## 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: SHOO-FLY

## Cut:

4 - 4 1/2" squares from black fabric

2 - 5 1/4" squares from black fabric

1 - 4 1/2" square from Kelly green fabric

2 - 5 1/4" squares from Kelly green fabric

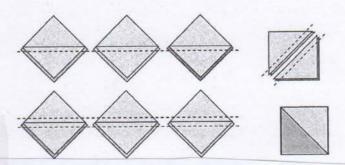
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Sew: Stitch a scant 1/4" seam

Make 4 half-square triangles from the 5 1/4" black and green squares.

Layer a black square and a green square (right sides together). Use a pencil and ruler to draw a diagonal line on the green square. Stitch a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$  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 half-square triangles to  $\frac{4}{2}$  (half-square triangles cut to be larger intentionally).



Stitch a half-square triangle to each side of a black 4 1/2" square. Press toward black.

Stitch a black 4 1/2" square to each side of a green 4 1/2" square. Press toward black.

Sew block together as illustrated. Press well.

The block should measure 12 1/2" square.