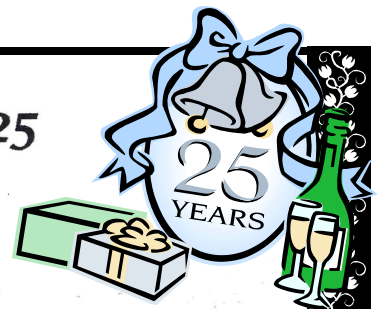
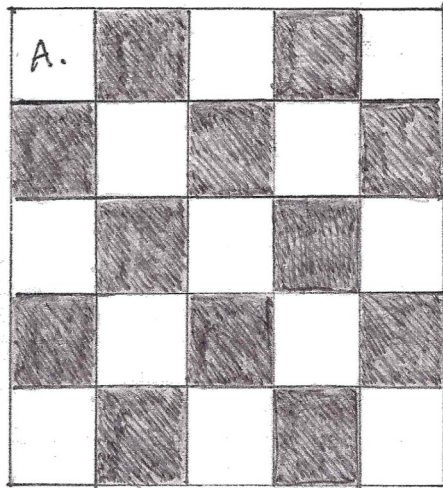


# Variations on the Theme of 25

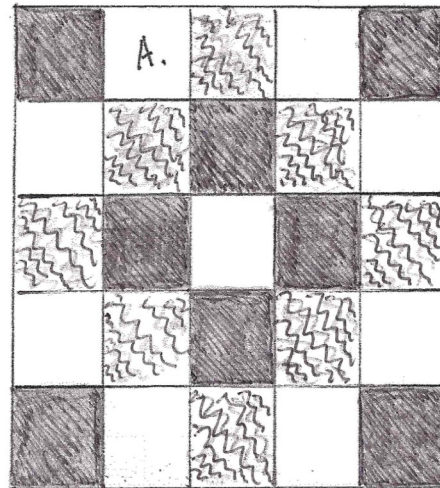
## HQH Block of the Month



**25 Patch** (10 ½" unfinished, 10" finished)



or



### CUT

light A 13 – 2 ½" squares  
dark A 12 – 2 ½" squares

OR light A 9 – 2 ½" squares  
medium A 8 – 2 ½" squares  
dark A 8 – 2 ½" squares

### DIRECTIONS

Arrange squares as shown. Sew into strips of 5 squares. Press seams in alternate directions (or toward dark) so that the seams in each strip will fit snugly (abut each other). Sew strips together and press.

### Comments

The first block in our series is very easy but it is still important to always practice the following good piecing techniques: 1. Sew with a scant ¼" seam 2. Press smart—usually toward the dark but sometimes in the direction of least resistance (i.e. toward the fewest seams).

Set aside now the fabrics you will use for all twelve blocks. Most of the upcoming blocks will call for a light or background fabric, a medium fabric, and a dark fabric. I encourage you to use fabrics from your stash. Decide if you want to make two-color blocks or scrappy blocks. You may want to use 3 or 4 coordinating fabrics from a special line. With smart cutting, 1 ½ yards of light or background fabric, 1 yard of dark fabric, and a half yard of medium/coordinating fabric will be plenty.

Reward yourself for being frugal (using fabrics from your stash) by purchasing a 10 ½" square ruler—you can use it every month and then again when setting all the blocks together. You probably already have a 6 ½" bias-square type ruler on hand (Marsha McClosky's *Precision Trimmer* is especially good) but if you don't, get one now. For next June's block, you will need to borrow or purchase the TRI-RECS tool (2 triangular rulers in a set). After using it, you will probably want one of your own.

At guild meeting each month, I will show the block put together in three different color combinations. At the end of the guild year, I will show three different HQH 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary quilt tops and my work will be done. I am hoping to see at least 25 of you show competed tops after that.