

Northwest Quilters Block of the Month...

A Color Wheel Tour 2011-2012

November 2011

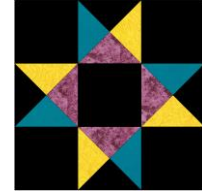
All blocks will be 12 ½" unfinished..... 12" finished

***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.*



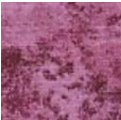



We are doing a triad harmony in blue-green, red-violet, and yellow-orange this month.

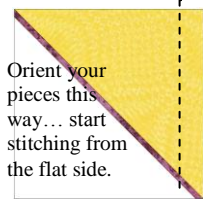
Let's do a Twin Star block! And just for fun... you choose whether you want a white or black background.



Triad harmonies use 3 colors that are equally spaced around the color wheel. This month we will use blue-green, red-violet and yellow-orange. 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.

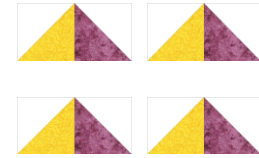
Cut Fabric	Color	Cut	Cut
	White <u>or</u> black background	Cut 1 5-3/8" x 5-3/8" square then Sub-cut on the diagonal both directions. This will give you 4 triangles with the grain on the outside edge.	Cut 5 4 ½" x 4 ½" squares
	Blue-green	Cut 1 5-3/8" x 5-3/8" square then Sub-cut on the diagonal both directions. This will give you 4 triangles with the grain on the outside edge.	
	Red-violet	Cut 1 5-3/8" x 5-3/8" square then Sub-cut on the diagonal both directions. This will give you 4 triangles with the grain on the outside edge.	
	Yellow-orange	Cut 1 5-3/8" x 5-3/8" square then Sub-cut on the diagonal both directions. This will give you 4 triangles with the grain on the outside edge.	

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

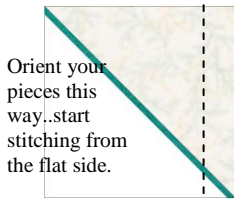


Start with the yellow-orange and red-violet triangles. Pair them together in twos. Stitch so that they are all the same.... When done, the yellow-orange will be on the left... the red-violet on the right when the resulting triangle is pointing up. Press seam towards the yellow-orange and trim your dog ears.

(note, the triangles really are the same size, but in my picture the purple one just looks bigger)



Make 4



Repeat..... using the blue-green and your background fabric triangles. The blue-green will be on the left when the triangle is pointing up. Press the seam towards the blue-green. Trim dog ears.



Make 4



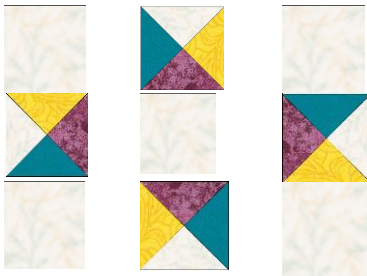
Match one blue-green and white unit with a yellow-orange and red-violet unit. Stitch on the longest side, matching the seams in the middle. Press toward the blue-green/background side. Trim dog ears, and size to 4 1/2". Be careful not to stretch the bias seam.

Note: I had you cut the original square just a tad larger than usual. This allows you to trim a little off to keep your blocks consistent and square. I prefer doing this even on half square triangles. It really helps especially on bias edges that might stretch and skew. (Always easy to trim some off, but it's really difficult to stretch if it's too small.)



Make 4

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



These will stitch together like a nine patch now.

Your block now measures 12 1/2" .

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

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