

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: OLD GREY GOOSE

AUGUST, 2013

Cut:

1 – 6 ½" square of turquoise fabric

4 – 3 7/8" squares of turquoise fabric

2 – 4 ¼" squares of turquoise fabric

4 – 3 ½" squares of black fabric

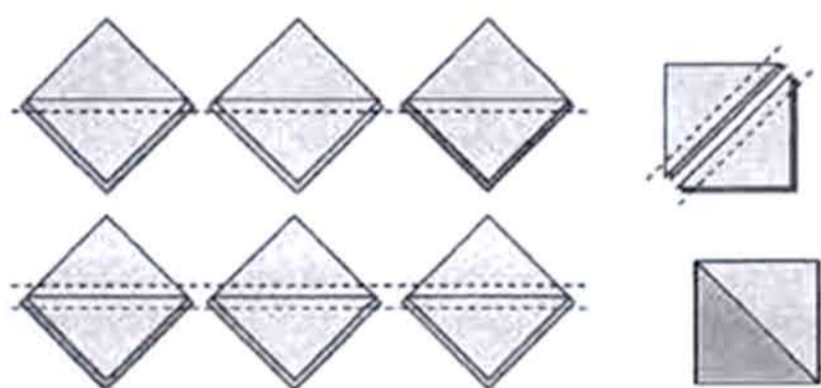
1 – 7 ¼" square of black fabric

2 - 4¼" squares of black fabric

Sew: *Stitch a scant ¼" seam*

Using the 4 ¼" squares, make four half-square triangles.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 4 ¼"turquoise square. Layer a black square and a turquoise square (right sides together). Stitch a scant ¼" on each side of the drawn line (see illustration on following page). Rotary cut each pair of squares apart on the drawn line. Open, press toward black, trim to 3 ½".



Make 4 flying geese:

Align two 3 7/8" turquoise squares (A) on opposite corners of the 7 ¼" black square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line as shown in the illustration below. Stitch ¼" each side of the line. Cut apart on the drawn line.

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

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

Draw a line to the corner and stitch ¼" 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 ½" black squares. Place a 3 ½" black square on opposite corners of the 6 ½" turquoise square. Stitch on the diagonal line. Trim seam to ¼"; press toward black. Place 3 ½" black squares on the other corners; stitch, press, and trim as before.

Stitch half-square triangles to flying geese as shown: top and bottom. Press toward flying geese.

Stitch flying geese to the center square as shown. Press toward flying geese.

Assemble as indicated in the sample picture.

If you are the winner of the BBQG blocks, and the blocks vary in size more than ¼",

Add 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 ¼" 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 ¼" 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.