

Sampler Block of the Month

Block # 2

This month we continue our Block of the Month Series with Block 2. This will be a scrappy quilt so don't worry about how much yardage in total. Just have some fun with the blocks. This quilt will finish lap sized.



This month's block is a block we will use to create a chain running through the quilt. **We will need a total of 8 of these blocks.** It is made up of a five – 4 patch blocks and four squares.

For fabric selection I suggest you have two main colors that are medium to dark fabrics. One will run a chain in one direction through the quilt and the second will complete the chain in the opposite direction.

If you are going to use the same fabrics for all 8 blocks of this quilt you will need fabric amounts as follows:

Background – .80 meter
Medium/Dark 1 – .25 meter
Medium/Dark 2 – .25 meter

All blocks will finish 12" square. All seam allowances are ¼" unless otherwise stated.

I will give you cutting information for a single block in case you are going very scrappy and using several fabrics but I will also give you quick piecing and a second cutting for all 8 blocks.

Cutting for 1 block:

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| Background | - | 4 squares @ 4 ½"
8 squares @ 2 ½" |
| Medium/Dark 1 | - | 6 squares @ 2 ½" |
| Medium/Dark 2 | - | 6 squares @ 2 ½" |

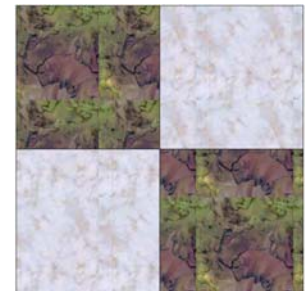
Cutting for 8 blocks:

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| Background | - | 32 squares @ 4 ½"
4 strips @ 2 ½" |
| Medium/Dark 1 | - | 3 strips @ 2 ½" |
| Medium/Dark 2 | - | 3 strips @ 2 ½" |

Making the Four Patch Blocks

If you are working on one block at a time you will just lay out the block as it is shown and piece it together.

If you are working on 8 blocks you can use strip piecing to complete the blocks.



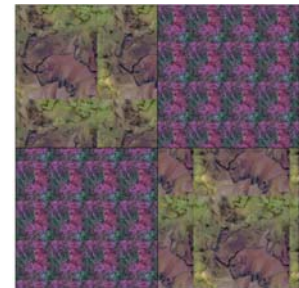
The 4-patch shown first we will call Unit A. You will need a total of 2 per block or 16 for all blocks. When working on all 8 blocks you can sew 2 strips of background fabric to 2 strips of Medium/Dark 1. Press towards the darker fabric. Cut the strips into a total of 32 segments @ 2 ½". You will then pair up 16 sets. Put the fabrics right sides together with the dark fabric against the background. You will notice that the seams are opposing in the center of the block. This

will help you "snug up" that seam so the seams in the center of the block are perfect. Sew together along the 4 ½" edge to make a total of 16 Unit A's.

Repeat the same process to complete 16 Unit B's using 2 strips of Medium/Dark 2 and 2 strips of Background fabric.



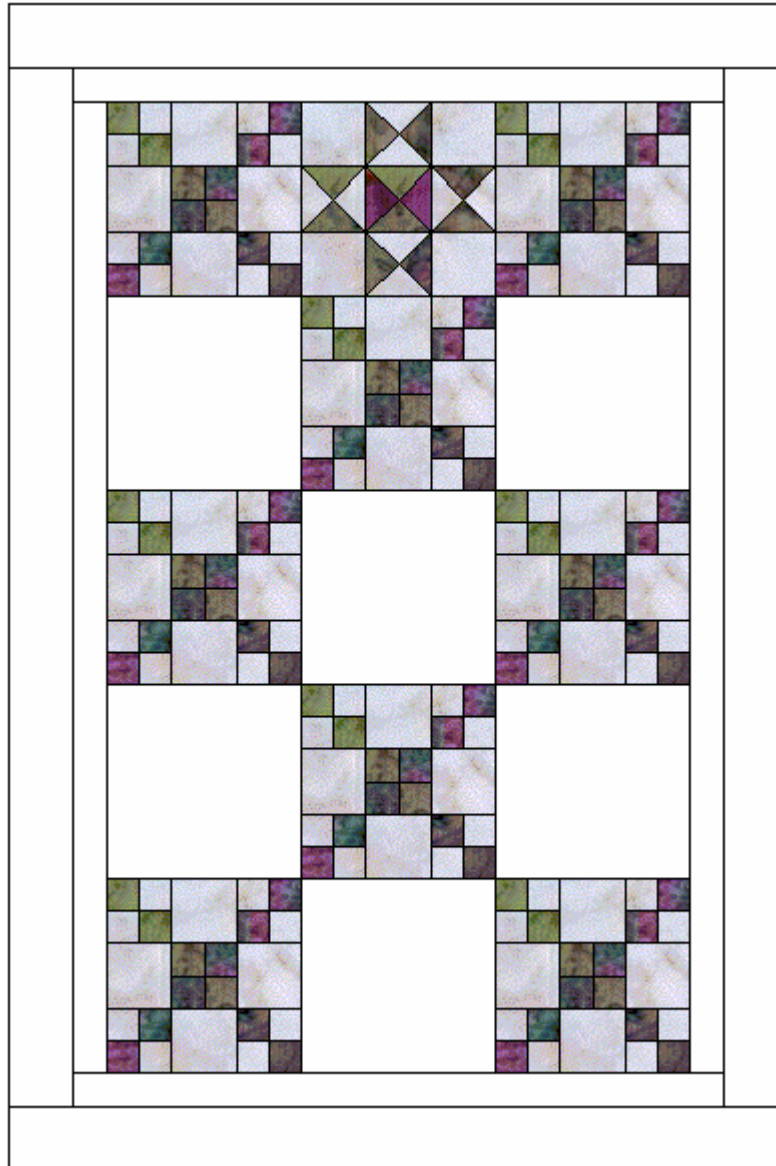
Repeat the same process again to complete 8 Unit C's using 1 strip of Medium/Dark 1 and 1 strip of Medium/Dark 2. You will only need to cut a total of 16 segments from the one set of strips sewn together and you will make 8 pairs to sew together into the 8 center blocks.



Layout the block according to the picture making sure your blocks are turned so all your chains are forming correctly.

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