Follow the same procedure for A6 and A7
7. Follow the same procedure for A8 and A9
8. Follow the same procedure for A10 and A11
9. Follow the same procedure for A12 and A13
10. Carefully remove the paper from the back of the block. Trim block to 6-1.2" square. Do not use the dotted seam allowance on the pattern as a cut line because the pattern may shrink or warp due to the heat of the iron.

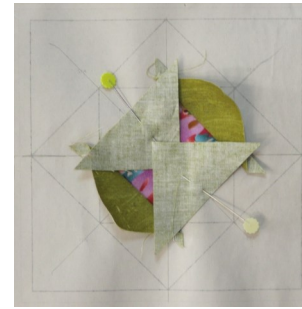
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We look forward to perfecting this fun technique with you as the year plays out.

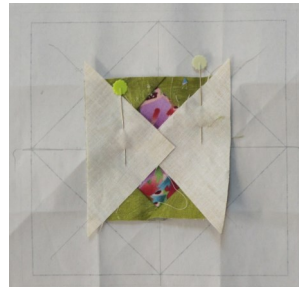
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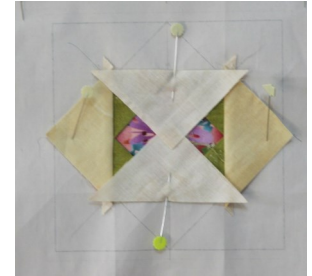
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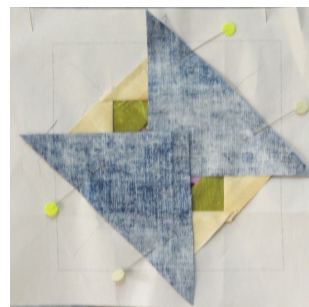
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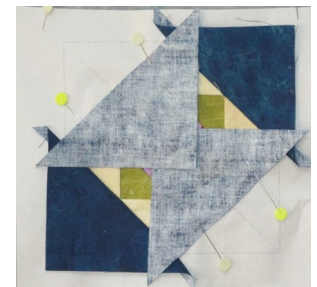
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