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 <u>solid color fabrics</u>. 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.

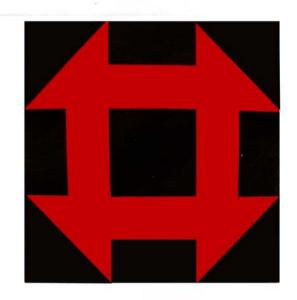
Mitering is rare in Amish-style guilts, as is bias binding.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: HOLE IN THE BARN DOOR

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Cut:

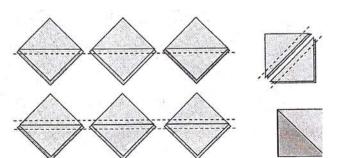
- 1 41/2" square of black fabric
- 2 51/4" squares of black fabric
- 4 2½" x 4½" rectangles of black fabric
- $2 5\frac{1}{4}$ " squares of red fabric
- 4 2½" x 4½" rectangles of red fabric



Sew: Stitch a scant 1/4" seam

Make 4 half square triangles using the 5 1/4" squares of red and black.

Layer a black square and a red square (right sides together). Use a pencil and ruler to draw a diagonal line on the red square. Stitch a scant ¼" on each side of the drawn line (see diagram and additional instructions on following page). Rotary cut each pair of squares apart on the drawn line. Open, press toward black, trim squares to 4½". (Square was intentionally cut larger.)



Stitch 4 black 2 1/2" strips to 4 red 2 1/2" strips on the long side.

Press toward black.

You now have pieces for a basic 9-patch block.

Sew block together as illustrated in picture on first page. Press well.

The block should measure 12 1/2" square.

If you are the winner of the BBQG blocks, and the blocks vary in size more than 1/4",

Add 2" borders to each block and re-cut to desired size.