## Northwest Quilters Block of the Month... A Color Wheel Tour 2011-2012 October 2011

## All blocks will be 12 1/2" unfinished..... 12" finished

**Note:** Instructions for 1 block. If you are making one for the block lotto and one for yourself, you will need to double the cutting instructions.



We are doing an achromatic harmony in black, white and gray this month.

Let's do a Sawtooth 16 patch block!

Achromatic = without color. Look through your stash for a variety of black, white and gray fabrics. Use tone on tone prints, solids, batiks, if it reads like one of these colors.... Give it a chance. Remember to vary your values and textures.

Cut Fabric	Color	Cut	Cut
	White with black background #1	Cut 1 2 x 18" strip	
	White with black background #2	Cut 4 3 ½ x 3 ½" squares	Cut 1 7 ½" square
	Gray	Cut 1 2 x 18" Strip	
0.0.0	Black	Cut 4 3 7/8" squares	

## **Sewing:**

Let's start with the block center. Stitch the gray strip (2 x 18") to the white strip (2 x 18") Press the seam to the gray. Cut the strip into eight 2" segments. (You will have a little left over.)



Pair the segments up together. Stitch... to create 4 four patch units like the one on the right. Press These should measure 3 ½" square



make 4

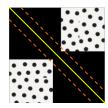


Pair the 4 patches together. Stitch... to create the 16 patch unit like the one on the right. Press. This should measure 6 ½" square



make 1

Flying geese: There are many ways to do flying geese, but this is a fun, quick way that always yields nice points, and no extra triangles to use later. As long as your flying geese are  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " - unfinished, feel free to make them any method you like.



Lay 2 of the small black squares onto the white background like on the left. Draw a line across the black squares diagonally. Stitch a scant <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" from the line on both sides. Cut apart to make 2 of these. Press towards the small triangles.

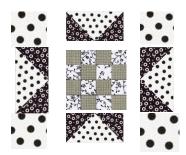




Lay 1 of the small black squares onto the white background like on the left. Draw a line across the black square diagonally. Stitch a scant <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" from the line on both sides. Cut apart to make 2 flying geese. Press towards the small triangles. Repeat. This will give you 4 flying geese that should measure 6 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>". Trim if necessary.



Now, lay your components out to create the block as pictured. Stitch. Press.



Your block now measures 12 ½".

Remember to make one for the block lotto and one for yourself! Have fun! See you at the October meeting!

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