

Puyallup Valley Quilters' December Block of the Month

Thank you for all of you who are participating in the block of the month quilt blocks. Mary Swart my partner at the table found an easier way to make last month's block by using a triangle ruler that was 60 degrees and it made cutting the triangle easier. If you tell us when you find simpler ways of doing what we are doing, we will be able to share that wisdom with many others.

This month the result will look like a picture frame. You may add more creativity into your block also. Would you like to have a Christmas theme?

We will cut a center square 3 inch square. The frame around that square can be one color, 2 colors or 4. Each side will be a 2 x 6 inch strip but let's just make it longer to make it less accident prone. I will cut a 2 x 8 inch strip.

Sew two opposite strips to the center square centering the square in the middle of the long strip along the edge. Fold and press the continuing sewed edge to the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance.

Sew the next 2 strips to the yellow square only. For the diagonal, pin or mark and then sew one corner at a time. I used 4 pins. I put a pin in the center of the center square where it meets the other two materials from the wrong side up. I put a pin in each of the 2 x 8 strip materials where they meet. Then I could match them right sides together and replace it with one pin. I drew a pencil from the outer corner pins to the inner corner and then sewed on that line. I continued to do that for all 4 corners and then pressed and trimmed off the extra seam allowance.

I would like to ask you to decorate the four corners with buttons or yo-yos or whatever you have. It'll look good as a Christmas looking block. My block turned out to be 6 inch square.





