

Block Of The Month 2018

Batik Blocks

12 – 6 ½” blocks

12 – 1” x 30” coordinating fabric (sashing for each block to make them 7 ½”)

Sub-cut 2 – 1” x 7 ½” rectangles

2 – 2 ½” strips white background fabric

Sub-cut into 30 – 2 ½” x 2 ½” squares

1 – 2 ½” strip of solid black fabric (or tone on tone)

Sub-cut into 24 – 1” x 2 ½” rectangles

2 – 2 ½” strips black and white stripe fabric

Sub-cut into 17 – 2 ½” x 2 ½” squares

30 x 39 backing fabric

30 x 39 batting

Assemble Quilt Top

Take your 6 ½” block and a 6 ½” strip to top and bottom, then sew a 7 ½” strip to each side. Press seams away from block. Repeat for all 12 blocks. Make sure blocks measure 7 ½” (unfinished size)

Sew a 2 ½” x 2 ½” white square and a 1” x 2 ½” black rectangle together to make a sashing unit. Pressing toward square. These units should measure 3” x 2 ½”. Make 24 of these units.

Assemble Quilt Top

1. Assembly diagram – lay out blocks, sashing units and remaining white sashing squares, and black and white stripe sashing square in 5 horizontal rows. Make sure the stripes run vertically in all the sashing squares.

2. Sew together sashing units and squares in rows 1, 3 and 5.

3. Join all pieces in row 1: do not stitch into $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on outer edge of black and white sashing squares (yellow dots on quilt assembly diagram). Press seams to sashing unit. Repeat to sew together pieces in row 5.
4. Join pieces in rows 2 – 4. When pressing the only seams that matter which way they are pressed is the center white $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. These should be pressed toward the center white square (this is so it will nest when joining rows)
5. Sew rows 1 and 3 to opposite edges of row 2. Do not stitch into $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on outer edge of black and white stripe sashing squares (yellow dots on quilt assembly diagram). In same manner, sew joined rows 1-3 and row 5 to opposite edges of row 4 to complete quilt top. Press seams to slashings.

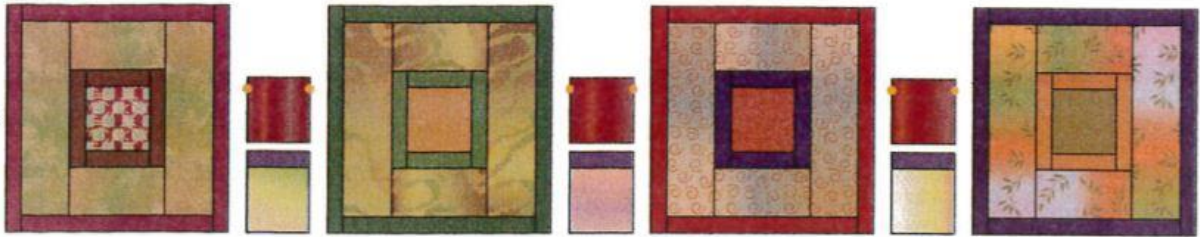
Finishing Quilt

This wall hanging is not bound. Instead, it has a knife edge self-binding. To finish your quilt with the same technique, complete the following steps.

1. Place batting on your work surface. Lay backing fabric right side up atop batting. Center quilt top over backing with right sides together; pin or baste layers together.
2. Referring to diagram 5, sew together through all layers, pivoting at corners and leaving a 5" opening along one block edge for turning.
3. Trim batting and backing fabric even with quilt top edges. Then carefully trim batting close to seam line. Clip inside corners close to seam. Trim across outside corners to reduce bulk.
4. Turn quilt right side out through opening. Use a pint turner, wooden skewer or chopstick to gently push out corners. Slip-stitch opening closed. Place quilt right side down; press outer edges.
5. Quilt as desired. If quilting on a home machine, quilting in the ditch is easiest. You can quilt each block according to block design.

To hang my wall hanging I used a small drapery rod with clip rings.

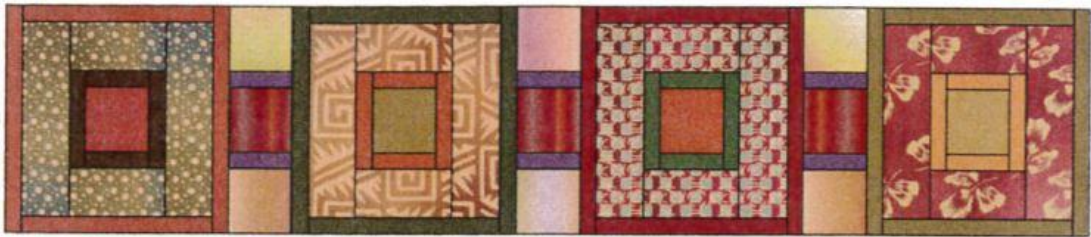
ROW 1



ROW 2



ROW 3



ROW 4



ROW 5

