

Northwest Quilters Block of the Month...

A Color Wheel Tour 2011-2012

December 2011

All blocks will be 12 ½” 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 a complimentary harmony in green and red this month.

Let's do a Coxey's Camp block! Choose either a white or cream background.




Complimentary harmonies use 2 colors that are exactly across from each other on the color wheel. This month we will use green and red. Background can be either white, or black. 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.

Cutting this one is a bit more tedious, but it will be worth it in the long run.

Cut Fabric	Color	Cut	Cut
	White <u>or</u> cream background	Cut 2 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares then Sub-cut on the diagonal to give you 4 triangles.	
	Red	Cut 2 3-1/8" x 3-1/8" squares.	Cut 4 1-3/4" x 7-3/4" strips
	Green	Cut 2 3-1/8" x 3-1/8" squares.	Cut 4 1-3/4" x 7-3/4" strips
		Cut 4 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" squares	

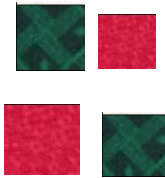
Sewing: *Note: I am using cream background for the instructions.*

	<p>Stitch a green 1-3/4" x 7-3/4 strip to a red 1-3/4" x 7-3/4 strip. Press to one side. This should measure 2-7/8" wide.</p> <p>Trim from both colors slightly if needed.</p> <p>Repeat to make 4 strip combinations.</p>
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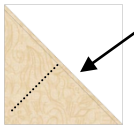


Make 2

Add a green $2\frac{7}{8}$ " square to each end of two of the strips. You will now have two with ends (these will measure $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ") ... and two without.



Lay out the $3\frac{1}{8}$ " green and red squares to create a 4 patch unit. Press seams. This piece will measure $5\frac{5}{8}$ ". Again, trim evenly if you need to.



Find the center point of one of the background triangles by folding it in half. Place the crease at the seam on one side of the four patch. Pin. **Make sure you use a SCANT $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.** Stitch. You will have a tail hanging off on each end. Press the seam towards the triangle.

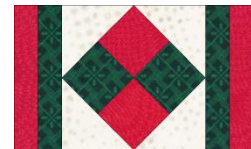


Repeat the above process with another triangle and place it on the opposite side of the four patch. Press seam towards the triangle. Trim the dog ears. Now repeat to place the final two triangles on the remaining sides of the four patch. Press towards the triangles and trim the dog ears.

This piece should now measure $7\frac{3}{4}$ ".



Stitch the two strip sets without ends to either side of your 4 patch in a square block. Make sure that the green is closest to the center. Press seams towards the strip set. This will now measure $7\frac{3}{4}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Stitch the two strip sets with ends to the top and bottom of your 4 patch in a square block. Make sure that the green is closest to the center. Press seams towards the strip set. Your block now measures $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".



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

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