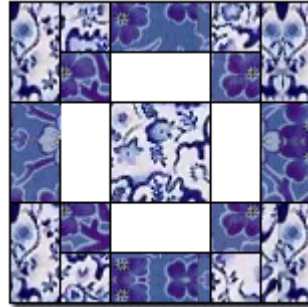


September, 2010: Machine Piecing

This month, we will start with simple machine piecing, using the Antique Tile and Patience Corners blocks.

Antique Tile

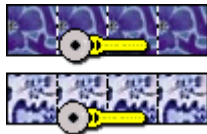


Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block

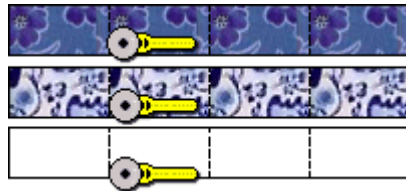
Dark: (1) 2 ½" x 10" strip and
(1) 2 ½" x 18" strip

Medium: (1) 2 ½" x 10" strip and
(1) 2 ½" x 18" strip and
(1) 4 ½" square

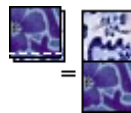
Light: (1) 2 ½" x 18" strip



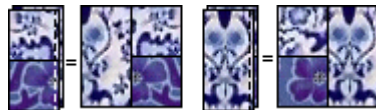
Start by marking and cutting the dark and medium 2-1/2" x 10" strips into four 2-1/2" squares of each.



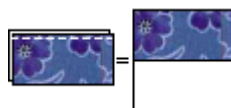
Next mark and cut the dark, medium, and light 2-1/2" x 18" strips into four 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles of each.



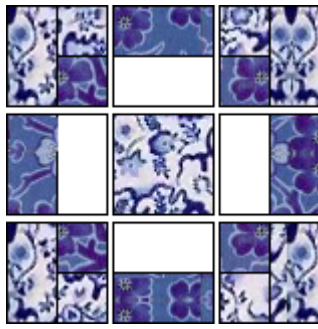
Sew the dark and medium squares right sides together in pairs, using a scant 1/4" seam. Press seam to darker side. You will be making four units like this.



Sew the medium rectangles to the side of the square pairs...two on the left, two on the right, with the dark square on the bottom in each case. Press seam towards rectangle. These will be the block's four corner units.



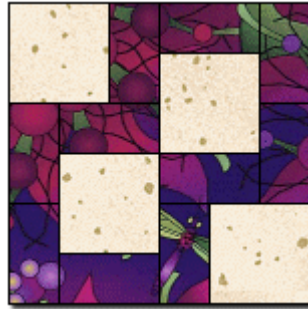
Sew the dark and light rectangles right sides together in pairs along one long edge, again using a scant 1/4" seam. Press seam to darker side. Make four units like this for the block's sides.



Now piece the block! Lay out all your units as shown at left, then sew three horizontal rows. Press top and bottom row seams towards the outsides, and center row seam towards the middle. ...and then join the rows!

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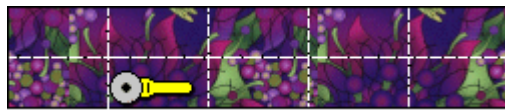
Patience Corners



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Dark: (1) 5" x 22 1/2" strip

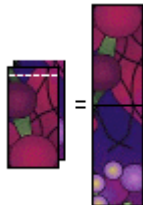
Medium (or light): (1) 4 1/2" x 18" strip



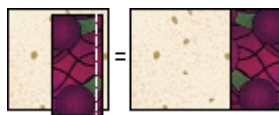
First mark and cut the dark 5" x 22-1/2" strip into ten 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles.



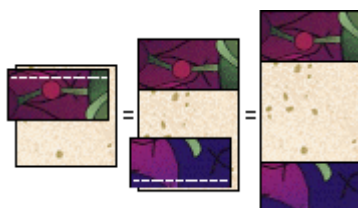
Then mark and cut the medium 4-1/2" x 18" strip into four 4-1/2" squares.



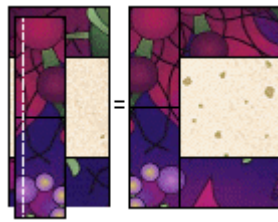
Sew two of the dark rectangles right sides together along one short end, using as always a SCANT 1/4" seam. Press seam allowance to one side. Make two of these units.



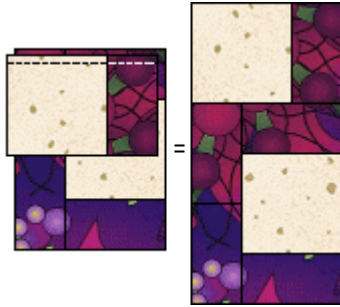
Next sew another dark rectangle to one side of a medium square, right sides together. Press seam allowance towards the darker fabric. Make two of these units.



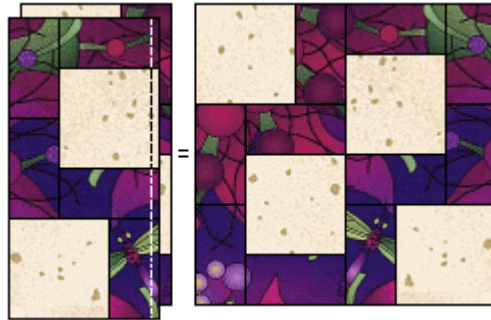
Now sew a dark rectangle to the top of another medium square, and then another dark rectangle to the bottom of the same square. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. Make two of these units.



Sew a two rectangle unit to the left side of a rect./square/rect. unit. Press seam allowance towards the outer strip of rectangles. Make two of these units.



Add a square/rect. unit to the top of the unit made in the previous step. Press seam allowance towards the bottom unit. Make two of these units.



Join the two block halves along the long seam to complete the block! Press seam to one side....and that's Patience Corners!!

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