

Block of the Month ~ August 2013

Square in a Square ~ Half Square Triangle Center

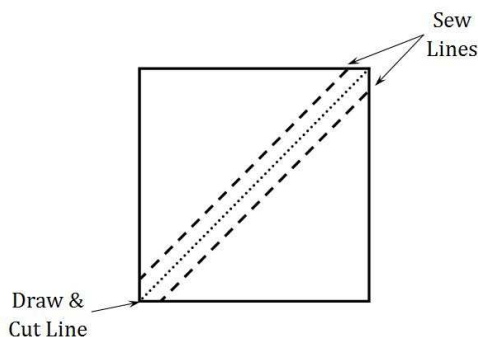
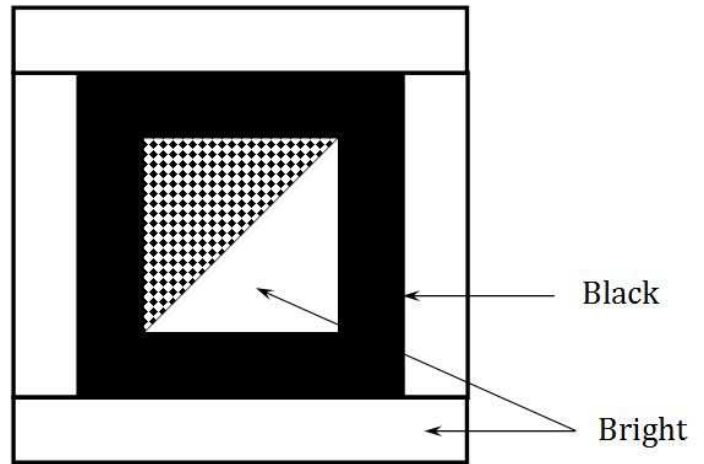
Materials

- ❑ This will be a block that you might be able to make with your scraps
- ❑ You will need a bright saturated color for the center half square triangle part of the block and outside frame of the block.
- ❑ The center part of the block is a half square triangle that can be a color that coordinates with the outside color or a print on one side and a color that works with the outside block frame.
- ❑ You will also need a black fabric to put around the inside half square triangle. You can use any black as long as it reads black.
- ❑ Cutting measurements for one block:
- ❑ From bright fabric and one coordinating bright color print fabric cut a 3" square. You will cut it down to square it up after sewing the half square triangles.

From one of the bright color fabrics cut:
2 rectangles 2 1/2" by 4 1/2"

From the same fabric cut 7 rectangles 2 1/2" by 8 1/2"

From black fabric cut:
2 rectangles 1 1/2" by 2 1/2"
2 rectangles 1 1/2" by 4 1/4"



This month's block is provided by Betty Colombo. If you have any questions, please contact her at haxmatquilter3@sbcglobal.com or 408-997-9805.

Sewing

- ❑ Place the 3" squares right sides together (RST).
- ❑ Draw a line corner to corner on the wrong side of one of the squares. Sew a seam 1/4" on each side of this line. Cut on the drawn line open the triangles and press to one side. You now have 2 center half square triangles. Measure and trim off excess fabric to square up the block. Your block should measure 2 1/2" square.
- ❑ Sew the small black rectangles to opposite sides of the half square triangle block. Press seams to the black fabric.
- ❑ Sew the long black strips to the remaining sides of the block. Press seams to the black fabric.
- ❑ Sew the small bright strips to opposite sides of the block you have just finished press to the black fabric.
- ❑ Sew the long bright fabric strips to the remaining sides of the block.
- ❑ Your block should measure 8 1/2" square including seam allowances.

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