

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: EIGHT-POINTED STAR

JULY, 2013

Cut:

- 4 – 3 1/2" squares of black fabric
- 1 – 6 1/2" square of black fabric
- 1 – 7 1/4" square of black fabric
- 4 – 3 1/2" squares of medium to bright blue fabric
- 4 – 3 7/8" squares of medium to bright blue

Sew: Stitch a scant 1/4" seam

Make four Flying Geese:

Align two 3 7/8" squares (A) on opposite corners of the 7 1/4" square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line as shown in the illustration on the following page. Stitch 1/4" each side of the line. Cut apart on the drawn line.

Open the two sides and press the unit toward the blue.

On the remaining corner of each of these units align the remaining 3 7/8" blue squares.

Draw a line to the corner and stitch 1/4" each side of the line. Cut on the line and press.

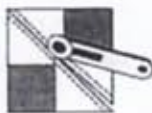


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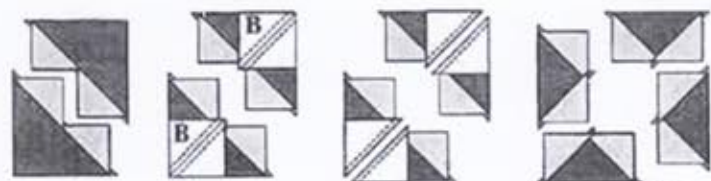
Fast Flying Geese. Align 2 B's on opposite corners of an A, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line as shown and then stitch 1/4" out from both sides of the line. Cut apart on the marked line.



Open out the B's and press the unit.



On the remaining corner of each of these units, align B's. Draw a line from corner to corner and sew 1/4" out on both sides of the line. Cut on the marked lines, open the B's and press.



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Each set of 1 A and 4 matching B's makes 4 Flying Geese.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the 3 1/2" blue squares. Place a blue square on opposite corners of the black 6 1/2" square. Stitch on the drawn line. Trim seam to 1/4" and press toward blue.

Place remaining blue squares on other corners of the black square. Stitch as described previously.

Lay out the block as shown in the illustration. Stitch in rows.

Press toward black.

Assemble block.

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 to 2 1/2" borders to each block and re-cut to desired size.