

AMISH-STYLE QUILT

You are encouraged to make a block-of-the-month for the BBQG and a block for yourself. At the end of this year you will have 12 Amish-style blocks to make your own Amish-style Sampler Quilt. Amish-style quilts are made of solid color fabrics. Amish-style quilts typically feature two or three dominant colors. An inner border is added to frame the quilt; a second border (twice as wide as the first) is added. Additional borders may be added as desired. A color already in the central design of the quilt is used in at least one border. Light colors and white are rarely used in Amish-style quilts.

Kona Cotton is a good choice for Amish-style quilts. Mitering is rare in Amish-style quilts, as is bias binding.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: FLYING GEESE

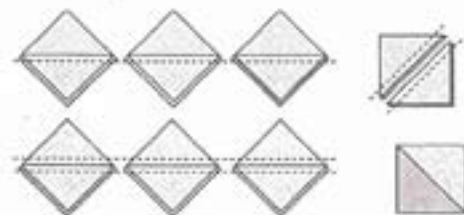
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Cut:

- 1 - 7 1/4" orange square
- 4 - 3 1/2" orange squares
- 2 - 4 1/2" orange squares
- 4 - 3 7/8" black squares
- 1 - 6 1/2" black square
- 2 - 4 1/2" black squares

Sew: Stitch a scant 1/4" seam

Using the 4 1/2" squares, make four half-square triangles. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 4 1/2" orange squares. Layer a black square and an orange square (right sides together). Stitch a scant 1/4" each side of the drawn line (see below). Rotary cut each pair of squares apart on the drawn line. Open, press toward black, trim to 3 1/2" square.



Make four Flying Geese:

Align two 3 7/8" black squares (A) on opposite corners of the 7 1/4" orange square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line as shown in the illustration below. Stitch 1/4" each side of the line. Cut apart on the drawn line.

Open the two sides. Press toward the orange to form a "heart" shape.

On the remaining corner of each of these units align the remaining 3 7/8" black squares.

Draw a line to the corner and stitch 1/4" each side of the line. Cut on the line and press. You now have 4 flying geese.

Draw diagonal lines on each of the 3 1/2" orange squares. Place a 3 1/2" orange square on opposite corners of the 6 1/2" black square. Stitch on the diagonal line. Trim seam to 1/4"; press toward orange. Place 3 1/2" black squares on the other corners; stitch, press, and trim as before.

Stitch half-square triangles to flying geese as shown in picture: top and bottom.

Stitch flying geese to the center square as shown.

Assemble as indicated in the sample picture. Press seams toward black on top and bottom. Press seams toward center in middle section.

The block should measure 12 1/2" square.

If you are the winner of the BBQG blocks, and the blocks vary in size more than 1/8", add 2 to 2 1/2" borders to each block and re-cut to desired size.

technique

Fast Flying Geese. Align 2 B's on opposite corners of an A, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line as shown and then stitch 1/4" out from both sides of the line. Cut apart on the marked line.



Open out the B's and press the unit.



On the remaining corner of each of these units, align B's. Draw a line from corner to corner and sew 1/4" out on both sides of the line. Cut on the marked lines, open the B's and press.



Make 112

Each set of 1 A and 4 matching B's makes 4 Flying Geese.