

DECEMBER BLOCK OF THE MONTH

JACK-IN-THE-BOX

Neat block to make out of Christmas fabrics. Let's not just stick to the traditional red and greens, there are some great blues and purples that can really perk up a block!! This month the challenge of the block is the double geese unit to make the outer edge (also uses a partial seam technique).

Cutting instructions:

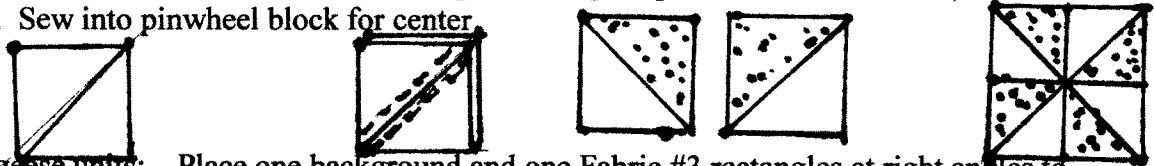
Fabric #1: Background: cut (4) 3-1/2" X 6-1/2" rectangles
cut (4) 3-1/2" squares
cut (2) 3-7/8" squares (pinwheels)

Fabric #2: cut (2) 3-7/8" squares (pinwheel)

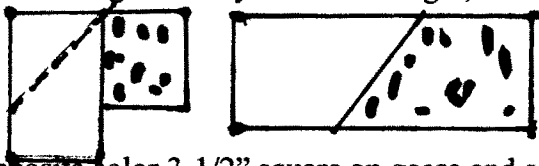
Fabric #3: cut (4) 3-1/2" X 6-1/2" rectangles
cut (4) 3-1/2" squares

Construction:

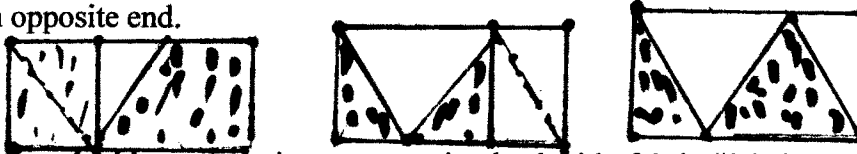
Pinwheels: Make half-square triangles by placing background and Fabric #2 squares (3-7/8") right sides together and draw a line from corner to corner on the lighter color squares. Sew 1/4" on each side of line and cut on line (makes 2 half square triangle squares at the same time) Size to 3-1/2" squares. Sew into pinwheel block for center



Double geese units: Place one background and one Fabric #3 rectangles at right angles to each other and draw a line from middle of one to middle of other on lightest fabric. Stitch on the line and, after making sure they fold out straight, trim off corner of fabrics leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.



Place opposite color 3-1/2" square on geese and sew (may mark light fabric from center of geese to outer corner). Trim off outside corner after confirming that the goose unit is correct. Repeat on opposite end.



Line up one double geese unit to center pinwheel with fabric #3 being against the corner of the pinwheel block. Stitch the seam 2/3 of the way across the pinwheel block and disconnect the threads. Working counterclockwise, attach the other 3 double geese strips around the pinwheel. Finish the seam to the first section.

