



NOTE: We will NOT exchange blocks in December because of the Christmas Party. SO...you just need to MAKE ONE FOR YOURSELF. We look forward to seeing your finished quilts!

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: VARIABLE STAR

Cut:

4 – 3 1/2" squares of black fabric

1 - 7 1/4" square of black fabric

1 - 6 1/2" square of Christmas red fabric

4 – 3 7/8" squares of Christmas red fabric

Sew: Stitch a scant 1/4" seam

Make 4 flying geese: (See illustration on second page.)

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

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

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

Stitch flying geese to the center square as shown in picture on previous page..

Stitch a black 3 1/2" square to each side of the other two flying geese units, aligning as shown in the picture on the previous page.

Assemble as indicated in the sample picture.

The block should measure 12 1/2" square.

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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.