






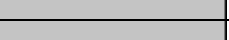
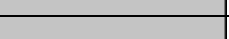



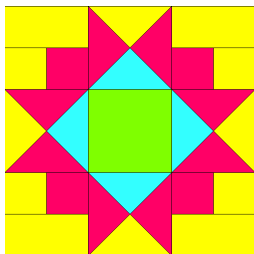
Amprior Guild Mystery Quilt 2010/2011

GLUE TWO

Fabric Requirements:

Fabric Description	Colour Code	Patch Size	Number of Pieces
Focus Fabric		4 1/2" X 4 1/2"	5
Accent A		5 1/4" X 5 1/4"	10
		2 1/2" x 2 1/2"	20
Accent B		5 1/4" x 5 1/4"	5
Background A		4 1/2" x 2 1/2"	4
		2 1/2 x 2 1/2"	4
		5 1/4" x 5 1/4"	1
Background B		2 1/2" x 2 1/2"	16
		5 1/4" x 5 1/4"	4
		4 1/2" x 2 1/2"	16

***Note:** Read instructions before cutting fabric. You may have your own method of constructing these units and will need to adjust fabric requirements accordingly.



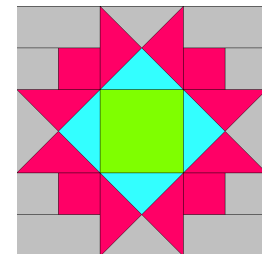
Star Flower Block

A variation of Ohio Star Block

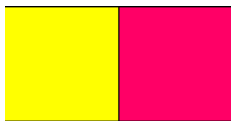
You will need 1 Star Flower using Background A and 4 Star Flowers using Background B.

Unfinished block = 12 1/2 "

Finished (in quilt) = 12".



Corner Units:

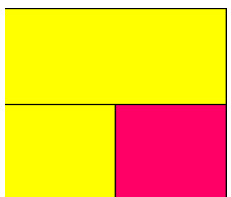
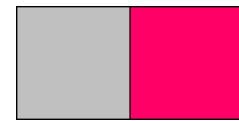


Sew a 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" Accent A fabric onto a 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" Background fabric. Press towards Accent fabric.

Make 16 using Background B

Make 4 using Background A

Size of units should be 4 1/2" X 2 1/2".

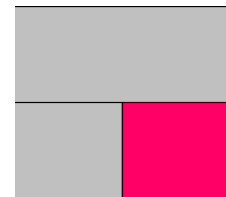


Sew a 4 1/2" X 2 1/2" piece of background onto each unit made in previous step. Press.

Make 16 using Background B.

Make 4 using Background A.

Size of units should be 4 1/2" X 4 1/2".



Quarter Square Triangle Units:

Read the following Tips and Instructions before you begin. Quarter Square Triangle units caused me no end of grief and I avoided them as much as possible. After much trial and error, I started using this method and it works accurately and surprisingly fast. Starching your fabric and reducing handling are the keys.

Tips for working with quarter square triangle units:

Before you cut the 5 ¼" fabric squares, starch your fabric until it is crisp. You will need to starch at least 10 inches of Accent A fabric, and 6 inches of both background fabrics and 6 inches of Accent B. Lay a section of your fabric on your ironing surface and spray lightly with ordinary spray starch. Let it sit a few seconds to be absorbed and then press with a hot iron. Repeat this step 2 or 3 times until your fabric is crisp and starting to feel papery. A couple of light applications of starch help prevent flaking which can happen with a heavy application.

Use a sharp blade in your rotary cutter. This is crucial.

Use fine thread for sewing and a sharp needle in your machine.

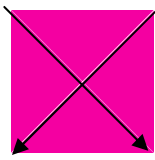
Use a stitch length of approximately 2 mm and set your stitch guide to sew a scant ¼" seam.

Handle the fabric as little as possible.

