

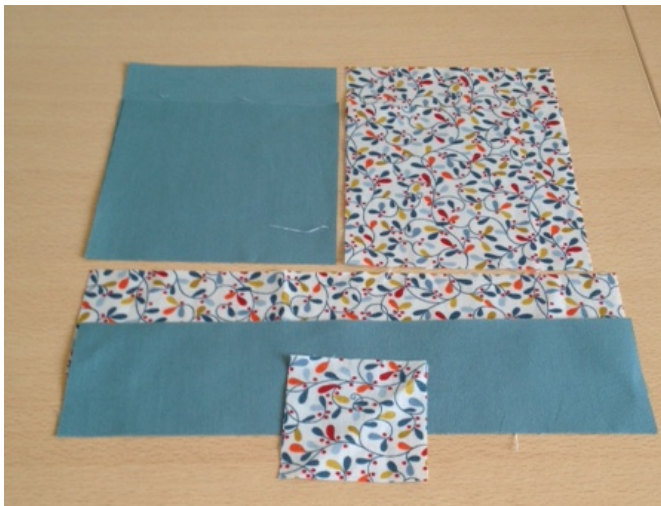


Odd Blocks Challenge

Block 6 - June 2016

Its been a difficult few weeks in the shop and I've been trying to organise everyone and everything as I had a shoulder operation and have been out of full action for a while – so apologies for the late Block of the Month – but wonderful customer and general fabulous woman has come to my rescue and created this block for June – cheers Hilary!!

Let's Get Started with the Monkey Wrench Block!...



Firstly cut your fabrics, this block uses 4 half square triangles, preferably in a light and dark fabric to give contrast.

Hilary popped in to collect my fabrics to ensure continuity of this process – what a gal!!!:

Dark (teal in pic) Cut:

2 x 2 7/8" squares

1 x 1.5" x 6.6" strips

Light (pattern fabric) Cut: 2 x 2 7/8" squares

1 x 1.5" x 6.6" strips and 1 x 2.5" square (for the centre)

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the back of the two light squares.

With RST, align the edges of one dark and one light square. Stitch 1/4" away from the drawn line on both sides, Repeat with remaining squares.

Cut apart on the drawn line to create two units. You should now have a total of 4 half square triangles that measure 2.5" at this point. - Press.





Align the long edge of the dark and light strip. Stitch.
Press with the seam allowance towards the dark fabric. At this point the strip set measures 2-1/2" x 6-1/2".

Square off the end of the strip. (The strips were cut with 1/2" extra to accommodate this.)

Sub-cut into four 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" units.

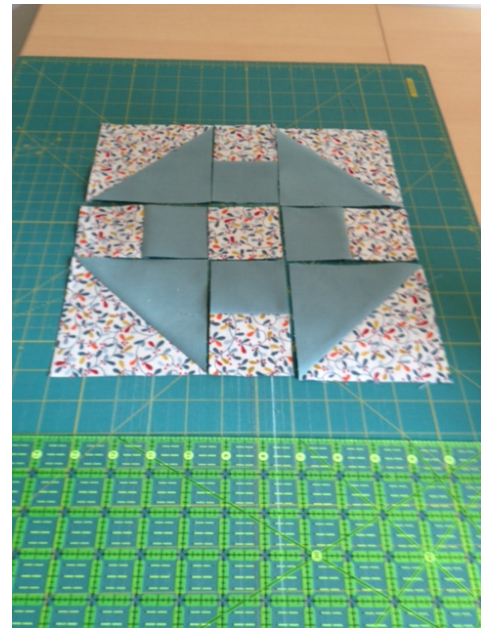
Assemble the block

Layout the units.

Stitch them into rows. Press the seam allowances toward the strip set units for each row.

Nesting your seam allowances helps to make for perfect matches. Use pins if needed.

Stitch the rows together.



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