

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: FRIENDSHIP STAR

MAY, 2013

Cut:

4 – 4 ½" squares of black fabric

2 - 5" squares of black fabric

1 – 4 ½" square of yellow fabric

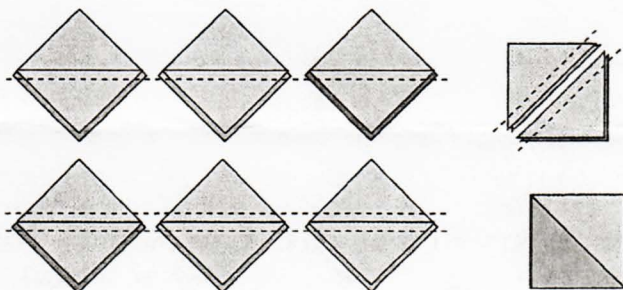
2 - 5" squares of yellow fabric



Sew: Stitch a scant ¼" seam

Make 4 half-square triangles from the 5" squares of black and yellow fabric.

Layer a black square and a yellow square (right sides together). Use a pencil and ruler to draw a diagonal line on the yellow square. Stitch a scant ¼" on 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 4½".



Lay out half-square triangles with black and yellow squares as shown in picture above. You now have a basic nine-patch block. Stitch together in rows. Press top and bottom rows toward the black; press center row toward yellow.

Join rows. Press well.

The block should measure 12 ½" square.