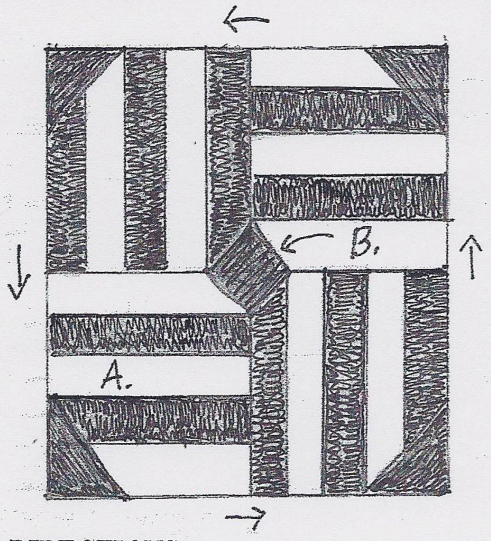
Variations on the Theme of 25

HQH Block of the Month

Cutting Corners (10 ½" unfinished)



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light A 10 – 1 ½" x 6" strips
dark A 10 – 1 ½" x 6" strips, assorted

dark or contrast B 5 – 2 ½" squares

DIRECTIONS

1. Sew strips together in groups of 5, alternating light and dark strips. Press seams toward dark. Trim each unit to 5 ½" square.
2. Sew the four squares together with a scant ¼" seam. Press each seam as shown by arrows above. You will "pop" the center of the last seam, so the block will lie flat. If you do not know this handy technique used for 4-patches, get someone to show you.
3. Trim block to an exact 10 ½" square.
4. Draw a diagonal line across the wrong sides of four of the B squares. Sew, with the needle just slightly to the outside of the line, onto the four corners of the block. Trim excess to ¼" seam. Press seam toward outside.
5. Turn under ¼" hem on the edges of the remaining 2 ½" square. Applique to center of block as shown.