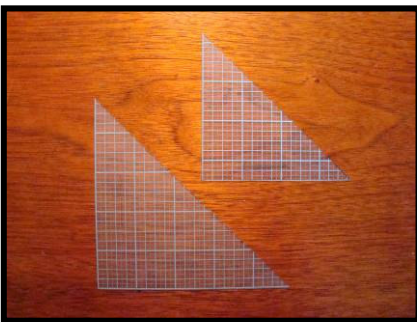


Card Trick Quilt Block #3



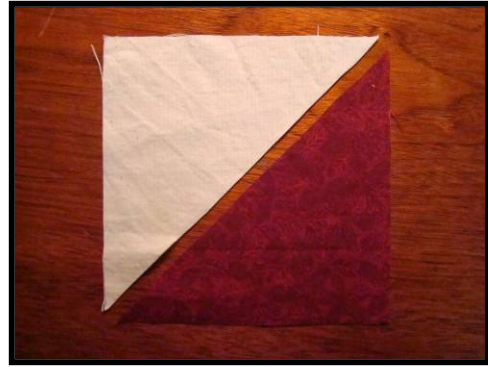
The Card Trick quilt block is probably our toughest to date. Triangles are difficult to sew together with precision, and this quilt block is made up of 24 of them! I have to admit I ran into trouble myself getting all the points to be crisp and line up where they are supposed to. So, what I'm saying is if you are a beginner, relax, take your time and some point tell yourself its good enough. Just remember to keep it fun!

My first card trick is one of my favorite blocks. I liked the colors I used and think I did a fairly good job putting the block together. My entire quilt would have turned out so much nicer if I had kept to these five main fabrics and not strayed into at least four or five more.



But let's get down to the details, the Card Trick quilt block is made up of 9 patches, all made up of 2 different sized triangles.

There are three different patch patterns you will need to make. Four of them are made up of two large triangles.



Four are made of one large and two small triangles.



And, the middle patch is four small triangles.



Materials List:

12 – 4 7/8” x 4 7/8” triangles (includes 1/4” seam allowance all the way around)

12 – 3 3/4” x 3 3/4” triangles (includes 1/4” seam allowance)

Cotton thread for sewing

Quilter’s Straight Pins (with large heads)

Sharp fabric scissors

Template Plastic

Scissors for plastic

Ruler to measure plastic

Pencil

Instructions:

1 Begin by cutting out the plastic templates for the triangles. Download and print the template I've made checking to be sure your large triangle measures $4 \frac{7}{8}$ " by $4 \frac{7}{8}$ " and the small triangle measures $3 \frac{3}{4}$ " by $3 \frac{3}{4}$ ". Remember, the templates include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance all the way around the piece.

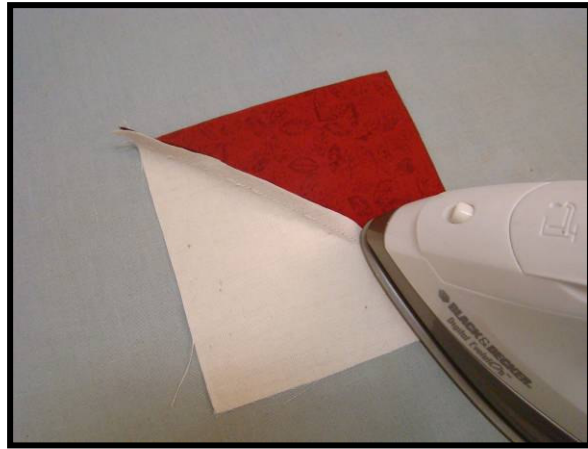
2 Place the plastic template on the wrong side of your fabric, trace around it with a sharp pencil or white pencil on dark fabrics. Then, cut out your pieces.

3 Work with your fabrics to determine which block pieces will be in which colors. You may have to replace pieces with another color even after you have them all cut out. Save the ones you've cut and replaced. They may work in another quilt block.



4 Once you are sure about your color choices and their locations, it's time to put the 9 patches together. Remember, it's always best to sew the smallest pieces together first and then join them with the larger or longer ones.

5 Once you have sewn together the patches, iron the seam allowances flat with the fabric going towards the darker of the two.



6 For the middle square, make sure the two seams that are meeting in the middle are ironed in opposite directions so the patch will lay flat.

7 This shows all 9 patches complete and laying in position. The next step is to sew the patches together in rows.





8 Once your quilt block is sewn together in rows, iron it and make sure to iron the seam in one row, the opposite way of the next row so when the rows are joined, the quilt block will lay flat. After ironing, sew the three rows together and iron quilt block #3 flat!

Looking good!!

Three quilt blocks down and three more to go! I think after looking these over, I'm going to make sure that in my next quilt block I won't use too much of

the yellow. Making the Ohio Star block with a yellow background, it almost seems like that is enough. I've used the paisley inspiration fabric in all of the blocks and I wonder if it might be nice to continue that. Hmm, these are the things you need to be considering as you lay out your blocks.



April is going to bring us to our fourth quilt block, the Bear's Paw. This is one of my personal favorites. In my last quilt I used a white background...something else to think about for this new one!

Well I hope you are enjoying quilting together, I certainly am. Let me know how things are coming by going to Ask Matt & Shari and jotting me a note!

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