

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: JERUSALEM CROSS

Cut:

2 – 5 ¼" black squares

4 – 4 ½" black squares

8 – 2 ½" medium purple squares

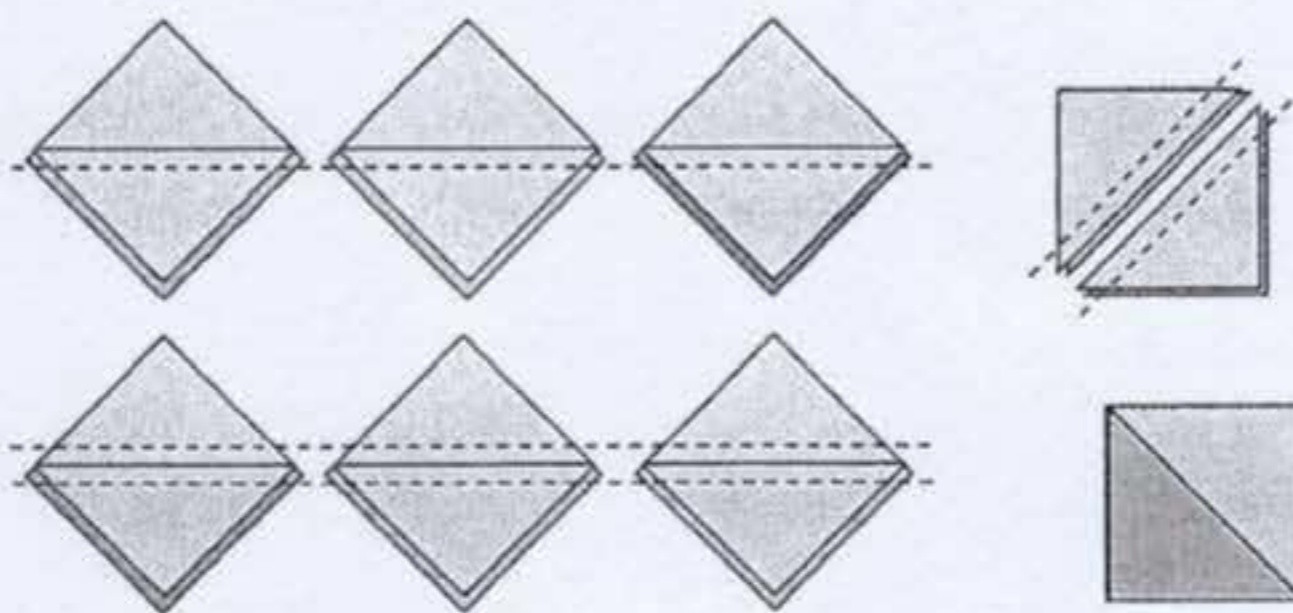
1 – 4 ½" medium purple square

2 – 5 ¼" medium purple squares

Sew: *Stitch a scant ¼" seam*

Using the 5 ¼" squares, make four half-square triangles.

Layer a black square and a purple square (right sides together). Use a pencil and ruler to draw a diagonal line on the purple square. Stitch a scant ¼" on each side of the drawn line (see illustration below). Rotary cut each pair of squares apart on the drawn line. Open, trim to 4 ½", press toward black.



Draw a diagonal line on each of the purple 2 ½" squares. Place a purple square on the top left corner of each black 4 ½" square. (You can decide which is the left corner!) Stitch along the marked line on the purple squares. Trim seam to ¼". Press toward purple. Repeat for the right corner of the black square. Trim. Press toward purple. The four little blocks should look like a little house!

Lay out the block as a nine-patch block as shown in the picture above.

Sew rows together. Press toward purple half-square triangle on top and bottom rows. Press toward purple center block in the middle row. Assemble block by stitching rows together. Press toward center. The block should measure 12 ½" square.

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