Instructions for Sewing Quarter Square Triangle Units:

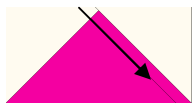
Cut all 20 5 ¼" squares. There will be 10 of Accent A fabric, 5 of Accent B fabric, 1 of background A fabric and 4 of Background B fabric. Create 10 pairs of squares using the Accent A fabric with each of the other squares.

Place one Accent A square on another square of fabric with right sides together and all edges lined up. Press with a hot iron. The pressing helps the fabric squares to cling together a bit more. Lay this pair on your cutting board with the Accent A square always on top. Continue preparing the pairs of fabric the same way, pressing and laying them on your cutting mat leaving at least one inch between each pair. (All ten pairs may not fit on your cutting mat and you will have to do this in two lots.) When your cutting mat is full begin cutting as follows:



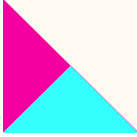
To make the first cut, lay your ruler diagonally from corner to corner and cut across the fabric. Do not move the fabric in any way. Lay your ruler diagonally from corner to corner in the opposite direction and cut across the square. Once again do not move the fabric. Cut each pair on your cutting mat in the same way making 4 sets of triangle pairs from each 5 ¼" square pair. Do not move the fabric when you move to the next pair.

When all the pairs on your cutting mat are cut, carefully pick up your cutting mat without disturbing any of the fabric and take it to your sewing machine. (Lay it on the floor beside you if you have no room beside your machine.)



Pick up one pair of triangles, make sure all edges are lined up and feed it through your machine starting with the 90 degree corner and sewing to the sharp 45 degree angle. Accent A fabric should always be on top while you are sewing these pairs. Because you are sewing on the bias, let your feed dogs pull the fabric under the needle. Do not push or pull it under the needle yourself but guide the fabric so that it is against your seam guide. You may need to lightly hold the sharp 45 degree angle with an awl or a long pin to keep it against your seam guide and prevent it from wandering to the left.

Once one pair is sewn, you can chain piece all the other triangle pairs following the instructions above. When your cutting board is empty, prepare the remaining 5 ¼" square pairs following the same steps.



Press the seam allowance towards Accent A fabric on all units. You should have 40 triangle units – 20 with Accent A and Accent B, 4 with Accent A and Background A and 16 with Accent A and Background B. (Accent A/Accent B unit shown)

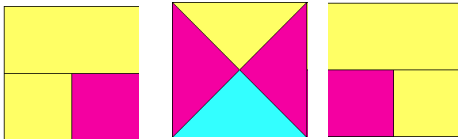


Match each of the 20 Accent A/Accent B units with each of the Accent A/ Background units as shown in the diagram. Nest the seams together along the entire length and hold with a pin. (If you have a point trimmer you can trim the 45 degree angle points now.) Sew the units together letting your feed dogs pull the fabric under the needle and guiding the raw edges against your seam guide. Notice the placement of Accent A in the first unit is opposing the placement of Accent A in the second unit in all cases.

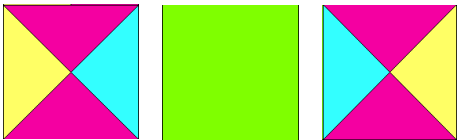


You should have 4 units using Background A and 16 units using Background B. Press to either side and cut away dog ears. Units should measure 4 1/2" square.

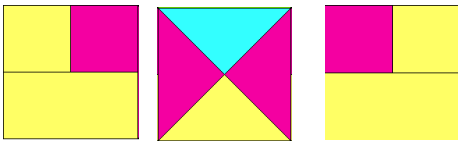
Finishing the Block:



Lay out units as per diagram. Sew three units to create rows. Press top and bottom rows with seam allowance towards the outside edges. Press middle row with seam allowances towards centre. Join rows to complete block. Press.



You will have 1 block with background A and 4 blocks with Background B. Blocks should measure 12 1/2" X 12 1/2".



That's all until next month.