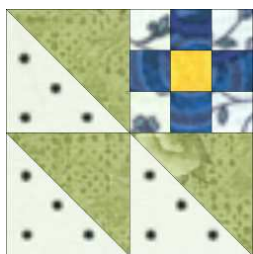


Block of the Month for September 2011



Flowering 9 Patch



Preparing the pieces for this finished 12" block (unfinished 12 1/2") of one 6" finished (6 1/2" unfinished) 9 patch square and three 6" finished (6 1/2" unfinished) half square triangle (HST) squares. If you make 2 blocks = 6 HST no extra HST squares left over.

Color 1: Dark green of HST two 7" squares

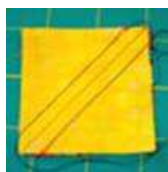
Color 2: Light neutral of HST two 7" squares

Color 3: Yellow one 2 1/2" square

Color 4: light blue four 2 1/2" squares

Color 5: dark blue four 2 1/2" squares

Half Square Triangle sewing: Place Color 1 Dark Green square face up, Place Color 2 Light neutral square face down. Place the squares right sides together, and mark a cutting line from corner to corner (diagonally across the square). Next, mark two sewing lines – one on each side of the cutting line 1/4" away from the cutting line.



Stitch on both of the sewing lines.

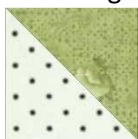
Cut between the sewing lines on the cutting line you marked.

Open each half-square triangle, and press (preferable press the seam allowance so it is under the darker fabric).



Trim to 6 1/2" and this will cut the "dog ears" off of the edges of the squares. Finished

block



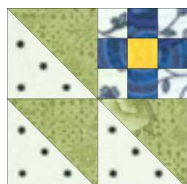
only needs three of the four HST squares. If you make 2 blocks = 6 HST no extra HST squares left over.

9 patch square; Lay out your 2 1/2" squares so that you will know what order to sew the pieces together. Place a light square at each of the four corners; place a dark square between the light squares on the sides with the yellow



in center.

Choose the first two squares in the first row place them right sides together and sew them using a straight stitch and a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Then add the third square, making sure the pattern remains the same as your initial layout. Sew rows two and three together the same way. Then, press the seams toward the darker fabric. Take your first completed row and pin it to your second completed row, right sides together, carefully matching the corners of the patches. Then sew the two rows together using a straight stitch. Add the third row to the other two. Then press the seams toward the center row.



Sew the four squares together to make one flowering 9 patch block. Finished 12" block (unfinished 12 1/2")

Please bring finished block to the September 7, 2011 PVQ meeting.