

Block of the Month for March 2012



Merry Go Round



Just like the ride at an amusement park, these playful blocks seem to spin around and around. A medley of colorful greens with white on white creates a scrappy look that's fun for all.

Cutting fabric:

White on White fabric: two $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares, two $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

Assorted Green fabrics: two $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares, eight $2\frac{1}{2}$ " X $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, and two $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

Assemble Triangle-Squares

1. Use a pencil to draw a diagonal line on wrong side of each solid white $2\frac{7}{8}$ " square and $4\frac{7}{8}$ " square.

2. Layer a marked solid white $2\frac{7}{8}$ " square atop a green print $2\frac{7}{8}$ " square and layer a marked solid white $4\frac{7}{8}$ " square atop a green print $4\frac{7}{8}$ " square. Sew together with two seams, stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of drawn line. Cut apart on drawn line to make two triangle units.

Press each triangle unit open, pressing seams toward green print, to make two small half triangle squares. Each small half triangle square should be $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances each large half triangle square should be $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

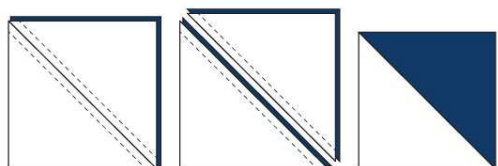


DIAGRAM 2

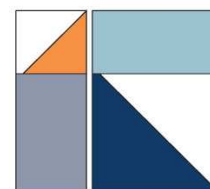


DIAGRAM 3

Assemble Blocks

3. Referring to Diagram 3, lay out a small triangle-square, a large triangle-square, and two assorted green print $2\frac{1}{2}$ "x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles in two vertical rows. Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams toward rectangles.

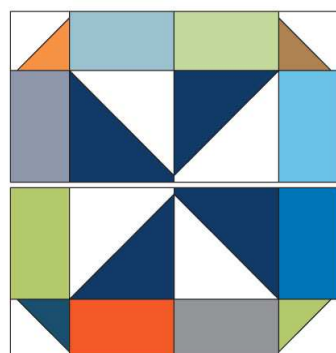


DIAGRAM 4

4. Join rows to make a block unit. Press seam toward large triangle-square. The unit should be $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

5. Referring to Diagram 4, sew together four block units in pairs. Press seams in opposite directions. Join pairs to make a block. Press seam in one direction. The block should be $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

Please bring finished block to the March 7, 2012 PVQ meeting.