

Union Squares

It's a 12" block!

Here's a pretty one that will work up FAST, for those of you who, like me, have waited too long again this year to start holiday gifts!...I also show a table runner and placemat idea at the page bottom :o)



Remember though, this isn't JUST a holiday block...any color change will turn it into a whole 'nother beast!

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** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block

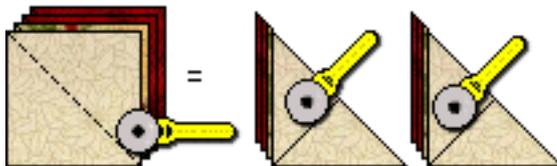
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Start by marking and cutting the Color 1 2-1/2" x 10" strip into four 2-1/2" squares...



Then mark and cut the Color 3 2-1/2" x 10" strip into four 2-1/2" squares...



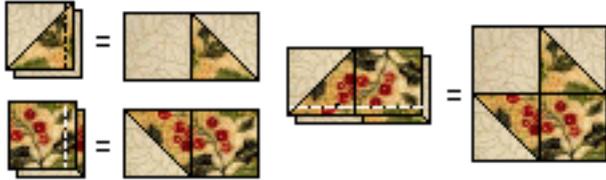
Now stack the four 5-1/4" squares with all edges aligned and cut on the diagonal. Cut the resultant triangles once more on the diagonal to make quarter square triangles. This will give you four of Color 1, eight of Color 2, and four of Color 3...

Next speed piece the half squares, by stacking the Color 1 and Color 3 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strips right sides together and all edges aligned. On the back of the top strip lightly mark the diagonals, and the 2-7/8" square lines. Now sew a SCANT 1/4" above and below the marked diagonals as shown in the diagram at left, pivoting at the square



lines. Cut these apart on the diagonal lines between the sewing, and on the square lines. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabrics. This will give you eight half squares. Trim these to measure 2-1/2" if needed...

Sew a half square to the right side of a Color 3 square, using as ALWAYS a scant 1/4" seam. Press seam allowance towards the Color half square. Now sew a Color 1 square to a half square, pressing seam allowance towards the half square. Sew these two units together to make a corner unit. Make four of these units. These should measure 4-1/2" ... on to Page 2!



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Traditional Block

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